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God bless you! -Abraham :-)

P.S. I Edited it for the Large Fonts. Please forgive me, I don't want to appear to be shouting at anyone. God bless you. Thanks brother for the correction. -Abraham

Edit Addition

It's been a while since I first posted this. I want to clarify something specific about this thread. There is a question that should be addressed if someone is going to exposit this passage in Revelation 7.

Has anyone had an explanation for these numbers? ...If you don't believe in election of God's free will. How do you explain these numbers? Some might say, "they're not really even" or "the numbers aren't really there".

Does anyone have any personal exposition that covers these numbers? There was a lot of replies that did not at all address

ess these numbers in the chapter. We had a great long discussion on Election and I want to thank both sides of the camp for their input. But, it seems that few have addressed the main question. What does this chapter mean in light of Election?

Keep searching the scriptures. God will teach His sheep.

God bless you! -Abraham

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/7/15 11:26

Please don't overuse the font sizes, there is no need to overemphasize things. You may not be aware of these things but it's a common courtesy nonetheless to all. Generally speaking using all CAPITAL letters is considered "shouting" in these formats, emails, etc. Large fonts like this can convey a similar attitude.

Please correct this using the edit function.

Thanks.

Re:, on: 2007/7/15 13:28

Just came home from becoming an official member of my Reformed Theology Church. It was a Blessed Event for me personally.

Can we read the 'whole' chapter ?

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Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,
Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.
Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me,

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and

"have washed their" robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

I must ask, HOW does what you are saying "Un-Do" the fact that GOD in HIS Foreknowledge or Omniscience KNEW/KNOWS who HIS REMNANT ARE ?

If "obedience" is not an act of Freewill ... then what is it ?

Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Exo 20:6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deu 11:1 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Luk 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

2Jn 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/15 14:16

Here is a problem that perhaps we could look at as it might save some debate later.

Justification is a completely monergistic event, in other words it is completely God worked as God changes the bent of the will and gives faith so He does not force any into faith.

However sanctification is in a sense synergistic, or God works in both to will and do, but man must work out what God works.

The one who trusts Christ for justification, will never fall under the condemnation of the Law again.

This is why grace is such a dangerous thing, because those who are truly regenerated will not seek to use grace as a means to sin, or live ungodly lives. Instead while sin remains within, and there may be defeats in the daily battles, the ultimate war has been won.

Man can never be good enough to be saved, the Law clearly shows us this, and Paul uses the law to show this in the op

ening chapters of Romans. All mankind knows it is wrong to steal, kill etc.

But then in Romans 10 Paul mentions that something needs to be heard, and that faith would come by hearing it. Of course this is the word of God, or the Gospel. The Gospel alone frees all who are under the weight of knowing they are sinners. Notice Paul does not say that faith cometh by the works of the Law, but by hearing the news that Christ has died for sinners in their place, and that He was raised for justification.

The last thing anyone needs is to be pointed back to self, which sadly much of what we hear nowadays does. The problem is self, but the Law is holy, good, and Spiritual. I however in my natural state am none of those, and even once I am Spiritual, my righteousness is solely based on Christ's merit alone, and not on my obedience, or my prayer time, or my Bible reading, or any other work I do that I use as a means to gain God's love. To do this, is to present an idol before God in place of Christ, and tell God that Christ is not enough for Him to love you, so you must add some work. You may if you wish, but I have a hard enough time remembering my standing in Christ, and battling to keep my flesh under. In other words, I know the monster that dwells within, and will dwell there until glory swallows it up.

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/7/15 14:58

dear (father) abraham :-),

i have just a questions for you brother..

* where does the bible show that man is totally unable to receive Christ??

i agree that man is totally depraved, but when did that become that man is unable to choose Christ?? you and me were totally depraved, but the Holy Spirit showed us our great sin and His great Son and we believed, right?? if that is true of all believers alike, then why is it so impossible for man to choose Christ if the Holy Spirit came into the world to convict man of their sinfulness??

i understand that the Father draws men through His Spirit, but that does not change the fact that we had the law written on our heart and our conscience bearing witness. the True Light came into the world and shone in the darkness.

to say that all man is unable to choose Christ is to make the bible confusing and Christ a liar.

matt 11:28 "come unto me, and i will give you rest"

matt 23:37 "o jerusalem, jerusalem...how often i wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, BUT YOU WERE NOT WILLING"

you may say "well this sort of choosing Christ limits the Holy One"?? but God has allowed Himself to be limited.

psalm 78:41 "yes, again and again they tempted God, and LIMITED the Holy One of Israel".

abraham, i believe that salvation is totally of God. He sent Jesus to us, has the Holy Spirit convict the world of sin, and gives man the choice to become sons or not. He forgives our sins, justifies us, adopts us, sanctifies us, perseveres us, and will ultimately glorify us. but that does not mean that we are unable to choose Him..

that's about it, but thanks for bringing it up..love you man.

Re:, on: 2007/7/15 14:59

Hia RoaringLamb. :-) Thank you.

They know at my Church that I don't agree with them.... "fully". :-D

Only in that, I think "Abe" knows I believe the Elect are (HA - WHAT HE PUT IN LARGE FONT :) ... those that HE foreknew would be faithful unto the end.

HEART faithfulness. Heart condition --- as I posted on the "Peter" thread that Lazarus/Jesse has up.

YET, the/this Church still loves me and accepts my view ... though they are hard core Reformed ... it's the best Church I've ever been in. BECAUSE, OF THE PASTOR and because of him ... all his people "walk in the spirit" and "the spirit of the law" and not "the letter of the law" and before he speaks, he asks GOD for the words and when I'm with all of those in Positions in that Church, the Spirit of The LORD is so strong --- it's not the Denomination, it's Pastor and Company at this particular Church.

I am a freewill/pentecostal/and a drip of Messianic - yet, never in the TONS of Churches that I've been to in my 'many' travels, have I ever felt the Spirit of the Living GOD in this many folks.
But you see ... we both believe that The Elect are eternally secure and both preach Holiness as unto The LORD.

Again, it's the Pastor ... he's like Moses with that "look" or "glow" that Moses had when coming down from the mountain ... and he's just as humble, though he has a high IQ. Most unusual man ... and his two asst. Pastor's and the tons of elders and deacons and 44 Missionary families and a Nursing Home where I worked where we have a Chaplain who's in our Church, all reflect his image and Spirit.

SUPER NEAT AND I'M THANKING GOD FOR THEM ALL.

What a GIFT from GOD in these LAST DAYS.

For me to have a Church to finally attend and now call 'home' and Family is beyond my expectations ... I had given up on finding one.

Moved down here from up north, JUST to find a Church and looky here Yahooooooooooo GOD answered above and far beyond my expectations.

BLESS THE LORD JESUS!

And thank you again dear brother. :-D

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Very well put, brother!

It actually reminds me of a time when as a young believer I asked my pastor if there is such a thing as "luck" from a biblical POV.

He replied:

"To attribute an act of 'luck' to God's sovereign will is worship; but to attribute a sovereign work of God to 'Luck' is blasphemy."

Re: On our Tragic State before Christ... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/15 16:05

dear saints

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.

dear saints let us not be so presumptuous as to think we can save ourselves. We do not even know we need salvation except God quickens us to it. Christ said to us He is the Way, Truth and Life and no body may come to the Father except through Him. He also said this in John 6:

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

clearly God does know who will not believe...the reason however is not what we think. Those who don't believe don't because of this verse which follows...

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Even the Grace to make a decision for Jesus must be extended from the Throne of God. Such is the nature of our depravity, it is such that apart from God we are finished. If there was a good thing in us, such that we could decide to come to Christ by ourselves, why is it that we must die completely to ourselves if we want to Live for Christ? Surely God would want to spare that little piece of us by which we came to Jesus? Yet Paul said that in our flesh dwells no Good thing...he said also that apart from Christ we can do nothing. If we hold this to be true, apart from Christ we can't be saved either.

Paul said in his letters that he is an apostle by the Will (not of men) but of God. Even his coming to salvation required a dramatic Intervention by God without which it would not have happened. Paul says this also:

Phillipians 2

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

We are to obey God and work out our Salvation with fear and trembling and vs 13 explains how it works, it is **God** who works in us so that we can will (desire) and do His Good Pleasure.

Romans 9 outlines Election as God's Divine Prerogative. He chose Jacob over Esau not because He knew Esau would sell his birthright, but before either could do anything. Really Esau sold his birthright because God rejected him from judgment. This is the same with us, our Election was decided from before the setting of the foundations of the earth, in fact in the Revelation, Christ is described as the Lamb Slain from the foundations of the world and this dear saints, hear the Spirit of God as He speaks through me now, is the point of our Salvation. Before Creation, when God Conceived the idea, He determined the Plan of Redemption and Enacted it. Christ was slain then. When we come to Christ in our life, it is the realization of what always was from before the setting of the foundations of the earth. This is why Paul was convinced that nothing could separate us from the Love of God in Christ. This dear saints is the security we have in our Salvation. Salvation was always for the Purposes of God showing Mercy to a creation which would otherwise perish without Him.

If God didn't Move so drastically in our lives, we would have no hope of Salvation. our free will as we perceive it is not independent of God's Will, it is wrapped up in it. Even in our Salvation it is God who Wills so that we can do so our will clearly isn't acceptable before God, even this too must die. That part of self is probably the hardest thing to kill. Saints and brethren, I feel we are disturbed by the idea that God is Sovereign, All-Sovereign such that without God we have no hope. This bothers us because it exposes our helplessness. It shows us we are inadequate and that there is only 1 thing which we can do, and that is to die. Who wants to die folks? Honestly. Who wants to let go of this reality wherein we appear to

have control for something Other, something which has no preview but that we have to be in or out? Not me. However God's Plan for my Life superseded all that and I bless Him for it.

I bless God for Romans 9. His Foreknowledge isn't just Knowing ahead of time, that is a crutch, a cop out for us to hold on to our perceived independence. No dear saints the Foreknowledge of God is His Foreordination of things. Dear saints after God hit me with that, I began to see that message everywhere in the letters of our beloved bro Paul. We who were called...we who were chosen from before the setting of the foundations of the world...who of us were there to do anything that we might earn Salvation or somehow contribute to it? Even where Paul talks about Election, it is always according to God. We do not attain (which is to get by doing something) but we Obtain (to be given). Romans 9:11 speaks of the election of God may stand not according to works but according to Him that calleth. the Election is of God...

God doesn't force anyone to the Faith does HE? Tell that to Paul who was struck blind for 3 days...if that hadn't happened, Paul could not have been saved.

perhaps some of you have been imbued with something which allows you to choose Christ without Him choosing you first. I humbly confess I have no such ability and if He hadn't extended Grace to me, I would have been God-Damned. Except for God's Exercise of His Divine Prerogative, I would have been dead from before the setting of the foundations of the world.

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name.

p.s. Sis Annie (you shall be called Iron Lass) we seem to disagree on this but according to Romans 9, we are vessels of Mercy...Praise God for that!

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/7/15 20:13

Quote:

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The question is misleading. The Bible says in John 6:44-45 (NASB)
44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

In these verses we learn that no one can come to Jesus for salvation unless first God the Father draws the person to Jesus. So to answer your question,

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I would say: "This verse tells us that we are totally unable to receive Christ unless we are first drawn to Christ."

But this brings us to the next question: "Is everyone drawn to Christ or are only certain people drawn to Christ?" Let's look at the verses again to see what they say:

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Notice:

1. All who are drawn are raised up on the last day. (I will raise him (him raised = him drawn))
2. All who hear and learn from the Father comes to Jesus.

To summarize: Man cannot respond to God unless God first does a work of grace in a man's heart. God does not perform this work of grace upon every man's heart. I know to some of you this doesn't seem 'fair', but it is biblical. Does this mean that man is not responsible for his actions? No, he is still responsible and he must repent.

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Matthew 23:37

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."

Why were they unwilling? This is the question that needs to be addressed especially considering Peter's words in Acts 3:13-18 (NASB)

13"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

14"But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

16"And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17"And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

18"But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled."

Notice that last verse, Peter says that Jesus must have been rejected in order for Christ to suffer. Christ Himself said in Luke 24:25-26:

25And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26"Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

When Jesus made His lament over Jerusalem, He knew that they would reject Him. He knew they acted in ignorance, but they acted in order to fulfill God's perfect plan of redemption. It is unwise to use this lament as an argument against sovereign election when in fact it displays sovereign election.

Re:, on: 2007/7/15 20:52

Hi IRONMAN. Hey, we had a good sermon this morning by one of the Asst Pastors because my Pastor is out from surgery. (PLEASE PRAY FOR him - THANKS!)

Anyhow, it was on the "Christian World View" and he used as his text Psalm 1.

Heavy duty and good too.

Here's the song we sang just before the Message.

Song ~ Psalm 1

**That man is blest who fearing God,
from sin restrains his feet.
Who will not stand with wicked men,
who shuns the scorner's seat.**

**Yea, blest is he who makes God's law
His portion and delight
and meditates upon that law
with gladness day and night.**

**That man is nourished like a tree
set by the river's side;
it's leaf is green, it's fruit is sure
and thus his works abide.**

**The wicked like the driven chaff
are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just,
nor in the judgment stand.**

The Lord will guard the righteous well,
their way to Him is known.
The way of sinners, far from God
shall surely be o'erthrown.

Lord bless!

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/7/15 23:49

Reply to Abraham

I believe scripture is clear that the election of grace is a sovereign act of God
Abraham, Jacob, Saul, David, Solomon, the Hebrews and the apostles were all chosen by God.

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There is an election of individuals to eternal life

(2 Thess. 2:13;

13. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14. Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 1:4; 4.

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

1 Pet. 1:2;

2. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

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The ground of this election to salvation is the good pleasure of God

(Eph. 1:

5. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8. Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

John 15:

16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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God claims the right so to do

(Rom. 9:

16. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

17. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20. Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21. Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

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It is not conditioned on faith or repentance, but is of sovereign grace

(Rom. 11:

4. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Eph. 1:3-6).

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

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All that pertain to salvation, the means

(Eph. 2:

8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2 Thess.

13. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

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as well as the end, are of God

Tim. 2:

24. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26. And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 Cor. 1

30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31. That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Eph. 2:

5. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Faith and repentance and all other graces are the exercises of a regenerated soul; and regeneration is God's work, a "new creature." Men are elected "to salvation," "to the adoption of sons," "to be holy and without blame before him in love"

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13. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Gal. 4:

4. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Eph. 1:

4. Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

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The ultimate end of election is the praise of God's grace

(Eph. 1:

6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8. Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
9. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
10. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in himself:
11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
12. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eddie

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election, on: 2007/7/16 15:38

Quote:

Abe_Juliot wrote:
It's really simple...

Read this passage.

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
Rev 7:5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.
Rev 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.
Rev 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.
Rev 7:8 Of the tribe of Zebulun were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.
Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

First, please carefully notice that you have 144,000 souls that are currently not yet saved. Yet, without a doubt they will be saved. Because God has spoken it. It will come to pass and by no means fail. Not only that! It gets better... God has chosen the exact same "even number" out of each of the 12 tribes of Israel.(12,000 souls per tribe, no more and no less)

Now, these will be saved in the worst of times the world will ever experience. They will be persecuted in shocking ways. There's going to be much horrific suffering for those who remain a Christian in those days!

Yet... How is it that not 1 soul is lost of the 144,000 and not 1 soul is lost of each of the 12,000 souls in each of the tribes?

Can you answer that?

You who say that God elects those who elect him...

You who say that we chose God to choose us...

You who say that God elected us because of our decision and choice...

You who say that man has the capability and will to cause God to elect him...

Was it their own free will and decision that kept these 144,000 souls saved, or was it God's own free will and decision.

Some might say, "It was both." You may say, "well... they all cooperated with God and agreed to remain saved."

So you're basically saying... They all just happened to cooperate with the sovereign LORD and that's why He sovereignly sealed them? (144,000... no more and no less?) That is a gracious and beautiful set of numbers in this passage. Don't you think?

You then have to limit the free will and the sovereignty of God down to man's free will. (In other words, God can only elect those who elect Him) Which is opposed to... A man will only elect and choose God, if God has chosen and elected that man.

You also have to conclude that God can only do ...what man will let God do (regarding salvation). (In other words, the filthy-rag free will of man is more powerful than the perfect holy grace of God.)

Can't you see? This exalts man above God.

Mormons, Catholics, and cults alike... love this doctrine that exalts the free will of man above the sovereignty of God (in salvation). Come out from among them and be not a partaker of their deeds.

It must also be noted in the midst of this thread, How does one know if he is elect or has the seal of God? Well, you could read 1 John... This book will either condemn you or comfort you. Condemnation for this who will not repent and believe the gospel. ...and Comfort for those who hate their sin and continue in the purifying hope of the gospel.

You could also meditate on this simple passage.

Eze 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Eze 9:5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Eze 9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Godly sorrow is a mark of true repentance to salvation from God's mercy and election.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

These numbers in Revelation chapter 7 are clear and exact. No man and no devil can blot them out. They are the elect of God and they will endure unto the end.

Now, some may say, "It doesn't apply to us... Revelation chapter 7 only applies to Israel in the Tribulation."

You basically would be saying... They are elect and remain elect (because of God's free will). But, we are elect and remain elect (because of our free will).

Can't you see? These are 2 different ways of salvation? One is of man and the other is of God. One gives glory to man and the other gives all the glory to God. One is man-centered and the other is God-centered.

I'm presenting this thread to all those who hold to the doctrines of...

Election is Based on (fore)knowledge- God elected those whom He knew would of their own free will believe in Christ and persevere in the faith.

Conditional Perseverance- Believers have been empowered to live a victorious life, but they are capable of turning from grace and losing their salvation.

Please respond, I would like to hear how you handle Revelation 7 with your theology.

God bless you! -Abraham :-)

P.S. I Edited it for the Large Fonts. Please forgive me, I don't want to appear to be shouting at anyone. God bless you. Thanks brother for the correction. -Abraham

Hi Bro Abraham

Do I detect an element of "gotcha!" in your post? ;-)

As mentioned elsewhere, I eventually decided both predestination and freewill are true.

Truth is often paradoxical. Knowing that He is so much greater than us, how can we expect to fully understand the Lord's ways and His Word? We can expect things not always to fit into our neat categories or fixed theology...

However, it is good to seek to understand something of these great doctrines, as long as it doesn't get us into an unprofitable argument, so just a few thoughts....

1. What is "man-centred" about believing that we do have free will of some kind - although we may not agree about its exact boundaries?

2. I once did a word study on 1Corinthians 6:11;

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

Literally (if I remember rightly) it means, “...You have washed yourselves...you were sanctified...you were justified...”

It does suggest there is a measure of free will involved.

God does the sanctifying and the justifying, (and provides the means for washing, of course) but WE have to consent to

“jump in the shower”. Even though that also needs His grace to get to that point of desire and ability to do it...

3. Re the 144,000, it's an interesting scripture to use to prove a point re "election", but I don't think it really supports your view...

One reason is that it seems very likely that the 144,000 of Revelation is a symbolic rather than a literal number. 12 x 12 from each of the tribes = the completed people of God. And surely, through the ages since Revelation was written, there have been many more than 144,000 Jews saved?

Isaiah wrote of the Lord as Shepherd of His people, (Isaiah 40) that “... because he is strong in might, not one of them is missing”. Which Jesus again confirmed in His prayer in John 17 - He kept all His own, only Judas was lost - so that the scripture would be fulfilled - (which does perhaps argue for predestination).

The point of what John saw is that all are present, the WHOLE of the true Israel who worship and follow the Lord fully. AND, even more wonderful (especially perhaps to John as a Jew), hosts and hosts of Gentiles AS WELL!!!

Exact numbers of individuals don't really figure much in the Biblical (Eastern) understanding, but the symbolic significance does.

Blessings

Jeannette

Somebody got it! - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/16 20:20

sis Jeannette

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN

Quote:

-----As mentioned elsewhere, I eventually decided both predestination and freewill are true.

that's the same thing God showed me! the 2 seem mutually exclusive but they are employed of God for the Supreme Purpose, the Glory of His Name by the Revelation of His Manifold Wisdom to the powers of the air through the Church.

On this side, our brains can't get around that completely but on the other side it will be 100% clear. so this is what i say, thank God i am a vessel of mercy!

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Re: Could getcha!, on: 2007/7/16 21:29

And I've got enough "present active participles" to blow the doors off

BUT ~ I posted my thoughts here

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=17896&forum=34

LORD GOD BLESS "WE & US".

'LOVE' Y'ALL.
:-D

Re:, on: 2007/7/16 21:36

Thank you everyone for your input and views. Do continue. There are a lot of good questions that have been asked. Thank you, to those that have been a help in answering some of the questions.

I have noticed a very important question that has been asked concerning natural man's inability and his unwillingness to come. (Is it in Scripture?) I will post a response to this in a new thread. It goes into a whole separate topic that needs to be foundational if you're going to better understand God's free will in Election.

These points will be in the thread.

1. Do the scriptures teach that all natural men are unwilling (before regeneration) to repent, believe, and receive?

2. Do the Scriptures teach that all natural men are unable (before regeneration) to repent, believe, and receive?

Here's the Link:

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=18043&forum=36&0

God bless you! -Abraham

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/16 21:48

Who gives, Who receives, and who believes? Who keeps who?

John 17:1-21 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Do you think the prayer of Jesus is answered by His and our Father? Ya think?

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 0:35

Neither pray I for these alone, but That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Philip, should we be praying this too ? Ya think ?

It's not about "us" in the world's eyes, but we as His Body are supposed to represent HIM to the world/here. Not have wh

o's right on fine lines challenges just to "win" a controversey as old as mud.

When we start getting "smart" with each other on here, we look very dumb to the world. And I'm afraid that makes GOD our Saviour appear to be one to not be worth following, if His followers can't agree on what the Gospel is.

How is all of this representing The Church ?

Some "Christians" were killing each other over this debate back during the "Reformation".

Does that make the Reformation itself wrong ? No.

But it's the doctrine in the hands of proud men that destroys the GOSPEL.

In HIM, the Lover of our souls.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/17 0:56

Yes, that will be the fruit of our Father, our Brother Jesus our Lord and the Holy Spirit by which we live and move and have our being.

When you see a tree, it has fruit on it, we then can make an educated guess of know truly that it is a peach tree. The Same with what Jesus prayed for, then we are the fruit of the vine and the world will know us by our Love Fruit.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 1:20

Thank you Philip.

Our "fruit" is our love for the brethren.

Our Love would never cause us to throw contests or grinning-faces-of-victory at each other in such controversies.

Unity is our Love. And I posted a mess of Scriptures on page one here - 3rd post - but no one addresses them.

I have every love verse from the N.T. in one post, but it's so long, I don't dare post it again.

If I find it, I'll bump it.

We don't all believe the same on this, but our love should prevent us from egging each other on with this controversy.

I find myself personally in the middle of two warring factions and I cannot help but stay in the middle position on this.

But the present active participles I mentioned are in the words, "believing - following - abiding - faithing - obeying - loving" - and others and a "PAP" means "continuous action".

I won't go any further with that, but GOD from the git-go put Love for him and others right up top of His Demands.

Faith in Love must go together or it is dross.

Hope you can understand why the contrary would upset me.

Thank you again.

Annie

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election - posted by layman, on: 2007/7/17 1:28

Brother Abraham,

You make an interesting case for Election but as far as it would fit into one's theology, a plain reading of the text is all that is required.

However, in trying to make a case for Calvin's doctrine of election I would like to say that election in Scripture is always to a specific end, i.e. inheritance, adoption. Election is never to the general end of salvation. I have never read anywhere that I was saved by election. The doctrine of election, as expressed by Calvin is based on his understanding of the decretive will of God, in that God decrees everything to happen by foreordination.

"But since he foresees the things which are to happen, simply because he has decreed that they are so to happen, it is vain to debate about prescience, while it is clear that all events take place by his sovereign appointment." Institutes of the Christian Religion III, xxiii, 6

"God from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass:" Confession of Faith III,

The problem is that Calvinism bases God's foreknowledge on His decreeing everything beforehand, which is how Calvin understood God to know all things, the same as Augustine.

If this were true, then God cannot know anything unless it was decreed. However, God's foreknowledge is not based on His decreeing everything before it takes place. He knows all things by virtue of His omniscience, not prescience, and His omniscience is not dependant upon any decree. If God created nothing His knowledge of all things would still be infinite

God knows all things that have happened or will happen, even to the point of would have happened had certain conditions been met as in Matthew 11:21 - 23. He knows what man thinks, has done and will do, under any circumstance; this comes from His omniscience, not from any decree beforehand. God knew man would disobey. That does not mean He decreed man to disobey for his own sovereign pleasure.

"The decree, I admit, is dreadful; and yet it is impossible to deny that God foreknew what the end of man was to be before he made him, and foreknew, because he had so ordained by his decree... God not only foresaw the fall of the first man and in him the ruin of his posterity; but also at his own pleasure arranged it," Institutes of the Christian Religion II I, xxiii, 7.

Man sinned all on his own, without any decree of God, by his own lust. James 1:14, 15.

God's sovereignty is not the causation of all that happens. Calvin believing God to decree everything that happens raises serious issues. The problem of evil was decreed of God. By causing man to sin and then punishing man for that sin calls the character of God into question. God predestined other religions to deceive the people. God decrees man to murder, to rape, to thieving, and to lawlessness in the world.

And one is to believe all this so that God can remain sovereign?

Was He not sovereign when Satan rebelled?

Was He not sovereign when man rebelled?

Was he not sovereign when Israel rebelled?

My assurance does not lie in the sovereignty (power) of God; it lies on the nature of God, in that He is just, and merciful, He is faithful and true and above all He loves me; for God is love

The Decretive Will of God is the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and the judgment of the wicked. The Perceptive Will of God is what He desires of us. The Permissive Will of God is in what he does not prevent. It is with this understanding that all falls within the sovereign will of God. God permits many things to happen. This does not mean He decreed th

em to happen.

God does not force men to sin; neither does He force men to be saved.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/17 1:56

Quote:
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The danger with what you are posting is that you blame God for man's sin, when man sinned at the instigation of Satan. God could have never allowed sin to enter the picture, but He did, because Christ must come as He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

God never made man sin as God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does he tempt any man, and as you posted each man sins when he is drawn by his own lusts. But God did not make man evil at all, rather man was made good, but after the fall, man became incapable of spiritual life, as he is dead in sin, and a slave to sin. but God is not to be blamed for this, Adam and Eve were the only two humans who had a truly free will, and they chose to sin, they chose to believe the lie.

The following is taken from "The History and theology of Calvinism" by Dr. Curt Daniel
God cannot be blamed for sin - He is not the author of evil. But it was equally true that God foreordained the existence of sin in a blameless manner for His own glory - He permitted sin to exist. Now this is the paradigm for providence and temptation. Simply put, what God does in time through providence is a reflection of what He did in eternity through predestination. That is, God now permits sin but He does not tempt us to sin.

But the sovereign God is in control of providence and all creatures. Hence, He uses Second Causes or means to carry out His purposes. In other words, God Himself does not tempt; He simply allows others to do the tempting. He sovereignly allows Satan and the world and our sinful natures do the tempting. That is their nature. God simply uses those natures, while His nature remains holy. And in this way He tests us to see what is in us (Deut, 8:2). God tests us by sovereignly permitting us to be tempted.

We see this illustrated in two cases in Scripture. First, 2 Sam. 24:1 says, "The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel and He moved David against them to say, 'Go, number Israel and Judah'" (KJV). The parallel account in 1 Chron. 21:1 says, "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel." Now some translation! render the first, "it incited David", and others suggest that the "he" is really Satan. Not so, for Satan is not even mentioned. No, God incited David. But how? Not directly, for God does not tempt to evil. God was testing David. So God let Satan tempt David to do evil. David lacked faith at this moment and succumbed to temptation. He failed the test. Our point is that God used Satan to do the tempting.

The second case is more well known. Matt. 4:1 says, "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil." Mark 1:12 is more direct: "the Spirit impelled Him". The Father and the Spirit were testing Jesus. But neither the Father nor the Spirit tempted Jesus. They simply allowed Jesus to be tempted by Satan. The Son of David passed the test. He had faith. The way to pass God's tests is by faith, which quenches Satan's temptations (cf. Eph. 6:16).

3. Concurrence with Moral Evil.

A. This logically raises the question of God's involvement when we fail the test. How does God providentially influence the human will so that it sins, yet God does not force it to sin? Let us recall what was said in our study of providence. You may recall that we stressed that God is the First Cause of all things. But He also uses Second Causes. Sin is a Second Cause. Satan and

our sinful natures are Second Causes. Hence, God guarantees a certain result, but the cue ball does not touch the eight ball. Theologically, we say that God is the "sufficient cause" of sin but not the "efficient cause".

B. Remember that God ordains sin differently than He does good. Similarly, when we do good, it can be said that God is doing good through us (cf. Phil. 1:6, 2:13). But when we sin, it cannot be said that God is sinning through us. Actually it is quite the reverse - He is sovereignly permitting us to fall. He simply leaves us to ourselves.

C. God can restrain from sin. Gen. 20:6, "I also kept you from sinning against me." Yet God is under no compulsion to keep any or all of us from sinning against Him. He was under no compulsion to prevent sin's origin; He is under no compulsion in time to prevent sin's commission. Just as He sovereignly "permitted" sin to enter, so He sovereignly - and justly - "permits" sin to continue by withdrawing His strong arm that alone can prevent sin. Acts 17:16, "And in the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own way." He was sovereign and holy; they were responsible and guilty.

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 2:14

Quote:

----- roaringlamb on 2007/7/17 1:56:25

Quote:

God's sovereignty is not the causation of all that happens. Calvin believing God to decree everything that happens raises serious issues. The problem of evil was decreed of God. By causing man to sin and then punishing man for that sin calls the character of God into question. God predestined other religions to deceive the people. God decrees man to murder, to rape, to thieving, and to lawlessness in the world.

The danger with what you are posting is that you blame God for man's sin, when man sinned at the instigation of Satan. God could have never allowed sin to enter the picture, but He did, because Christ must come as He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

God never made man sin as God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does he tempt any man, and as you posted each man sins when he is drawn by his own lusts. But God did not make man evil at all, rather man was made good, but after the fall, man became incapable of spiritual life, as he is dead in sin, and a slave to sin. but God is not to be blamed for this, Adam and Eve were the only two humans who had a truly free will, and they chose to sin, they chose to believe the lie.

Roaringlamb, layman isn't saying that - Calvin did.

Others have come after Calvin to clean up an awful lot, but he said things like that God will allow some to believe they are saved until they die and then inform them that they weren't predestined.

The contest is between Satan and God and that is why Job was the first book written, before the law.

Satan accused God of basically "holding Job" and that if God would "let loose" that Job would curse him.

That is the eternal battle going on in the Heavens and we are proof to Satan that God will have a people who Love Him by choice.

That is what Paul meant by The Mystery in Eph. 5.

We are His Wife.

He would never force us to love Him that's exactly what Satan was trying to accuse God of with Job and that is why Job is our First book.

God wanted us to plainly see up there in Heaven of what goes on in the secret places.

I tremble writing this because this is a mystery and almost a secret in essence ... in that He spoke in parables for those who have ears to hear what the Spirit would say to the Church.

HE receives all the Glory and Honor and Praise when He presents "His Wife" before Satan the Hate god, so to speak, showing how she loved Him unto death and not forced to or robotized to.

Yes, He does get all the GLORY in the end.

Glory He would never get if HE forced Himself on His Bride.

If He would never allow His Creation to do so - and has commanded we not force anyone, then why would He ?

He wants us the way you want your wife ... of her own choosing and love given of her own freewill without your force.

It's all about LOVE and nothing Less brother.

That is what is being so heavily hit by both these Legalists and those who say that God has predestined some to hell.

Sorry we disagree, but I know you are still my brother, because my spirit bears witness with those who are His.

LOVE!

Annie

Love - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/17 12:07

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose BLOOD we are Saved. AMEN.

sis annie

you bring up the Point on Love. What is Love? Are we considering Love in light of our own understanding of it? Are we viewing Love according to the word of God? if so are we understanding Love in light of our own understanding of the word or as a result of the Revelation of the Love of GOD in our own lives by His Holy Spirit. the former can't be a substitute for the latter and i fear with many things, our understanding is tainted in this way. Sure we understand the scriptures with our heads but have they been inwrought in us?

What is the Love of God if not something absolutely incomprehensible to us, even repulsive because it is so unlike anything...it is Other. it's not "like" our love only better, it's Other. Could it be that our love wouldn't put pressure but that God's Love Demands Allegiance? Perhaps our love doesn't necessitate forsaking of all and GOD's Love Demands an abandoning of all we know or think we know even about Him?

Somehow i feel our perception of the Love of God remains warped and until it is righted, things such as this will throw us for a loop.

May God indeed Reveal His Love to us and make us Understand it that we may Understand Him. AMEN.

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/17 12:39

Is it not logical though(yes God gave us brains for a reason :-)) to understand that behind all that goes on in the world, all things are working towards God's end?

While he has many tools at his disposal to accomplish this, He is never the author of it, as He works with the base desires of fallen men to do His will. Similarly Joseph told his brothers, " But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." (Gen 50:20)

I could post a very long list of Scriptures, but I believe this one suffices for the time being-

Psalm 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

It is a difficult thing to understand that we are not creators, nor are we equal to God at all. The angels marvel at God's grace because man is so wicked, and yet grace is given that men may be children of God!

There are two ways to look at things-

1) From man up, meaning that the start is with man, and how all revolves around him. Of course there is a name for this, it is humanism where man is the be all, end all. Ultimately what happens is God is lessened to a big man, and since he is just a big man, we can come to him as our buddy, and we can dictate to him what we think is fair and right. This also ends up creating open theism, where God really doesn't have a set course or plan, and his purposes are thwarted and changed based on the decisions of men.

In other words, God must have a plan b, or c because man's choices will throw off God's plans.

2) From God down- Here we begin with God as the sovereign Creator of the universe. We are all as created things, not the Creator. Man exists for God's purpose, creation was made to bring Christ into the world and redeem men. God orchestrates, and carries out all His good pleasure, and no one can stop it or check it. Man is really nothing more than dirt that if God had not breathed life into, there would be no life.

This would be horrible if God was a merciless tyrant, but we know He is not. All He does is based upon foreordination, and providence. Of course some will say, "where was God when such and such happened?" He was there, and usually after tragedies, we see Him work, some are brought to repentance, others grow even harder to the things of God.

To bottom line all of this, man never has, and never will make God his debtor. This means that God is obligated to save none at all, but in His great mercy He saves some, and for this we should rejoice, and not use this as a point to declare God as unfair, or worse yet make Him into a creature like us.

Re: Love, on: 2007/7/17 13:26

To say one has a twisted view of GOD's Divine Agape Love is to say a person has not read the whole Bible.

Boaz & Ruth come to mind - our Kinsmen Redeemer.

From Genesis on

I'm backing off of this or these type discussions for the same reason I gave earlier.

There is ample scholarship on the opposing viewpoint, but there is no use, whatsoever to post it here.

What good would it do ?

It's never stopped this debate & never will until He Comes

still thinking about Love - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/17 14:43

sis Annie

Greetings dear sister in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

you said:

Quote:

-----To say one has a twisted view of GOD's Divine Agape Love is to say a person has not read the whole Bible.

initially i was asking if perhaps our understanding of the Love of God was off. toward the end i felt that perhaps this is so. One could read the whole bible and it profit him nothing except the Spirit of God illuminate the word for him. There are many who have read the scriptures and remain in bondage yet so this implies something deeper. Sure we could read and understand to some degree with our minds sis Annie but it seems to me the scriptures are more than that. There must be an inward working of the Spirit of GOD which evidences itself in what we do, think and speak.

i guess i wonder if we think the Love of God is something we can understand with our minds and that be sufficient for God's purposes...i guess i wonder how can we claim to understand something so Vast :-? The Love of God has nothing we can compare it to that we know of, that anyone knows of hence it being the sign to the world that we are His, by how we Love one another.

do we really understand His Love in the inner man or simply with our minds?

Grace and Peace be ours in JESUS' Name. AMEN.

Re: still thinking about Love, on: 2007/7/17 15:03

If you don't "KNOW" (as in the Biblical definition of "know") the LOVE of GOD, you are not saved in the end.

That "KNOW" is not head knowledge, in case you didn't "know".

One is not saved unless they "know" and practice and realize that HE IS LOVE and all that HE does is out of HIS LOVE.

Not saved without it! Proof is in His Word.

Sorry, but that's His Rules - not mine.

For the other discussion that this thread is on, that I haven't seen the use of that I've posted since last week is DIVIDING this Body of believers and we should just put it aside ... I'll post this link as my stand and then what ???

What good will this do ?

More folks not talking to each other after this ?

More folks stopping their emails to each other over this ?

You betcha, that's all these talks do but here's my stand and here I stand and refuse to discuss this any further - because it is just splitting us and distracting us from what **should** be on our minds right Now.

This whole endless ripping and splitting is grievous. If we "loved" each other, 1/2 of the threads here wouldn't be here.

But here's more fodder so folks can go on with all of this, until your rights to post at all are taken.
Hope we at the least "miss" each other when that happens.

http://www.bereanpublishers.com/False_Doctrines/Foreknowledge_or_Predestination.htm

Edit to add definition of "know" from a Christian - so as not to bump thread.

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=18064&forum=45

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/17 15:34

I just wanted to post two Scriptures

1 John 4:19 We love him, **because he first loved us.**

He did something first, none can get around this, as it is clearly put here.

Next-
Romans 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, **of the same lump** to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Now the question here is not concerning Israel, but the lump is mankind. The lump is the same, there is nothing differing in it to make the Potter make one a vessel unto honour, and another a vessel unto dishonour. So there are two questions we must answer-

Is this lump fallen, or unfallen?

What, or who makes the difference in what the clay is made into?

P.S. Those who attribute this passage solely to the election of Israel please realize that an elect nation is made of elect people, and also this passage uses individuals to bring out a point of God's freedom in what he does with his creation. If you insist on that interpretation, please tell me what nation Pharaoh is an illustration of, and why Paul closes the chapter speaking of the election of the Gentiles, and why Paul would then say this-

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on **the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,**

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

-The "us" is the church is it not?

-Does Paul say that the "vessels of mercy" are "whom He has called"?

-What does Romans 8 say about those who are called?

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 **Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

Done deal, end of story. There is no mention here of them falling away, or being lost. But instead a glorious description of God's keeping power over His people.

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 19:48

Brother, you know why I didn't want to get into this debate, that's on So many threads now, because of what it's doing to us all.

For weeks saying it is splitting us up.

Since that doesn't matter, then I'll post one more link that expresses my feelings, just so you don't think I don't want to talk to you or anyone else.

I've posted all I can on this and if a man could say things for me, of what I believe, I would gladly not get involved at all.

I reckon this may be my last post on this ages-long controversy and I still feel we are all entitled to what we believe and why I'm in a Reformed Church, because they love me anyways.

Love you too brother.

Here's my beliefs and all I can say.
I'd prefer unity despite our differences on this.

Annie

<http://www.imarc.cc/esecurity/jeffpaton10.html>

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 21:33

Quote:
-----Brother, you know why I didn't want to get into this debate, that's on So many threads now, because of what it's doing to us all.

Annie, I just want to say... I love you and You're in my prayers. I have a number of brothers and sisters that disagree with me. I work at a Bible College, and there is just a handful that agree with me. But, among the majority that disagree... We still love each other. We debate the topics all the time. But, God has given us grace to do it in a manner of humility.

Please forgive me, for coming off as..."I Gotcha!" (with a big smile). My presentation lacked gentleness in certain areas.

I have been to prayer meetings that had a room full of brothers and sisters (who differ on these topics). Yet, we all are God fearing and walking in love, we rejoice and weep together. Though, some of us in the meeting strongly disagree on these points... That didn't destroy our fellowship.

These topics are not evil in and of themselves... They are in the scriptures and God desires that we abide in His doctrine. So, we should be concerned about our doctrine and our Brothers and Sister's doctrine.

Brother Jesse Morrell has a concern for his brothers and sisters. Jesse has been posting many threads on his position concerning these doctrines. I must say, I admire Jesse's zeal and love for the Word of God. Brother Jesse has been a blessing and I look up to him as an older brother in the faith. (even though we are the same age and physical birthdate) I think that's kinda funny.

However, I strongly disagree with Jesse and those who hold similar views concerning the nature of God. I still love him and pray for him, though strongly disagree with him.

My best friend and his wife had once been solid Arminians and now they are Calvinist. Our fellowship had never been destroyed (when they were Arminian) and It hasn't been destroyed (when they became Calvinist). We debated often and reasoned about these doctrines... And some times the HEAT was turned up.

It's very possible to discuss these doctrines in a Spirit of meekness (for both sides of the camp)

let us look unto Jesus. God bless you! -Abraham

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 21:38

I would like to post this again, just in case newcomers have missed it in the midst of the discussion.

I started a new thread after this one. The topics discussed in it are important as a foundation for this one. Many of the questions that have been asked... i have answered in this new thread.

Here's the Link:
https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=18043&forum=36&0

God bless you! -Abraham

Re:, on: 2007/7/17 21:42

I believe John 3:16 clears this issue up without clouding the water. whosoever will believe in their heart and confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and make HIM Lord and not with the mouth only with no fruit, with repentance-turn in direction, I will take away their heart of stone and give them heart to know me and I will be their God and they will be my people. The key words is whosoever will.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/17 22:27

Quote:

-----The key words is whosoever will.

But the very point is that without God intervening, noone would.

Consider this, two men read the Bible, there is nothing differing in them, they are in all ways equal(similar upbringing etc.) One believes, the other says, "this is garbage" and tosses the book aside.

What is the difference?

Who caused the difference?

Why does one believe and the other not?

Just so we agree too, who convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgement to come? As these are necessary for one to truly be justified.

And as for John 3:16, the emphasis is always wrongly placed on "whosoever", but that is not the main thrust of this passage. If you honestly look at it, you will see that the "whosoever" must do something, namely believe. It does not say, "whosoever will not perish."

As for the Revelation verse that says, "whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life freely", we must understand that only the Spirit can produce spiritual thirst, and hunger for righteousness. Natural man could care less about truly being righteous before God, and will seek a multitude of ways to have his own righteousness.

See the point is, that no man will come unless God creates that urge to come.

Re: - posted by layman, on: 2007/7/17 23:16

Roaringlamb,

Thank you for your reply. You make an interesting case. You said, "But God did not make man evil at all, rather man was made good." Good and evil are moral concepts that neither Adam nor Eve had before they partook of the forbidden fruit. Both were innocent in the Garden before their eyes were opened.

Dr. Curt Daniel said, "God cannot be blamed for sin - He is not the author of evil". But it was equally true that God foreordained the existence of sin in a blameless manner for His own glory - He permitted sin to exist."

Hmmm, God decrees sin to exist, then permits it to exist. Which is it please?

The above is the same contradiction as is found in the Confession of Faith below also known as the Doctrine of Decrees

"God from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established."

Confession of Faith III, 1

It appears God does not allow anything to happen, this would include second causes, all things being unchangeably ordained. Or is it only some things that are unchangeably ordained?

If God in eternity unchangeably ordained whatsoever comes to pass He is the First Cause of all things by decree. There

is no liberty or contingency of second causes as God has foreordained these as well, or did He not ordain all that comes to pass?

What does John Calvin say in regard to the First Cause of the fall of man?

“The decree, I admit, is dreadful; and yet it is impossible to deny that God foreknew what the end of man was to be before he made him, and foreknew, because he had so ordained by his decree... God not only foresaw the fall of the first man and in him the ruin of his posterity; but also at his own pleasure arranged it,” Institutes of the Christian Religion II I, xxiii, 7.

“I confess that all descendants of man fell by the Divine will” and that “we must return at last to God’s sovereign determination, the cause of which is hidden in himself” Institutes of the Christian Religion III, xxiii, 4.

It appears Calvin believed God caused man to sin for His own pleasure.

As to your illustrated cases of second causes

In the first case of 2 Sam. 24:1 and 1 Chron. 21:1. The first cause was not God but David’s pride. He had won a number of great victories and already was putting his confidence of strength and security in the number of his army instead of the living God. Also in connection to a census is the matter of the redemption money (Exodus 30: 11 – 16) and a warning of plague if the people ignored the giving of the redemption money when numbered and this is just what happened. God also gave David almost ten months to repent (vs. 8) and even confronted him through Joab. The point is that sin was already in David’s heart before God did anything.

In the second case of Matt. 4:1 and Mark 1:12 “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil.” “The Spirit impelled Him”. The Father and the Spirit were testing Jesus. But neither the Father nor the Spirit tempted Jesus. They simply allowed Jesus to be tempted by Satan. The Son of David passed the test. He had faith. The way to pass God’s tests is by faith, which quenches Satan’s temptations (cf. Eph. 6:16).

I like it and it agrees nicely with the point that I have been saying all along.

The Doctrine of Decrees says that God in eternity past foreordained by decree all of this, including the results of the temptations of Jesus. If all of this was decreed to the specific end result then the temptations of Jesus mean absolutely nothing. That is what I am disagreeing with; especially in regards to the original topic of election to salvation via predestination which is what Bro. Abraham was driving at. God knows all things; it does not mean He decreed all things.

Question, is the term ‘foreknowledge’ really applicable to God, being omniscient, or is it written for our understanding because time for man is linear?

Something to think about

God bless

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/7/18 7:37

Quote:

-----Question, is the term ‘foreknowledge’ really applicable to God, being omniscient, or is it written for our understanding because time for man is linear?

It is applicable to God and us. God from all eternity foreknew (relationally - Matt 7:23) certain people and did not foreknow other people. Why foreknow and not just know? Because God knew some people relationally before they knew Him and before they ever existed.

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/7/18 7:46

layman,

An example of all this is found in Genesis 50:15-21.

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

We see that a sinful event happened--the selling of Joseph into slavery. The brothers meant it for EVIL, but God meant it for GOOD.

How can God take a sinful, evil event and use it for good? Remember, Joseph did not say that God decided to intervene after the evil deed was done, No, God worked for good "to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

This is what we have a hard time grasping in our human minds:

- How can God mean for good the fall of Adam?
- How can God mean for good the selling of Joseph into slavery?
- How can God mean for good sinful acts of man?

Notice that I am not saying that God is the author of evil, man commits the acts and are responsible for his actions, but "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28 NASB)

Re:, on: 2007/7/18 9:43

someone wrote:

Consider this, two men read the Bible, there is nothing differing in them, they are in all ways equal(similar upbringing etc.) One believes, the other says, "this is garbage" and tosses the book aside.

someone wrote:

What is the difference?

Moe-mac_ response: The difference the Father draws one by HIS SON'S sacrifice on the cross. One believes in his heart, confesses with his mouth the other doesn't.

someone wrote:

Who caused the difference?

moe_mac's response: One realizes he has no other hope but in the Blessed Hope Jesus Christ and the other has bought into the devil's lie.

someone wrote:

Why does one believe and the other not?

moe_mac's response: One dies to self and realizes truth in that Jesus gave him more mercy and grace than he could ever repay and makes HIM LORD of their life. Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 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.

KJV

someone wrote:

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moe-mac's response:

He calls, he sanctifies, and he justifies, and also glorifies.

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Moe_mac response

In the King James version it says should not and here is the meaning NT:622

apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee); from NT:575 and the base of NT:3639; to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively: KJV - destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

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See the point is, that no man will come unless God creates that urge to come.

moe_mac's conclusion:

I have had this conversation before with one other Calvinist. We were discussing the biblical question of the need to be witnessing and to participate in church visitation. He said that we should not go to the lost because God already knew he was going to save and who he wasn't, so we were just wasting our time on visitation. My answer was, yea that is right, he knows who will draw and who won't, but we don't know who he will draw and not draw to be saved and who will accept Jesus and who will not, so what we do and what does the light unto our feet and the lamp unto our pathway say about it?

Matt 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

So when we decide we know as much as God does and know all HIS thoughts and purposes and ignore HIS COMMISSION to HIS disciples we put ourselves on the throne and how dangerous is that?

Prov 3:5-8

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

And I might add it is Jesus that lights the fire in the fireplace but we must look to see if there is any smoke coming out of the chimney, if not then maybe Jesus hadn't lit the fire in the fireplace.

2 Cor 13:5-7

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved,
KJV

more moe_mac conclusion:

I really don't understand the point the poster questions.

As for Revelation chapter 7 shedding light on salvation. I'm not real up on revelation but I believe this is occurring after the church is raptured and the olive branch, the Jews are being grafted back in and saved during in the tribulation. Maybe so meone who has studied Revelations Chapter 7 more carefully could expound on it for us!!!! I don't study the tribulation much because I am depending Jesus to take me in the reapture of the church.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/18 11:11

bro Jaysaved

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

Quote:

JaySaved wrote:

Quote:

-----Question, is the term 'foreknowledge' really applicable to God, being omniscient, or is it written for our understanding because time for man is linear?

It is applicable to God and us. God from all eternity foreknew (relationally - Matt 7:23) certain people and did not foreknow other people. Why foreknow and not just know? Because God knew some people relationally before they knew Him and before they ever existed.

it seems to me the point of our Salvation was never in this life. In this life we only realize we are saved. Christ was slain from the foundations of the world which was the point of our Salvation by Divine Election. From even before creation, God had long-since formulated His plan of Redemption. This is the Security we have in Salvation. This is why Paul believes that nothing can separate us from the Love of God in Jesus. Everywhere in Paul's letters, he says we are called or chosen from before the setting of the foundations of the world. After readings Romans 9 and God Illuminating it, I began to see this Divine Election for what it is, an exercise of Divine Prerogative because nothing else could be sufficient for Salvation.

I bless God He's made me vessel of Mercy...from before the setting of the foundations of the earth!

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Tough Questions bro Jay... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/18 15:06

bro Jay

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved from before the setting of the foundations of the earth. AMEN.

Quote:

-----This is what we have a hard time grasping in our human minds:

- How can God mean for good the fall of Adam?
- How can God mean for good the selling of Joseph into slavery?
- How can God mean for good sinful acts of man?

indeed bro...i say simply that God is God and as such can do as He pleases. Just when we think we understand Him and want to rest, He throws a curveball and we have to rethink it all...This keeps us in a state of awe of Him and always pressing into Him lest we think we can rest on our laurels...

being kept in this state is a blessed thing lest we become lethargic or bored with Him. it also puts us in our place, exposing our inadequacy before Him, to understand or explain Him...makes me say like bro Ezekiel when asked if the bones could live, "Lord, thou knowest..."

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Re: Tough Questions bro Jay... - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/18 15:12

Here are some points to consider in this discussion.

1)God knows all, and has predetermined all things to bring them to His appointed end.

2)God does not know all things, and is like a great chess player who is always one step ahead of his enemy, or in this case His creation.

3)God has left all things open ended, and things are not headed toward a specific end.

4)Man is the one who determines God's actions by his decisions, thus creating a diety-like creature.

Now which of these is Biblical?

Re:, on: 2007/7/18 15:32

He is God and he can do it how he want to do it, he has all authority. He is worthy of all honor glory and praise.

I'll bet when some you guys when you were kids. When your mom baked her a prize cookies. You would ask who made them, when were they made, what was the ingredience, who made the ingredience, how much of each ingredience made up the cookie. What was the size of the cookies. Why were they different sizes. How long was it baked and at what degree was it baked, in what oven, who made the oven and so on so forth, instead of just showing your thanks to your mom and loving her and eating the cookie and enjoying it.

And just maybe she didn't bake you any cookies cause she knew you ask all the questions.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/18 23:53

Isaiah 45:5-13 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth? Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

We can try to twist this all we want, but if sin and evil can exist without God, then there must be another God who created them. There is only one that can say what sin is, certainly not man. There is only one that can judged evil, that is the one that created it. God created sin and evil and controls them uses them and makes them do for His good pleasure. Praise God that He has chosen to be a loving and wanting God, that is wanting to be a Father to His Children. Is it not His own will to choose whom He wants as Children. He wants all to come to Him as Father, but they would not. So God wants to be a Father, He will be a Father and He will birth whom He will to be Children in His House. He will see to it, th

at I am ready for that House. He has planned it before the foundation of the earth and let us be assured we will be son's of God.

Either God is God and the Father of His own children or He is not. He is justified in doing anything He wants to make His household be exactly what He wants it to be. He has put His only begotten Son in us to give us the Nature of Himself and make us His son's.

In Christ, a son of My Father, who created me and made me and gave me birth: Phillip

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/19 0:05

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Amen dear brother.

I have been deeply humbled whenever I take time to think of the greatness of God. He is not just merciful, He is all merciful, He is not just mighty, but almighty.

It is a shock to our minds to think that God has, and does currently rule/d the entire galaxy, even realms we shall never see, and yet, and yet He would care about us? Amazing isn't it.

1Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/7/19 1:21

I would like to post two verses that we would do well to look upon in this discussion.

Firstly-

Jeremiah 1:5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet** unto the nations.

Secondly-

Galatians 1:15 But **when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,**

Now in both of these we see a person being set apart before they are born for a purpose only God knows. Also note this is independent of any foreseen works, especially in Paul's case where his works would never have merited salvation.

In the Galatians passage separated is the word aphorizo, and here is the definition according to Thayers,
ἀφορίζω
aphorizō

Thayer Definition:

1) to mark off from others by boundaries, to limit, to separate

1a) in a bad sense: to exclude as disreputable

1b) in a good sense: to appoint, set apart for some purpose

In the Jeremiah passage, the word for sanctified is qâdash, and here is the definition from Strong's,

qâdash

kaw-dash'

A primitive root; to be (causatively make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally): - appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, defile, hallow, (be, keep) holy (-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, purify, sanctify (-ied one, self), X who lly.

From both of these alone it is safe to say that God's foreknowledge is a bit more than just looking down the corridors of time, but instead is based upon His good pleasure, and in accordance with what will bring Him glory.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/19 3:56

Amen,

That Glory for us is, "Christ in you the Hope of Glory."

Colossians 1:26-28 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

This perfection will be His Life in us throughout all eternity.

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: Context again ~, on: 2007/7/19 17:55

Col 1:3,4 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.....

Col 1:9,10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God

Col 1:22, 23 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard ...

It's just these "leavings off" that make us appear to be antinomians.

One side quotes all the "GOD does" parts and the other side quotes all the "we do" parts and thus are "we" split. Making some Legalists and others Antinomians.

The WORD, from O.T. to the N.T., shows clearly it's always been and will be Both/And.

He does ~ we do. We do because He does and He does because we do. Cooperatively always through-out and we'll see this clearly if we don't pull verses and read only in Context always.

Love ya's.

Re: - posted by TimmyJoe, on: 2007/7/19 18:43

Quote:
-----Can't you see? These are 2 different ways of salvation? One is of man and the other is of God. One gives glory to man and the other gives all the glory to God. One is man-centered and the other is God-centered.

How much more glory does God receive when men come to him through free will. The grace of God is by no means irresistible. He doesn't force anyone to obey. When the Gospel is preached and man hears and is moved by the Holy Spirit, he can either believe and be saved or harden his heart.

Yes, the Holy Spirit will draw us to Christ, but we must respond. Either receive life through Christ or continue in spiritual death with an even harder heart.

Its like Grannie said,

Quote:
-----He does ~ we do

He will do his part and He expects us to do ours. When we do ours He receives all the more glory.

with love-TimmyJOe

Re:, on: 2007/7/19 19:45

Amen Timmy and GrannieAnnie
Rev 3:20

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/20 10:17

God can receive no glory from the free will of man, for they would not receive Him, but because of Him, as many as do receive Him by the Power of the Holy Spirit, He gave them power to become son's of God.

John 1:5-17 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

None would choose Him by any will of the flesh.

The flesh will always deny Him unless the Holy Spirit quicken it and give that we might receive, not choose.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/7/20 10:51

Brother Phillip wrote:

Quote:
-----There is only one that can say what sin is, certainly not man. There is only one that can judge evil, that is the one that created it. God created sin and evil and controls them; uses them and makes them do for His good pleasure.

John 8:44

You are of father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

According to this Scripture we find that Satan is the author of the lie. He is the father of evil.

Jam 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Jam 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

Jam 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

Jam 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Jam 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Jam 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

According to Scripture, God does not tempt with evil.

So how does this precept compare to what you have stated above?

In Christ

Jeff

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/7/20 11:47

Quote:
-----Christin you wrote:
God can receive no glory from the free will of man,

How could HE receive glory from robots?

If I program my computer to praise me, that is worth nothing, however, if my wife praises me from her own free will without anything from my part except that I show her who I am, that is infinitely greater than my computer.

Free will of Man glorifies God more than it would if He did it all!

Re: - posted by Christin you (), on: 2007/7/20 15:42

How can He receive glory from dead men's bones, that are in hell. That is where all would be except for Christ and the Grace of God. He did it all and that ALL in Christ. Then we have the will to do what God would want, that is the Love from someone that understands what He has done and wants to return that Love and obedience because He first loved us and Gave Jesus Christ for us. Now my Love is in the realm of God's Love and now I can freely give it back to Him. Before Christ in me that was not possible.

Romans 5:5-8 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost

which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/20 16:31

Logic, may I share another vantage with you?

Imagine that in my possession was \$10,000. I proceeded to spend this on gambling, lewdness, and other manners of sin until I had nothing left of that original sum.

Later I discovered that many of my deeds were against the law and the courts determined to fine me \$10,000.

Is it just for the judge to expect something of me that I do not have to give? Yes, because the deficiency is owing to my self.

God is righteous to expect perfect holiness and willingness, though no one can give it, because the extensive corruption of their will is the results of sinfulness that He did not cause.

The book of Romans says plainly that in Adam all sinned... we were born of his spiritual character, corruptions and corruptors in the face of God.

God is just to regenerate whomsoever He wills, just as He did with John the Baptist in the womb. If, however, the Lord suffers any man to live for several years that man will inevitably manifest his corruptions and unwillingness to serve the TRUE God.

Thank God that common grace has been afforded by which we can call the worst sinner to humble himself in reading the word and praying. God often uses this means as the method of sovereign grace.

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/20 16:36

To answer the question further, God does not receive glory from making robots. He receives glory in Christ by calling dead men to live, setting captives and slaves free, by opening the eyes of the blind, and translating some from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.

Man was created with an "unbaised will" and in sin we have acquired "corrupt wills" that will anything but to be totally subject to Christ and free from sin.

The problem is not that men are born without "free will", but that their wills are of such a nature that they only "will to rebel" against God in truth.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/20 19:43

We have only 2 options. 1. We are of our father the devil. 2. We are of our Father God.

It all comes down to in whom you believe. Adam believed Satan and Satan ruled the whole earth, "the prince of the power of the air". On top of that He was the ruler of all mankind's souls' and by his spirit in us we were thrown out of God's family.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 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: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Christ on the Cross is the only One that defeated the nature of the children of wrath.

Act 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, child of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Who is the only one that can stop this ownership because of the first Adam and turn to the ownership of the paid price, the One we believe, if so be it that we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the old man is dead, the new man is life in Christ Jesus.

Act 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, child of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

2Ti 2:26 And they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Hbr 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Jo 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Those that are Christs' can only be snared by the devil, they cannot ever be under his oppression as father ever again, we can stay out of the snare of the devil and never will loose the destruction of the Satan of the old man for in Christ all things are become new.

Hbr 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/21 10:21

Quote:
-----The problem is not that men are born without "free will", but that their wills are of such a nature that they only "will to rebel" against God in truth.

I believe many confuse Free Will with Free Choice.

At the fall of Adam and Eve, they knew both *Good* and Evil. Not just evil. The first of Romans lays the foundation that the consciousness and awareness of God, and right and wrong was within all men....after the fall!

Nineveh is a perfect example that FAITH comes by Hearing, even to those who many believe we are so totally depraved

it is impossible....it is not!

Jesus, when on earth, said to the Jews who rejected Him, that Nineveh will rise up and condemn them. Now why would Jesus make such a statement if man didn't have free choice within the Sovereign will of God.

God has called ALL to repentance. Not all will obey that call, but it is God's WILL we preach the Good News of REPENTANCE from SIN, and that Jesus Christ died for the SIN of the WHOLE world.

1st John (those who leave out *any* scripture to prove THEIR doctrine, is not concerned with the Doctrines of Christ.

Those who have REPENTED and turned to God through Jesus Christ for the forgiveness/remission of SIN identify with Him in death and resurrection Life.

This is what the scriptures teach, both Jesus and Paul)

This is the most Awesome wonderful GIFT God has given to a lost and dying world....Jesus Christ...full of GRACE and TRUTH! Whosoever believes as the scriptures have said will not perish but have everlasting life, are NOW a New Creation in Christ Jesus, buried with Him, and raised up together with Him. Only IN CHRIST can you come to the Father who dwells in the Holy of Holies. No one can come to the Father except through the Son....washed in His Blood.

Love in Christ

Katy-did

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/21 14:19

We must distinguish between salvation and working out our salvation. It is God who brings us to salvation, nothing of man. In working out our salvation in Christ in whom (we) live and move and have our being, we have the responsibility and the capacity now that we are born again to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Yes that is WORK, and that work will show our faith which is in Christ Jesus. Like James said I will show you the Faith that has been given to me by the works I do. These works are not to get salvation, for no works can get us salvation, but these works are the works of our salvation in Christ Jesus. Now we can do all things in Christ Jesus our Lord, and these works are the works of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Even our works are as His works, He has said they are, But be assured they are works. Now, "I can show you my faith by my works". The Love of Christ is now the motivation work ethic and we can show that we are Christian by our love-works, which are wrought in Christ Jesus.

I cannot attain my salvation by my works but I can attain perfection by the works I do after I am saved. Hebrews 6:1-3 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.

Dead works are my own works, now leaving aside these dead works let us go on into perfection by the works we are capable of in Christ Jesus.

Love-works, "let us love one another even as He has loved us". Which we are capable of now that the birthing has taken place by God the Father.

Hbr 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard ;

Who heard Him? By direct revelation of Jesus Himself? Galatians 1:15-17 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

How do we get it? Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Is He revealed in you? "Ask and you will receive, seek and it shall be opened to you".

Luk 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

How are we going to be judged? By this Gospel.

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Christ in you the Hope of Glory. Then our works are pleasing to God.

In Christ: Phillip

Gal 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Re:, on: 2007/7/21 17:42

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Abel chose life, Cain chose death. The Promise of Genesis 3:15, The Promised Redeemer, Jesus Christ, came in the FLESH and walked among men, was *OPENLY* Crucified, not in secret. It is in this RISEN Christ, who first died for the sin of mankind, that we *live and move and have our being*. Who is *WE*, but those stated in the first of John, to as many as receive Him to them gave he the power to become the sons of God.

Romans says, those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God. What Spirit? The Spirit of LIFE IN CHRIST that has set us free from the law of sin and death. Adam & Eve sinned and all mankind died. IMMEDIATELY a REDEEMER was Promised.

In Romans 5 Paul said where sin abounds GRACE much more abounds. He immediately qualifies his meaning by what he Didn't mean....shall we continue to sin that Grace may abound?...God Forbid!!!! He makes very sure this is not the meaning of Grace as some have so abused the meaning. Grace is The Cross. Galatians 2:20&21 also clarify Grace. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I *NOW* live in the flesh, I live by the Faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me....(Here is the qualifying verse)****I DO NOT MAKE VOID THE GRACE OF GOD, FOR IF RIGHTEOUSNESS COME BY THE LAW, CHRIST DIED IN VAIN.

Many believe FAITH was the Gift and Not Jesus Christ. So what they are really saying without realizing it is, By FAITH you have been saved through Grace. Yet the Bible teaches, by GRACE you have been saved through FAITH, or through the Cross(Grace) or through Jesus Christ(Grace).

Jesus Christ was OPENLY Crucified for ALL to see and know about, also recorded in Scripture. Choose Life!

Paul was a special Chosen vessel to preach Christ Crucified among the Gentiles, and this was the revelation he received from Jesus Christ.

James or Peter needed no *special revelation*, as they were apostles to the Jews.

Yet Peter, being sent a dream, ended in his going to Cornelius(a gentile) came to him in a vision and dream concerning meat on a sheet(God saying, What God has cleansed, don't call unclean. Yes Salvation is open to all. 3 times did this dream come concerning Gentiles. When Peter took many from the Jewish sect with him to Cornelius's home and after telling the Jewish sect about this FIRST GENTILE getting saved...they were astonished that the Gentiles also received the Gift of salvation accompanied by the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised in John 7. We know in Galatians Peter was still prejudiced so much so that Paul had to openly rebuke him for being a hypocrite.

Paul more fully opened and revealed both Jew and Gentile, becoming a NEW MAN in Christ, no longer Jew or Gentile, but

ut a New Creation, the New Man, AKA the Church, the Body of Christ, having a Heavenly Calling, not an earthly one. And what the Hope of this Calling is, Christ in you, the Hope of *GLORY*, not earthly.

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Added and edited for content.

No one is saved by special revelation. They are saved as was Cornelius by HEARING the Gospel first. There are no new revelations, but revealed truth in the Word of God, and through His Word, we are spiritually "enlightened" and grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3

1For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/21 19:20

Romans 10:12-21 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/21 20:21

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Faith = hearing by the word of God.

Word: Strong's Greek Dictionary

4487. rhema

Search for G4487 in KJVSL

rhema rhema hray'-mah

from 4483; an utterance (individually, collectively or specially);, by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); with a negative naught whatever:--+ evil, + nothing, saying, word.

This is the written word of God, "have they not heard", this is what happens without the living Word Himself when He is not born again and is not in the believer.

This is what happens when the Word Himself is born again in the believer.

1 Peter 1:22-23 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Word: Strong's Greek Dictionary

3056. logos

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logoV logos log'-os

from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):-account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

This Word is necessary, that the Faith of the Son of God might lead to salvation.

The word of God written and taught by a preacher and who must send him? The Word Himself, the Person of who the Word is, the Living Word Himself.

One is the written word and the other is the living Word Himself. One for teaching by the Holy Spirit through a preacher and the other The living Word Himself born again by the Incorruptable Seed of the Father unto salvation.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/21 21:11

Romans 3

1What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

2Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

3For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

5But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

7For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

10As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15Their feet are swift to shed blood:

16Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17And the way of peace have they not known:

18There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus

27Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

30Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

How does faith come? Yes by hearing. Hearing the Gospel. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings of Good things. The WORD of God is empowered through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said My Words are Spirit and they are LIFE. We give no credit to the Work of the Holy Spirit ministry who reveals Jesus Christ. We as the Body of Christ have been given this ministry of reconciliation. Christ our Head and we His hands and feet continue the Work He began. We are Ambassadors for Christ

All have sinned, and no one is given a special gift of faith to believe while others are left out and not given this faith. Jesus came to save sinners and the LAW is the diagnosis of sin. Without holding up the perfect Law (which could never save anyone) but only reveal sin and as it says in Hebrews 10, the blood of Bulls and Goats could never take away sin, or make anyone perfect, but only made a *remembrance* of sin year after year until Christ Came.

ALL have sinned and ALL are on the same footing.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

PS: added for content:

Isaiah 45:4

For Jacob my servant's sake, *and Israel mine elect*, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Romans 3 is as much to the professing Christian today as was to the Jews of Yesterday, boasting of their ELECTION, Boasting they were Abraham's seed and had need of nothing, rejecting Jesus Christ. Jesus SAid to them at that day, Abraham rejoiced to see my day, he saw it and was glad. Jesus said before Abraham was *I AM*.

Let's not fall into the same pride and arrogance claiming ourselves to be the ELECT, with some special privilege of having our names picked out of a hat (as someone once said of God's Elect). Israel was ELECT to bring forth Jesus Christ, first promised in Genesis 3:15, then to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, through the line of Judah and now to ALL. The Church is Elect to carry the message of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/7/21 22:42

Quote:

-----Christinyou wrote:

How can He receive glory from dead men's bones, that are in hell. That is where all would be except for Christ and the Grace of God. He did it all and that ALL in in Christ. Then we have the will to do what God would want, that is the Love from someone that understands what He has done and wants to return that Love and obedience because He first loved us and Gave Jesus Christ for us. Now my Love is in the realm of God's Love and now I can freely give it back to Him. Before Christ in me that was not possible.

Romans 5:5-8 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In Christ: Phillip

Quote:

-----theopenlife wrote:

Imagine that in my possession was \$10,000. I proceeded to spend this on gambling, lewdness, and other manners of sin until I had nothing left of that original sum.

Later I discovered that many of my deeds were against the law and the courts determined to fine me \$10,000.

Is it just for the judge to expect something of me that I do not have to give? Yes, because the deficiency is owing to myself.

God is righteous to expect perfect holiness and willingness, though no one can give it, because the extensive corruption of their will is the results of sinfulness that He did not cause.

The book of Romans says plainly that in Adam all sinned... we were born of his spiritual character, corruptions and corruptors in the face of God.

God is just to regenerate whomsoever He wills, just as He did with John the Baptist in the womb. If, however, the Lord suffers any man to live for several years that man will inevitably manifest his corruptions and unwillingness to serve the TRUE God.

Thank God that common grace has been afforded by which we can call the worst sinner to humble himself in reading the word and praying. God often uses this means as the method of sovereign grace.

My point still stands.

If I program my computer to praise me, that is worth nothing, however, if my wife praises me from her own free will without anything from my part except that I show her who I am, that is infinitely greater than my computer.

Free will of Man glorifies God more than it would if He did it all!

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/21 23:07

your computer cannot love you. All it can do is say it loves you. You knowing that it is just silicone chips and circuits. God gives us the capacity to love Him back because He loved us first. That is all He ever wanted. Son's that love Him. You cannot give your computer Life, only programming and electricity.

Are we just computers? If so we are God's computers and He can do what He wants with us.
But I don't think so. We are not God.

I choose to thank Him and love Him even though He has to teach me how to do it and give me the ability to do so, by becoming my Birthing Father and putting His Seed in me.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/7/22 10:31

Quote:

-----Christinyou wrote:
I choose to thank Him and love Him

You don't really believe this, because you say it's not even you doing it. You say that it is Christ in that is thanking Him and loving Him, because anything of you, yourself is so corrupt and worthless.

Therefore, according to your doctrine, it still is not you with your heart, you are a computer with Him, Himself still doing it all ; no glory.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/22 18:50

The love that is in me by the Christ that is in me is the only love that God sees. So if I choose to love God that is only obeying what God intended the Christ in me to be. The One that can love Him the only way He can receive it. That is Christ in you the Hope of Glory. God has only dealt with two people when it comes to His plan of Salvation that is the First Adam and the last Adam. One of Flesh/soul and one of Spirit. So if I choose to love God then all I am doing is obeying the Spirit of Christ that is in me, that gives me the ability and capacity to do it. "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

So your analogy is out of context.

Loving the Father by the Christ in me, which is our spiritual worship and only reasonable service.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, your reasonable service. Only acceptable by the Christ that is in me.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/23 8:43

Quote:

-----Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, your reasonable service. Only acceptable by the Christ that is in me.

And exactly what is our reasonable service?
Paul goes on to say in verse 2.....
Verse 2

And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, *****so you will know the perfect and acceptable will of God*****

There is MORE ...Loving Him is OBEYING Him.

How many can say, "I *KNOW* the will of God"?

If all who claimed to be Christians KNEW the PERFECT will of God, Oh what a day of rejoicing that would be. Not only so, but we would ALL have produced 100% fruit, yet that is not so. There would be no need to have the Judgment seat of Christ, for all works would be Gold, Silver and precious stone, and no such mention of wood hay and stubble to be burned would even be mentioned.

NO we are not robots. Even His Children have free will, free choice. There are Worldly Christians who run with the world. They have made a choice. Oh! they may say, "I LOVE GOD", but do not practice separation, or even know what worldliness is? Or do they try to convince you Christian Rock and Roll is not worldly? OH yes it is! But they have made a CHOICE to listen to others convincing them it's Ok,.... but they have not listened to God. Does it have to do with not having the mind renewed, or knowing the Perfect will of God??? Yes!

To take those who believe they are the Elect, those whom God has already chosen who He wants, and their Churches tell them there is no need to witness, so they say "why bother witnessing"!!! These same people boycott revivals wearing t-shirts that say "NO CHOICE". WOW, now where in God's Word are we to do that? Yet, with that un-renewed mind, they listen to men who have indoctrinated them to not listen to God, or sit and see what GOD has to say on such matters.

Relationship takes years, alone ***with the LORD****.

How many say "I LOVE GOD" and leave their wives and families? More than you know! Love calls for OBEDIENCE to put away our old man and our own personal desires...(yes they are still there) to do LEARN God's perfect and acceptable WILL. We learn this obedience through the things we suffer. The TESTS in life get harder and harder. No one has arrived YET, nor will we, as long as we are in these earthly fleshly bodies. There will always be a war between our two natures. Just when you think you have arrived, WOW, watch out...here comes another test that God Gives to prove we haven't!!!!

Love in Christ Jesus
Katy-did

PS: Added for content

OBEDIENCE is an act of OUR WILL to do GOD'S WILL. Yielding is an act of the WILL, to yield to God. In this act of yielding to God we choose to walk in the Spirit, and not the fleshly desires.

Re:, on: 2007/7/23 15:37

I love the story of Isaac and Rebekah. One must put on the mind of Christ to grasp the fullness of A story so rich in **Free Will**. I will put down the most important verses to show God doesn't FORCE himself on anyone. We are not *borned* against our will. We are called, drawn, wooed, to the Bride Groom. In this story it is the servant who was sent before (the servant in this story is a TYPE of the Holy Spirit Â.....

Genesis 24

1And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

4But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5And the servant said unto him, Peradventure(What if) the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

40And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

41Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; *****and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

*****free will! No forced marriage here!

42And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

45And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

53And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

57And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

*****58And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/7/25 5:33

FAITH COMES BY HEARING...AND *WE* ARE TO CARRY THOSE WORDS.

Who has blinded who's eyes here? Seems to me Satan has blinded their eyes? Correct? So in some scriptures Satan does the blinding and in others, God does the blinding? Correct? But here in these verses, what opens a man's eyes?

2 Corinthians 4:

3But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

WHO /WHAT AGAIN OPENS BLIND EYES?

2 Corinthians 3:

12Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Here is the best one of all....

Acts 26:17-19

17Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

*****19Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Let us not be disobedient either.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re: Revelation Chapter 7 Destroys Man-Centered Election, on: 2007/7/25 22:58

Has anyone had an explanation for these numbers? ...If you don't believe in election of God's feewill. How do you explain these numbers? Some might say, "they're not really even" or "the numbers aren't really there"

Does anyone have any other expositions that cover these numbers. There was alot of replies that did not at all address these numbers in the chapter. What do they mean in light of Election?

Keep searching the scripture's. God will teach His sheep.

God bless you! -Abraham

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/7/26 9:19

Quote:

-----Abe_Juliot wrote:

Has anyone had an explanation for these numbers?

The 144,000 & the twelve tribes of Israel

The 144000 is an analogy, it is not a list of the tribes of Israel. Notice that, Even though Reuben is the firstborn instead of Judah, it begins with the tribe of Judah. Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah, and was the firstborn from the dead He is put first. Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Col 1:15,18** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Josephs is also listed along with his two sons. The Bible tells us Joseph gave his birthright (which should have been Reubens) **1Chron 5:1** Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.) to his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Even though his two sons had the same land they are often spoken of as two separate tribes. Jacob also gave Ephraim the blessing and not Manasseh, who is the eldest, but we see Manasseh here and not his brother.

Priests never inherited any land; **Josh 14:3** For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. The tribe of Levi is included here when they were never included in inheritance before; the reason is because we are a holy priesthood and a royal priesthood **1Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. **1Peter 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

This analogy does not have Dan probably because of Idolatry. In conclusion, If God was actually giving us a list of the tribes of Israel; He would have just put them in order of birth and inheritance, and wouldn't add or leave a Patriarch out.

It then says that each one of them was sealed. A seal is made from wax that has been imprinted on with a signet ring. Today we use our name as our seal. Since it is a unique way of writing our name, it is a personal seal that we call our signature. We will only put our signature on thing that we agree to or approve of. This is saying that God has put his approval on them. **2Corinth 1:22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. **Eph 1:13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **Eph 4:30** and grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

This is how the Tribes are placed in Revelation 7:5-8

I will put the tribes' actual placement number to where it should be in the order of their birth

The first name is Judah. #4.

The second name is Reuben. #1.

The third one is called Gad. #8.

The fourth name is Asher. #9.

The fifth name is Naphtali. #10.

The sixth name is Manasseh.

The seventh name is Simeon. #2.

The eighth name is Levi. #3.

The ninth name is Issachar. #6.

The tenth named is Zebulon. #5.

The eleventh is Joseph. #11.

Remember, there is no tribe of Joseph. He gave his inheritance to his sons.

The twelfth is, Benjamin. #12

This is the true Israel of God **Gal 6:16** And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (the Church and saved Israel). When the time of the gentiles is complete, then God will move His attention to Israel once again then Israel will be completed and saved. **Rom 2:29** But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. **Rom 11:15-32** For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? :16 For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakes of the root and fatness of the olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bears not the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou stands by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

What about this number, 144,000? Notice that John said he heard the number, he didn't see it; this tells us that it isn't an amount (as in quantity) of people, it must mean something else. The number 12 represents 12 tribes of Israel from the Old Testament and 12 Apostles of the New Testament. The number 1000 represents from Hebrew, the sense of yoking or taming an ox or joining together, maturity and full stature.

Let's do some math.

$12 \times 12 = 144$. Then it multiplies 12 by 1000 in which we see above the meaning of these numbers, Israel and the Church being yoked together in peace. So we see the 144000 as the perfect completed Church of the Old Testament and New Testament. The completed Israel of God.

This idea of the 144,000 being the whole Church and saved Israel also makes sense because we see the next part of the chapter from v: 9 as the rapture taking place.

Re:, on: 2007/7/26 9:46

Quote:

-----Has anyone had an explanation for these numbers?

One must read the whole chapter to understand what is taking place here....Note what is said after the sealing of the 144,000
Revelation 7

1And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have *******sealed the **servants** of our God in their foreheads.**

4And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Romans 9:28-30

28For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. 29And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

Romans 11

Israel's Rejection Not Total

1 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 "LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? 4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." (Gentile World Power, Gentile false Gospels etc, etc,) 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

God will always reserve for Himself HIS Servants, His remnant...His Elect for the purpose of carry on the Gospel INTACT!

Love in Christ
Katy-did

;-)

Re:, on: 2007/7/26 11:23

Concerning Israel: This is not an analogy but fact:

Genesis 49

1And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you *** IN THE LAST DAYS***. (Yet to be fulfilled)!!!!

2Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

3Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6O 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.

7Cursed 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.

8Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

*****10The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. *****

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

14 Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

19 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

21 Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

27 Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

Concerning Joseph and his dream

Genesis 37:

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream.

***** And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”

*****Revelation 12*****

1And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun,(Jacob) and the moon (Rachel) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: (the 12 Tribes of Israel)

2And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. *****
ISRAEL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Romans 11:

24For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

*****26And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: *****

27For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

The CHURCH did not replace the Promises to Israel.

Love in Christ
Katy-did ;-)

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/26 19:07

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

bro Logic you said:

Quote:
-----This analogy does not have Dan probably because of Idolatry. In conclusion, If God was actually giving us a list of the tribes of Israel; He would have just put them in order of birth and inheritance, and wouldn't add or leave a Patriarch out.

Really God would list Israel as He sees fit which may not be in order of birth or inheritance. In the Revelation there is mention of Israel (3 times i think) as a listing of 12 tribes, the composition of names changes each time. i would say that since Jesus told John that this was Israel, then in each case, it is indeed Israel. The fact that the word says 12000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel to me means that this is Israel being talked about. We tend to want to make things which are probably better understood literally into allegory and end up with fuzzy ideas on things. Judah is listed first because from Judah came most of the kings of Israel, 2 of note are David and his descendant, Christ.

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-----What about this number, 144,000? Notice that John said he heard the number, he didn't see it; this tells us that it isn't an amount (as in quantity) of people, it must mean something else.

:? i always thought that heard 144000 and it was 144000...i don't really see any other way to interpret 144000 other than, well 144000.

you also said:

Quote:
-----The number 12 represents 12 tribes of Israel from the Old Testament and 12 Apostles of the New Testament. The number 1000 represents from Hebrew, the sense of yoking or taming an ox or joining together, maturity and full stature. $12 \times 12 = 144$. Then it multiplies 12 by 1000 in which we see above the meaning of these numbers, Israel and the Church being yoked together in peace. So we see the 144000 as the perfect completed Church of the Old Testament and New Testament. The completed Israel of God.

bro, i don't think this is right at all. God forgive me if i am wrong and set me straight, and if you are in error may He set you straight. AMEN. There is yet another 144000 which is mentioned in the Revelation; this being 144000 from the earth, these are firstfruits and are mentioned in Revelation 14. This is the 144000 which belong to the Lamb and are redeemed from the earth which i believe is a reference to the gentiles of the world. These are said to be virgins while the 144000 from the 12 tribes are not. i believe that the 144000 from Israel belong to the Father as they are not said to follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and that they are called out of Israel.

you also said this:

Quote:
-----This idea of the 144,000 being the whole Church and saved Israel also makes sense because we see the next part of the chapter from v: 9 as the rapture taking place.

ok, if this is where the rapture takes place, then it must be after the tribulation. Rev 7 says:

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and then continues:

And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

to me that seems to suggest a post trib rapture, a rapture after much suffering by which we are purged. The rapture is preceded by tribulation, great tribulation so i don't think it can happen at any moment as many say and i fear a great falling away will occur when we are found in tribulation.

anyhow if this group of saints, this great multitude is in heaven already while yet many saints are on earth dying during the trib, we need to rethink how we read the Revelation and indeed all scripture. i believe strongly that God showed it to me that the Revelation is not to be read as though it is linear. It is to some degree but the fullness of this book and the whole scripture can be found only when we look at it from God's Perspective; that is past present and future are all before Him at once. bro Logic scripture is not logical at all unless we look at it from that Perspective.

Paul says that we are seated in Heavenly Places right now so Heaven is not a thing/place to be waited for, it already **is**. **..now**The Revelation says that Christ was slain from the setting of the foundations of the world. So when God thought to

create, Christ was slain then for the redemption of creation and that is the point of our Salvation. We were Saved, we are being Saved and will yet be Saved just as surely as Christ was, is and is to come. We as His Church are like Him in this Respect also. We were in Heaven at the time of Christ's slaying before the setting of the foundations of the earth, we are seated in Heavenly Places now with Him, and we will go with Him to be where He is when He returns. When God opened this up to me, The Revelation made all the sense in the world, and indeed so do all things. When I have Deja-vu it is because I have been at that place or done that thing before, not in another life or anything crazy like that but in the sense that I have seen from God's Perspective...To walk in the Spirit is to be in Heavenly Places, to walk after the flesh is to be down here. The reason we saints oft disagree is that from time to time we leave our abode in Heaven and come down to earth and deal with one another in the flesh.

Let us take our places in the Heavenlies and walk in the Spirit.

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/7/26 19:28

Logic wrote,

Quote:
-----What about this number, 144,000? Notice that John said he heard the number, he didn't see it; this tells us that it isn't an amount (as in quantity) of people, it must mean something else.

It must be something else? Because he didn't see it?

I hear God's Word and He tells me of many wonderful and miraculous things that He will do. Would I not be denying His word if I say, "It must be something else, because I didn't see it"?

Joh 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Joh 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace, be unto you.

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

The number is still there. 144,000... no less and no more. Can you hear it? Why can't you see it?

May the Lord teach you. -Abraham

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/27 0:37

Katy Wrote:

""
Relationship takes years, alone ***with the LORD***.

How many say "I LOVE GOD" and leave their wives and families? More than you know! Love calls for OBEDIENCE to put away our old man and our own personal desires...(yes they are still there) to do LEARN God's perfect and acceptable WILL. We learn this obedience through the things we suffer. The TESTS in life get harder and harder. No one has arrived YET, nor will we, as long as we are in these earthly fleshly bodies. There will always be a war between our two natures. Just when you think you have arrived, WOW, watch out...here comes another test that God Gives to prove we haven't!!!!""

Praise God that Christ suffered all things as we do and He is in us to care for us in these sufferings. Our Circumstance and Situation Companion to the utmost, Our C & S Savior, The Gifted One Himself, that is "Christ in you the Hope of

Glory." We will learn. Praise God.

Tts 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works

Phl 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

This is the prophecy: 2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/27 1:02

Who are these that are sealed? 2Cr 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

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These are different. These are earthly.

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

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These are Israel evangelists, prophets and teachers of the earth. These will evangelize the world in the millennium as the promise fulfilled to Israel His Chosen people.

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Re: - posted by strawrifle (), on: 2007/7/27 7:23

Abe it seems rather insecure to be so concerned that i believe exactly as you lol..

We know that Cornelius the Roman soldier wasn't saved till he met Peter Act 11:14 speak of this.

14 He will speak words, to you by which YOU and all your household will be saved.'

But we read that God had heard Cornelius prayers and actions before he was saved.

2 He was a devout man and feared God along with his whole household. He did many charitable deeds for the Jewish people and always prayed to God.

How could he be devout, fear God, pray prayers that God hears, and do good things in a unsaved state? Isn't he totally depraved during this period?

but

Act 10:4 Your prayers and your acts of charity have come up as a memorial offering before God.

Re:, on: 2007/7/27 11:19

I love this one too. Another CLEAR fact that total depravity is not in scripture. These men only knew about John the Baptist, nothing about the Holy Spirit. So again, no one is regenerated (born Again of the Spirit) before, in order to believe.

Acts 19

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Love in Christ

Katy-did ;-)

Re:, on: 2007/7/27 12:10

Quote:

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Revelation 14:4

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Defiled with woman Â...doesn't say Â“A Â“Woman.

To say that anyone with a woman is defiled is totally against scripture. Scripture teaches the marriage bed is undefiled.

The WOMAN here is the Woman who rides the beast.

****Which is Apostate Christianity. The Woman is Mystery Babylon!

The Church is also a Chaste VIRGIN:

2 Corinthians 11

1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste

aste virgin to Christ.

3But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

We either follow the "Lamb", or we follow mere men, the teachings of men, the doctrines of men, the worship of men
...which will all lead to worshipping the WOMAN, Mystery Babylon!

No where in scripture are *MEN* called virgins!!! :-?

Love in Christ

Katy-did

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/27 14:14

sis K-D

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anyhow i think you are on to something here about what sort of defilement is being spoken of here. i hadn't seen this in the light which you brought up so i thank God for the beauty and utility of fellowship. There is an element of spiritual adultery which you alluded to by bringing up the harlot. Indeed we are to refrain from spiritual adultery. i think the defilement of the marriage bed has to do with the physical adultery which we are to also refrain from. This includes lusting after a woman also...how many of us men can say we're not guilty of adultery...?i know and confess that i am guilty, but i praise God for the Cross which is my Redemption. AMEN.

i think though that the implication here is that these are men which are Redeemed from among the men of the earth for a specific task. Yes indeed we follow the Lamb or we don't but that they are firstfruits says something is unique about this group. That they are numbered as being 144000 and sing a song which only they and the Lamb know says to me it is not a song for every saint. There are distinctions in Heaven based on Service and this is one. Other examples are that not everyone will wear the martyr's crown, not everyone will eat of the hidden manna etc.

Sure there is nowhere where men are called virgins...well except in this section of scripture. There are probably other instances of things which happen once in the word but in that case i would take the word at face value except God reveals otherwise.

i could well be wrong and if so i pray God correct me lest others be deceived on account of my own foolishness. AMEN.

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In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/28 8:20

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Ironman,

STRONGS Woman....Women all #1135. Now think about it...all it would take is ONE (1) woman, not several WOMEN (if you prefer the plural), to lose one's virginity. Also, scripture teaches scripture, and nowhere does God use or say men are virgins. All scripture will have 2 or 3 to be a witness to or back up. If you can't find it, then wait until the Lord reveals the scripture. When WE try to force what isn't there we get way off course.

Also the "Woman" who rides the Beast...That "woman" Jezebel, are all the same Greek word gone. We just need to put on the mind of Christ, and He will enlighten.

You know, just think about putting together a 1,000 piece zig-saw puzzle. How many pieces look alike, and how many (if you've ever done one), have you tried to force...that was off, ever so slightly, but you could get it to fit with a little force. Well, in the end, you have many pieces left over,.....why? the obvious!!!

God's Word fits together PERFECTLY, to those who sit at His feet and learn from Him.

Quote:

-----i think the defilement of the marriage bed has to do with the physical adultery which we are to also refrain from.

Ironman, God said the marriage bed is NOT defiled. God created women to be the Glory of the Man. Woman was taken from the man's rib. God blessed marriage and sexual intimacy in marriage...there is nothing defiling about it. A married f

aithful man who had not defiled his own marriage bed IS NOT A VIRGIN anyway.

Love in Christ
Katy-did ;-)

Re:, on: 2007/7/28 9:32

LET'S STUDY *FIRST FRUITS*

Romans 8:23

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the FIRSTFRUITS of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Romans 16:5

Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaphroditus, who is the FIRSTFRUITS of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept.

1 Corinthians 15:23

But every man in his own order: Christ the FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1 Corinthians 16:15

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the FIRSTFRUITS of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

Revelation 14:4

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By Prof.M.M.Ninan

YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the FIRST FRUITS of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before YHWH, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it" Leviticus 23:9-11.

This regulation for the FIRST FRUITS are common for all types of harvest. However the First Day (Sunday) following the Pesach was a special day when the FIRST FRUITS of Barley was presented in the temple. When the barley is ready to be reaped which fell during this period, one sheaf from the standing harvest is cut with a sickle and is brought to the priest. The priest was then to take this sheaf and wave it before the Lord in the Temple. This was to be done "the day after the sabbath." i.e on the Sunday following the Passover. Among the Malankara Syrian Christians, the sheaf is tied in a bundle and is hung in front of the granary. Prescribed offerings and sacrifices were also to be presented along with the sheaf. The Hebrew word for "sheaf" is omer. An omer is defined as "a measure of dry things, containing a tenth part of an ephah." The definition of an omer being a tenth part of an ephah is found in Exodus 16:36. An ephah contains 10 omers of grain. Thus along with the sheaf one omer full of the grain was also presented at the temple.

All FIRST FRUITS are Holy

The Children of Israel clearly understood the meaning of this feast and that which were the FIRST FRUITS of their labour. It spoke of the FIRST FRUITS of the harvest and of the firstborn of both man and beast. The FIRST FRUITS were considered the choicest. The FIRST FRUITS were holy unto the Lord. The firstborn of both man and beast were sanctified and presented to the Lord (Exodus 13:2 ;11-13, 22:29). Thus all the firstborn were to be dedicated to the Lord. They were to be the Priests. (These were redeemed by delegating the priesthood to Levites) . Even today in every Christian family, the eldest son was to become an evangelist. The FIRST FRUITS of the earth were to be presented to the Lord in praise a

and thanksgiving. At times they were also presented to the priests and the Levites (Lev. 19:23-25. Neh 10:34-39). All the FIRST FRUITS belonged to God for they were holy.

This feast always occurred on the 1st day of the week i.e. on Sunday. The feast portrays evidently the resurrection of Jesus. FIRST FRUITS prophetically speaks of the resurrection of the Jesus from the dead. He rose again defeating death on the first day of the week. That "one sheaf" represented the whole harvest. It was the prelude and the guarantee of a plentiful harvest to follow.

The Seventeenth of Nisan

The theme of the festival of FIRST FRUITS is resurrection and salvation. There are several important events that happened on this day in the Bible.

On this day Noah's ark rests on Mount Ararat (Gen. 8:4). It was the beginning of the new man giving man another chance with a clean slate.

Joseph in a dream saw eleven sheaves bow down before his sheaf. The interpretation is clear, as it showed that his eleven brothers would bow down before him (Genesis 37:5-11). Joseph is a type of suffering servant, the Messiah. Like Joseph, Jesus was rejected by his brothers and was later brought to glory because he maintained a righteous life. The Jews were indeed expecting a messiah Mesia-Ben-Yusuf (son of Joseph) Just as the sheaf of Joseph stood up and all the eleven bowed down before it, the first fruit Jesus is glorified

Israel crosses the Red Sea (Ex. 3:18; 5:3; 14). This day Israel received a new chance to live a free life.

Israel eats the FIRST FRUITS of the Promised Land (Joshua 5:10-12). The manna that God gave from Heaven during the days in the wilderness ceased on the sixteenth day of Nisan after the people ate of the corn of the land. The day following was the seventeenth of Nisan, the day when the children of Israel ate the FIRST FRUITS of the Promised Land. Manna was the food for the journey, but on entering the Promised Land the temporary food stopped and the permanent residence and provisions take effect for all believers. Again this was a new start in a new land with all the privileges thereof.

In Psalm 126, which is a Song of the degrees we see the significance more clearly. Song of degrees are songs sung as the FIRST FRUITS were carried to the temple - as the believers went up the steps of the temple one by one carrying the first fruits. This is a prophetic Psalm. "A song of ascents. When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev. Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him"

In His first advent, Jesus went forth weeping bearing precious seed on the streets of Jerusalem. At the Second Coming, He will come with rejoicing at the time of the great harvest, bringing His sheaves with Him. He will then take up His seat on the throne of Israel.

It also speaks of the final harvest when the elect will be taken to His presence Mathew 13 :37-43 describes it: "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. ... The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ... Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Haman was defeated on this day (Esther 3:1-6). A decree was sent out on the thirteenth of (On the day when the Passover lamb was to be killed) that all the Jews would be killed (Es, 3:12). Upon hearing this news, Esther (who is a type of Jesus) proclaims a three-day fast, which would be Nisan 14-16 (Esther 4:16). On the sixteenth of Nisan, Esther risked her life when she came to King Ahasuerus thereby saved the elect. This was on the sixteenth day of Nisan. On the seventeenth of Nisan Haman was hanged.

Jesus is the firstborn of Mary (Matthew 1:23-25).

Jesus is the first-begotten of God the Father (Hebrews 1:6).

Jesus is the firstborn of every creature (Colossians 1:15).

Jesus is the first-begotten from the dead (Revelation 1:5).

Jesus is the firstborn of many brethren (Romans 8:29).

Jesus is the FIRST FRUITS of the resurrected ones (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Jesus is the beginning of the creation of God (Revelation 3:14).

Jesus is the preeminent One (Colossians 1:18).

Jesus is indeed the Most Holy One of God and is sanctified by the Father.

Jesus is the first, the choicest, the preeminent One. He is both the firstborn of God and the FIRST FRUITS unto God.

Jesus is the sheaf of the first fruits.

On that day Jesus resurrected from the dead and went up to His Father and presented himself as the first fruit of all New Creation Man (John 12:24; 1 Cor 15:16-20). He told Mary not to hang on to him because he has to present himself before the Father first before declaring the harvest season open.

Jesus celebrated the festival of FIRST FRUITS by offering Himself as the FIRST FRUITS of all generations of believers (Mat. 27:52-53).

"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the FIRST FRUITS of those who have fallen asleep" 1Cor 15:20 . This feast also represents the resurrection of the believer. "But now is risen from the dead, and has become the FIRST FRUITS of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: the FIRST FRUITS, afterward those who are the \hat{A} 's at His coming" 1Corinthians 15:20-23.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/28 18:24

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

Quote:
-----STRONGS Woman....Women all #1135. Now think about it...all it would take is ONE (1) woman, not several WOMEN (if you prefer the plural), to lose one's virginity. Also, scripture teaches scripture, and nowhere does God use or say men are virgins. All scripture will have 2 or 3 to be a witness to or back up. If you can't find it, then wait until the Lord reveals the scripture. When WE try to force what isn't there we get way off course .

oh ok so it is the same word used for woman and women is it? i didn't know that thanks sis. i went and looked up what other alternate meanings/applications there are for that word and the list is quite interesting...that word "gune" is used for:

a woman of any age, whether a virgin, or married, or a widow.

a wife
of a betrothed woman

so this makes this verse quite interesting. to me if we look at it in terms of the physical, only a man could fit this role. sure one only needs one woman to lose his virginity but one could do so with many also. Sure nowhere else are men called virgins but unless (well physically anyway) the word is talking about women defiling themselves with women (which is plausible also) to me this speaks about men. i don't believe i am forcing anything here, just taking the word at face value because i have no reason to take it any other way because our Lord hasn't given me much reason to as yet. i will say though that this back and forth with you has opened up some things which i would not have otherwise seen.

Quote:
-----Also the "Woman" who rides the Beast...That "woman" Jezebel, are all the same Greek word gune. We just need to put on the mind of Christ, and He will enlighten.

i agree with this that there is a spiritual component to this but i am wondering if there is not also a physical one also. If the word gune has been used for wife, widow and so on could it be that there is an element of defilement in that? now i am not saying that the marriage bed is defiled at all in the sense which immediately comes to mind. The marriage bed is undefiled except there is infidelity and we know infidelity need not be physical but can even be in the heart. i think though defilement here could be that when one gets married, there are sometimes instances wherein one is divided on whom to serve, God or wife. i say this because i myself am married and there have been occasions where i feel led to pray but then my wife is in need of something and i must do one or the other. Marriage is an interesting thing. i find though that the closer God draws me to Him, the more understanding my wife is of the things which God would have me do sometimes. then also the defilement could mean illicit sexual interaction with women in a literal sense...i guess this could be men and women after all in this group... :-) anyhow defilement also speaks of sin as well as sex too so there is an interesting dynamic here. i am seeing more and more than i could have without this discussion...this is cool...

Quote:
-----Ironman, God said the marriage bed is NOT defiled. God created women to be the Glory of the Man. Woman was taken from the man's rib. God blessed marriage and sexual intimacy in marriage...there is nothing defiling about it.

which is exactly what i said initially that defiling the marriage bed has to do with adultery. being intimate in marriage is a blessed thing though that can end up being an idol itself and could defile it...

Quote:
-----A married faithful man who had not defiled his own marriage bed IS NOT A VIRGIN anyway.

oh snap...after all that i have discovered something key...with a daughter and a son on the way, i guess i'm not going to be counted with this crew... :-P He who finds a wife does find a good thing.

Grace and PEace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/7/29 9:27

Quote:
-----oh snap...after all that i have discovered something key...with a daughter and a son on the way, i guess i'm not going to be counted with this crew... He who finds a wife does find a good thing.

Ironman, TOOOO funny!

Here are some other interesting verses about Woman, Women.
The Woman in Genesis 3:15 is Israel, the Woman in Revelation 12 is Israel. However the Catholic Church wants to apply

y that to Mary ...*literally*, and it produces more problems than you think. Because of their translation we have Mary as co-redemptress, Mary, Mother of God, Mary who they say IS the ark of the Covenant, and more that will cause you to slap your knee and bang your head on your keyboard.

Clue..Women don't have "seed" they have eggs!!! Go figure, but in the OT Israel is the Wife of God. Her seed, Israel, is the seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah to David...the seed of David, which came through Mary, Mary being herself a seed of the Line of Judah and the house of David, but the SEED is Christ, and the *HER* in Genesis 3:15 is Israel.

Also in Revelations 12, Mary is not the mother of the 12 tribes of Israel, or the Mother of the 12 Apostles. The Sun, moon and 12 stars refer to Joseph's dream in Genesis. See how all scripture fits together, and how scripture teaches scripture?

So even with the word Woman, Women etc, we need to be very careful how we divide those truths.

Love in Christ
Katy-did ;-)

PS: I need to add this. Because the Catholic Church believes Mary to be Genesis 3:15 and Rev 12, and because Mary is now an ICON with many false religions, Even Islam believes in Mary, and the moon under her feet (the Moon is an ICON for the Islam faith....you see it on top of all their churches,) as well as Fatima being Mohammad's daughters name, you have "our Lady of Fatima, of which the Pope when leaning over to kiss this statue missed a bullet, saving his life, ...sometime within this time period makes a secret Covenant with Arafat during the year 2000.

That is on line in many links to read as well as the Catholic Archives.....

Just a little heads up. You can find all these facts on line, in papers and in the Catholic News and archives.

God Bless!

Women... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/29 14:03

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

Quote:

-----The Woman in Genesis 3:15 is Israel,

i don't think that necessarily this is limited to Israel. The pronouncement seems to speak of a beef between men and the devil which began after that point even before Israel existed. We know the devil hated men before men even knew of him. Adam and Eve didn't know about Lucifer but after he duped them, you best believe they were hot...the enmity i believe began with Eve's own children and came through the generations and culminated on the Cross. so we could say also in a sense Mary is the woman in Gen 3 since her Son is the one who embodied in the Ultimate sense what God said about her seed crushing the head of the serpent.

Quote:

-----the Woman in Revelation 12 is Israel

indeed this is the case, that woman is Israel but also in a real sense Mary because she gave birth (physically) to Christ. There seems to me to be a duality going on here in scripture, a spiritual and physical manifestation. So the woman is both Israel, as evidenced by the 12 stars and sun and moon and all and how that is explained by the interpretation of the dream of Joseph. The woman is also Mary in a very real sense. and no i am not taking the catholic stance on this of mary

being a co-redemptress, that idea is of the devil. So many times i find though that there is this duality and we tend to take one over the other as opposed to both and receive the fullness of what God is communicating to us...no wonder sometimes we are starved spiritually...i also see in here where catholicism has some Truths in it which we would benefit from if we examined them through the lense of scripture as opposed to the bias we have against catholicism. i am not saying we are to embrace this false faith but that if we are honest, we will find some thing in ourselves or our own profession of the Faith which are not substantiated by scripture (as in Catholicism) which we too need to repent of.

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-----However the Catholic Church wants to apply that to Mary ...*literally*, and it produces more problems than you think. Because of their translation we have Mary as co-redemptress, Mary, Mother of God, Mary who they say IS the ark of the Covenant, and more that will cause you to slap your knee and bang your head on your keyboard.

well it produces problems in as much as we stray from Holy Spirit's instruction and the rest of the word. i have no problem with Mary being this woman in the vision because she is clearly. However in men wanting to enslave others (which is a tool of satan) the scriptures can and have been twisted to that end. There are similar instances in protestantism also. Even the whole issue of she being the ark of the covenant says to me that men have strayed from Holy Spirit's Instruction and Illumination of the word. We would do well to be wary ourselves of this when we go after things which have been said or written by others without pressing into God for Him to Minister to us. i used to want to take the jawbone of an ass and go Samson on people but our Lord showed me that He was MErciful to me and so He has me pray for my brethren more and more. Sometimes it is necessary to use said weapon but i find it is much less than i thought...

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true women have eggs...where is that in the bible though? i think seed is speaking of offspring as it is used of women. so then we can say that the offspring of Eve through Seth and that line to Abraham, to Isaac and Jacob is ISrael. The enmity began right when God said it did. It is manifest in how our service to God does hurt the enemy in a very real sense because it reminds him that his plan of causing grief to God through enslaving us has been undone. We crush his head, he bruises our heel by causing us to stumble from time to time in that. This applies to all the children which came from Eve through the lines and generations. And then that also culminated on the Cross when Christ did crush the enemy's head and His own heel was bruised in that He suffered death. i am a bit of, well i am a mystic so tend to be shown things in great detail and this causes me to read things carefully...this may get me in trouble now and again...anyhow if the serpent's head is crushed and the heel is bruised, who do you think won that encounter? Whose wound will heal faster?

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very true sis. indeed scripture teaches scripture and so we see that the manchild who is birthed rules the nation with a Rod of Iron (this is Jesus) and in a real sense, Mary gave birth to Him also. it's not one or the other view it is both because scripture supports both. Now obviously we can see where the woman applies to Mary specifically and ISrael specifically because of the stars and all but there is no denying that it is both views since scripture supports both and when we view them together in Light of HOLY SPIrit, we see the full picture.

Quote:
-----So even with the word Woman, Women etc, we need to be very careful how we divide those truths.

indeed but we need also to be careful so as to not divide them unto alienating these Truths from one another and taking

one over the other. i have found this on the issue of predestination and free will, it is not one or the other but both are on e in concert to the Eternal Purpose's Fulfilment.

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and this is because of men straying from Holy Spirit as it pertains to interpreting scripture. The thing to consider is that th ere is a Truth there which has been perverted by the enemy. The enemy can't invent anything or create anything, every l ie he has ever told, or false believe has been a perversion of a Truth of God and if we press into GOd, He will peel away the layers of lies and reveal the Truth on which the lie has been based.

this is why i can never get tired of the word, there is so much to consider and so many things at work. The bible being of God is Infinite and Inexhaustable. The Jews say that there are at least 360 ways to interpret each verse in the bible...no w how many verses is that? this is why i guess often times i see more than 1 application to a scripture...man 2 ways i se e to intepret this verse...at least 358 left to go...:-P

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' NAME. AMEN.

p.s. in case i didn't say it before, i don't believe Mary is a co-redemptress in any wise, there is but one Redeemer and th at is Jesus.

Re: Women..., on: 2007/7/29 17:54

Quote:
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Remember

Romans 16:20
And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Don't forget, everything in it's order.
Read:

1 Corinthians 15
23But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

*****25For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

*****26The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

*****27For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Genesis 3:15 has much more to comeÂ.....and Mary and the Catholic Church have nothing to do with it.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Revelation 22:16

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Hummmmmm, ever wonder why He didn't say MARY? Ans; Because God knows Beginning from the End, and leaves no holes to be filled by the imagination of men.

God Bless 8-)

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/29 23:36

sis K-D

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like i said earlier which i reiterate Genesis 3:15 is not limited to Israel but the context seems to me to include Mary since she is the one who gave birth to Christ in a real sense. The same applies to the woman in the Revelation also, she is Israel clearly but she is Mary also. Now i don't believe Mary is a co-redemptress because that is not the testimony of scripture. the crushing of the head is not a one time thing because the enmity between Satan and men is not a one time thing but is something which was from Adam and Eve and continues to this day. The context is much broader than the end of the Millennial reign. it spans all of time from Adam, to the Crucifixion and even to the end of the Millennial Reign.

Quote:
-----And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

ok, this verse speaks to me of the outworking of the crushing of the enemy's head by the death on the Cross in their lives. that is the breaking of bonds in their lives which is part of an even bigger context of that matter. This crushing of the enemy's head is no small matter that it can be relegated to being an event which happens at one point because it clearly spans the period between when God spoke it and what happens after the Millennium. all of it is a consequence of the slaying of Christ from before the setting of the foundations of the world.

even the ruling of Christ until all the enemies are put under His feet speaks to me of a process by which this is achieved over a period, well at least the manifestation of it anyway because Christ was victorious from His slaying at the foundations of the world. indeed everything is in order but let us remember that the scriptures from God's Perspective read very differently because for God what we perceive to be past present and future are all before Him simultaneously and so to see from that perspective is unlike anything we can imagine. This is how i am learning to read the word and it makes so much sense

uch more sense now. i see more clearly the timelessness of the word because what is spoken of and written in the word is written for the Eternal Context.

Quote:

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i agree and it began with Eve and goes on till death is cast into the lake of fire and Mary's role is carrying our Lord, giving birth to Him and caring for him as she was called to do.

Quote:

-----Hummmmmm, ever wonder why He didn't say MARY? Ans; Because God knows Beginning from the End, and leaves no holes to be filled by the imagination of men.

what does Mary have to do with that? :-? why would Christ have to say Mary as it pertained to the scripture you quoted? God leaves room for us to grow in the Knowledge and Wisdom of His word, if we stray from Him then we fill it with vain imaginings.

again i am learning that scripture being of God is Inexhaustable and Infinite and so for every verse we must consider the Eternal Context which means that there is always Infinitely more to grasp from the word than what we already know. as i said, one of the Jewish traditions is that each verse has 360 ways to interpret it which to me speaks of multiple contexts supporting the idea of the Eternal Context. this is why with scripture it's often not an issue of "either this or that" but is often both points and then some. This is why when i read the Revelation i can see a literal unfolding of events in the spirit realm as God showed it to John and also a corresponding event in the natural realm. i think we believe we have fully grasped something in the word, like Paul said then we don't know squat...

1 corinthians 8 says:

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

What happens when we think we have it down is that we shut our hearts out to further Revelation from God concerning a topic. i bless God for His Grace which has brought me past that narrow-mindedness such that i can get a better and better view of Him and the Scriptures and indeed all things. How open are you?

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

P.S. it is just me or is it way cool that Jesus in Rev 22:16 says He is the Root and Offspring of David? i mean He is the beginning of David and the end of Him at once....can you get your head around that? His victory over the enemy is Eternal, without beginning as we know it and likewise no end...wow...aint God Good?

Re:, on: 2007/7/31 10:55

Who is the woman of Genesis 3:15?

The catholic church argues that the "woman" of Genesis 3:15 is referring to Mary. This is often linked to the Woman of Revelation 12 being a reference to Mary. As shown in the article on The Woman of Revelation 12, that link is not valid, because the woman is not Mary. It is also said that, since Christ was the "seed" of Mary, then Genesis 3:15 has to be a reference to Mary. In this article I would like to look at the woman and the seed in Genesis chapter 3 to show that this is not consistent with Scripture as a whole and is therefore not a true interpretation.

I will begin by quoting Genesis 3 in its proper context, since the standard catholic argument uses a very limited portion of the passage and does not include the full context.

Genesis 2:15-3:20 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And

the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

God placed the newly created man, Adam, in the Garden to tend it. God looked on the man and said that it was not good that the man should be alone so, after creating the animals and not finding a suitable partner, He made a "helper" for the man. When Adam named her, he said, "she shall be called Woman". At this point the designation woman was a title of sorts, a way of identifying the person. Adam did not say, "she is a woman". He said, "she shall be called Woman", not what she was, but who she was. This single woman is called only "woman" in Genesis 2:22-23; 3:2; 3:4; 3:6; 3:12-13; and 3:15-16. She is identified as Adam's wife in Genesis 2:25; 3:8; 3:17; and 3:20. Adam is identified as the husband of the woman in Genesis 3:8. The woman never receives a name, Eve, until Genesis 3:20. The evidence is sufficiently interconnected and related. It is massively inconsistent to promote the woman of Genesis 3:15 as Mary when every other facet of the passage has been shown to use the word woman in reference to Eve, Adam's wife, created as a "helper" for him. Catholicism will tell you that when Christ called Mary "woman" in John 2:4 that He was creating a connection between Mary and the woman of Genesis 3:15. As we can see, Eve is only called woman in the entire passage surrounding Genesis 3:15 because she did not have a name yet. In addition, Christ called four other females "woman" in the Gospels and no attempt at linking them to Mary is ever made. They are The Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:21, The Canaanite woman with a possessed daughter in Matthew 15:28, The crippled woman of Luke 13:12, and the woman caught in the act of adultery of John 8:10. Woman was actually a term of endearment in the first century, and, as shown, Christ did not use it exclusively of Mary. The catholic attempt to build a marianistic belief on this word "woman" is very weak and inconsistent.

It is also argued that since the seed mentioned in Genesis 3:15 is speaking of the Messiah that the woman must be Mary. This is not the correlation intended by the Scripture. As is the standard I consistently adhere to, we might go to the Scripture to determine the intent of the reference to seed.

Genesis 9:9-12 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters

of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

The seed spoken of are the descendants of Noah. But not just immediate descendants but, as evidenced by v.11-12, to every descendant of Noah for perpetual generations. The use of the term seed does not necessarily intimate a one generation span in the relationship of the ascendant and descendant members referred to. One of my favorite Christian authors, Henry Drummond (whose material is largely out of print now) makes a comment about the sadness of observing a Christian pirouette through life on a single verse, so let's see what else Scripture has to say about seed.

Genesis 13:15-16 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Here we see God making a promise to Abram and his seed. Once again, it is not the immediate offspring of Abraham, but his descendants forever. Other references to Abram/Abraham's future seed can be found in Genesis 15:3, 15:5, 15:13, 15:18, 16:10, 17:7-10, 17:12, 21:12, 22:17-18, and 24:7. In Genesis 17:19 the Scripture speaks of Isaac's seed. Significantly, God clarifies the covenant as applying to Abraham's seed through Isaac, the son of the promise. There are many, many other verses that provide further proof of the point I make here...that The use of the term seed does not necessarily intimate a one generation span in the relationship of the ascendant and descendant members referred to. I would like to continue along the path of this investigation of the term "seed" in the Scriptures by focusing on the seed of Abraham and some New Testament material that refers to it. Speaking of Christ, the author of Hebrews states...

Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Paul also speaks most decisively concerning the seed of Abraham...

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Here we see the Scripture referring to Christ as the seed of Abraham. Christ was no more directly the seed of Abraham than He was the seed of Eve, but He is called such. The parent/child relationship is not a requirement for use of the term "seed" in Scripture. To draw the conclusion that the only consistent interpretation of woman/seed in Genesis 3:15 is Mary/Jesus is to impose an artificial restriction on Scripture. Just because Christ is the seed, it is no more necessary for the woman of Genesis 3:15 to be Mary than it is for Abraham to be Jesus' father. A consistent exegesis of Scripture clearly shows that just because the Messiah was born of Mary it is not indicative that He was the seed of Genesis 3:15.

To conclude, Genesis 3:15 is a prophecy of the Messiah. Catholicism makes a number of convoluted and inconsistent attempts to turn the verse into a prophecy of Mary, but on closer examination those attempts fall apart and can not be supported using the word of God as a standard.

By John DeVito

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/31 12:13

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Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

as i have said before, i don't agree with the Catholic stance of Mary being a co-redemptress but by His Grace i see a much wider context for Gen 3:15 and the woman in the Revelation and it seems God has yet to quicken you to that. Christ is the Seed of the woman, Eve and all those women in that whole line which ends with Mary.so the woman is not either Israel or Mary but both, the context is much broader than you have been enabled to see as yet. He is also the Seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all the way the line through David and Joseph in that this is his human lineage which makes him the Son of man. Now He said of Himself before Abraham was, I Am, He said also that He is the Root and Shoot (offspring of David) that is AWESOME! Christ is not just the Seed, He Himself is the Root of the plant from which comes the Seed, the Alpha and Omega indeed...

Grace and PEace be ours in Jesus' Name.AMEN.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/31 16:29

There is a seed of the woman, that is Christ the man. There is a Seed of God the Father, that is God the Son, Jesus Christ. One is earthly, One is Heavenly. The earthly died on the Cross, the Heavenly was made to be birthed in the believer. That is the Seed Peter speaks about being born again of Incorruptable Seed sealed in the believer by the Holy Spirit. Just like the Father's Seed in the seed of Mary by the Overpowering of the Holy Spirit. We are no longer of this earth. We are already seated in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus the Seed of The Father in us and us in the heavenlies. That same Seed that was with the Father before the foundation of the World that is the Christ, The Only Begotten of the Father, that Christ now begotten in us.

I did not have to give My Father permission to give me birth, that was His will and His pleasure. Praise God. Thank you Father for giving me new birth, that I might be a son of God. No wonder no one understood this except Paul. Peter never speaks of the Cross in Acts. It took association with Paul for even Peter to come to the knowledge of the Seed, Incorruptable in him. Then even the Peter at the Last said, that "things that Paul said are hard to understand."

2 Peter 3:11-18 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

We know these things, let us put them in their proper place and grow in that knowledge that "Christ in you is the Hope of Glory", a whole complete new person a new creature, that is a son of God a direct offspring of God the Father, as Christ the only begotten.

My new creature brethren, let us seek to know Him and fellowship in His suffering and baptism and being of One Spirit and Mind let us go on into Him. Living son's of God destined for the Father's house. Let us learn His House by His Son's leadership and preparation as all Rockefellers are under tutors and governors before they receive their inheritances, 21,000,000 dollars and the rule of the House and participation in the Father's work.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/31 16:35

Ironman, I have been quickened to the Truth, and had hoped to share this truth with you. As I have declared before, Mary being the Woman in Genesis and Revelation is a Catholic belief. We, and many do believe that the apostate Catholic Church will be very much a part of the Harlot..who rides the beast. Even among Catholics many believe this,so I'm not calling names. This Marion worship will be a major part of it, unless you are a part of the promotion of the Marion Worship, which I don't believe you are, but just don't know the implications of what you are saying...or are not saying...just to get along.???? It is my prayer that the Lord will Quicken you to these truths, as He has so many others.

Please read with prayerful consideration.

Love in Christ

Katy-did

Who is the woman of Revelation 12?

This part of this article will address the following ideas as applied to the woman of Revelation 12. The crown of twelve stars, sun, and moon; and the flight into the wilderness.

The first Scriptural reference I will cite is one referring to Jacob's son Joseph.

Genesis 37:9-10 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

I have read an article that argues against the clear Scriptural connection with the strong imagery of Israel in the following quote from *Is Mary My Mother?* by Stephano Manelli (henceforth referred to as "the article")...

Of great importance, in particular, is the description of the exterior feature of the "woman", rich in a symbolism quite unusual. Clothed with the sun, Mary was really flooded by divine grace that consecrated her immaculate from conception and transformed her into the Mother of God. The moon under her feet signifies that all things created and passing - symbolized by the moon, which appears and disappears - are under the feet of the Queen of the universe. On her head a crown of twelve stars is the symbol of Mary's reign over the angels (stars), the Chosen People (the twelve tribes), over the Church (the twelve apostles).

I ask, what does being clothed with the sun mean? In the text of the article, the author cited engages in massive exegetical fraud by reading the "immaculate conception" into the passage. Far from an interpretation backed by any supportable Scriptural evidence, the author's rabid marianistic tendencies cause him to link a false doctrine to a passage that doesn't even imply or make allusion to his pet theory. But what do we see concerning the sun in Scripture? In Genesis 1 the first light created was the Glory of God. It was not the sun as some erroneously believe. The Light was created, then a firmament was created over the earth. The sun was created in the firmament to give us light. In the end, Revelation 21 and 22, the firmament will be rolled back and man will have direct contact with the light of God (see Isaiah 60:19). There will be no need for the sun. But for us now, the bright and penetrating light of the sun is used as a literary device that symbolizes the glory. For the sun to bow to Joseph in Genesis, could mean that Israel (symbolized by the actual Israel (Jacob) in Genesis) had to humble themselves (one in glory who had received the promises of God), bowing down to be saved by the one they had cast out. It is just as we have to humble ourselves to the One we have cast out, Jesus Christ. To be clothed in the sun is to be covered in the glory of God, which the faithful remnant of Israel is.

I will admit to some bewilderment as to the symbolism of the moon. What is clear is that the Scriptures do not support the symbolism that article attributes to it. Something I do see in the symbolism of the moon here is that the cycles of the moon are closely tied to certain requirements of the law, specifically requirements regarding sin offerings (see Ezekiel 45-46). The strongest sense concerning the moon underfoot of the woman who delivered the Messiah is that this is symbolic of a victory over the curse of the Law, specifically in that the Messiah provided an atonement that did away with the requirements of the new moon sacrifices. I could be wrong. My uncertainty here has no effect on the fact that the article espouses some really weak theology. My thoughts on the woman being Israel would be supported by the idea that the symbolism represented a Remnant church who was not shackled by the requirements of the Law any longer.

The article says that the twelve stars are representative of Mary's reign over the angels. Scripture says, in 1 Peter 3:22, that the angels are subject to Jesus Christ. The word for subject here means: to subordinate; reflexively, to obey:--be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self unto. That would mean that Christ reigns over the angels (and the "Chosen People" and the apostles), not Mary, and nowhere (outside of Manelli's marian hysteria) is Mary attributed power over angels. His questionable interpretation of stars is, thankfully, addressed by Scripture so we can put this foolish misinterpretation to rest. Throughout Scripture, stars are used to symbolically indicate the seed of Abraham, the faithful remnant of Israel, and Christians (who are all the same entity) in numerous places: Genesis 15:5, Genesis 22:17, Genesis 26:4, Exodus 32:13, Deuteronomy 1:10, Deuteronomy 10:22, 1 Chronicles 27:23, Nehemiah 9:23, Psalm 147:4, and Hebrews 11:12. In Zechariah 9:16 the prophet says that the Remnant of Israel will be as the stones of a crown. Coupled with the fact that the stars of Genesis 37 were indisputably representative of the roots of Israel in the sons of Jacob, the imagery is too strong to refute.

I would also like to address the idea of the woman fleeing into the wilderness. The article correctly states that Mary did flee into Egypt to protect the baby Jesus from Herod's murderous rampage against the infants of Jerusalem. The article also correctly states that Jesus had been born and was Resurrected prior to the writing of Revelation. The problem comes in that the article uses this fact to exclude the idea that the flight of the woman into the wilderness could have been a later event. In an attempt to seal this conclusion, the article says that people who say the flight was a later event contradict themselves and that the Egyptian flight of Christ and His family is a direct parallel to the flight of the woman of Revelation 12. I submit that it is the article that is being inconsistent. The woman gives birth. The man-child is caught up to God (the Resurrection). Then the woman flees. Whoa! Wait a minute. Did anybody catch that? Then the woman fled. After the

Resurrection. Suddenly the event of flight is no longer a parallel to Mary fleeing into Egypt since Mary fled to Egypt with Jesus and Joseph 30+ years before the Resurrection and the Revelation flight of the woman occurs after the Resurrection. Other future events in the passage, such as the Battle with Michael and the dragon and the Great Tribulation, give credence to the fact that the passage is a mixture of past and future events. I need say nothing more. The article is wrong...there is nothing in Mary's life that corresponds to the order of events in Revelation 12. The alleged parallel has been shown to be quite perpendicular.

Thus, the sun, moon, and stars is a valid symbol of Israel and the flight into the wilderness is not paralleled by Matthew 2.

I would like to address the ideas expressed in the article that say that because the woman bears a son indicates that she is Mary and the false notion that Scripture does not support any reference to Israel as a woman. I will start with the following three quotes from the article.

Thus, the main feature of the woman in Revelation 12, giving birth to the Messiah, has no relevance to Israel, and its feature as 'woman' is nowhere to be found in the New or Old Testament.

A look at the Scriptures, both New and Old Testament will not find a single reference to Israel either being a 'woman', or giving birth to the Messiah.

There is no indication in Scripture anywhere that the Nation Israel gives birth to the Son who is the messiah, the central identification of Revelation 12.

The article insists on the simplistic interpretation that "woman with man-child" = "Mary". This is the result of an indolent and myopic perusal of Scripture. With a little more effort it becomes clear that such a careless examination of Scripture creates the danger of poor theology. The quotes from the author need to be addressed, as they attempt to prove that the woman of Revelation 12 cannot be Israel based on the fact that the woman bears a son, and by stating that the Scriptures do not support the reference to Israel as a woman. I will demonstrate that A) Israel is referred to as a woman in Scripture, B) The Messiah came from Israel, and C) Scripture indicates that Israel would "raise up" (or "give birth to") the Messiah.

These quotes, that Israel is not referred to as a woman or as giving birth to the Messiah anywhere in the Scriptures, show only that Manelli has not read the Scriptures. The following Scriptures clear the ignorance of this imagery.

Isaiah 13:6-8 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Here, as Isaiah speaks of the Babylonian captivity, Israel, (who is clearly the "they" in this passage) is described metaphorically as a "woman in travail".

Isaiah 54:1-8 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Here Isaiah, clearly addressing Israel, calls Israel "barren" and says that they have not "travailed with child";. This is understood as saying that the promised Messiah had not yet come forth from them. He is reassuring them that, though He had not come, He will. He assures Israel that the LORD has called them, again metaphorically referring to Israel as "a woman".

Isaiah 66:7-14 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

emies.

This passage, again, is referring to Israel as the woman who travailed with child, and, in fact, with a man child. Furthermore, Jerusalem, the seat of Israel, is referred to as a "her". Make note that the reader is called to rejoice with Jerusalem when they see the consolation of Jerusalem. In Luke 2:25 Simeon was described as waiting for the consolation of Israel, and that consolation is identified as Christ. Israel (specifically Jerusalem, which can be seen as the faithful remnant) is not only referred to as a woman, but as a woman delivered of a man-child. In the following passage, Christ makes a similar statement concerning His disciples who for all intents and purposes are the faithful remnant...

John 16:19-21 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

I also make note that the passage from Isaiah states that Zion has brought forth her "children" in the plural. The article attempts to say that Mary is the mother of all believers, but the "children" of Zion are the faithful remnant. So really, Zion (Israel) is the mother from which we believers are born.

But returning to Christ's words, Israel also wept and lamented, and their sorrow was turned into joy. Here Christ Himself, not speaking of the "woman in travail" as His own mother, compares His followers, who are actually the faithful remnant of Israel, to a "woman in travail" as He tells them of the sorrow they will experience as a result of His crucifixion. But as they remember Christ and realize His blessings, they will experience joy, as a woman delivered of a man-child. Just as Jerusalem rejoices in the previously cited passage from Isaiah, Christ draws the parallel to the rejoicing of His disciples. Jesus made the connection between the "woman in travail", His faithful followers (the remnant), and Himself (the "man-child"), and He did not bring Mary as an individual into the picture at all. Some may say that since she was counted a believer that she would be included and therefore mentioned, at least by implication, but this is very weak and circumstantial. Certainly not something to build a theological foundation upon.

Jeremiah speaks of a virgin, but he is not speaking of a literal woman, but instead is speaking of the young and old men of Israel, dancing with joy. In fact, the virgin imagery is used many, many times throughout Scripture to refer to the remnant of Israel, and is used to refer to the Christian church.

Jeremiah 31:1-14 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

We have already seen that Israel (specifically the remnant of Israel) is referred to in Scripture as a "her". The nation of Israel can also be referred to in the masculine gender, and in the passage from Jeremiah 31, cited above, Israel and the remnant are referred to in both genders. The LORD says that He will build again the virgin of Israel, who shall plant crops and shall cry out to the LORD to save His people, the remnant of Israel. He will gather them from the lands in which they have been scattered and the virgin (who is referred to as a "their" and is the remnant of Israel, both young men and old together) will rejoice and dance because of the deliverance of the LORD.

Interestingly, hearkening back to part two where I address the idea of the flight into the wilderness, Jeremiah speaks of those who escaped the sword and found grace in the wilderness where God caused Israel to rest. He positively identifies those of whom he speaks as Israel. God is referred to as He that scattered Israel. This is what Revelation is speaking of when it refers to the woman's flight into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God.

Jeremiah 14:15-19 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them

not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not. Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

The people to whom the prophets prophecy are Israel. Great trouble is prophesied to come upon them. God says that He will cry for the "virgin daughter" of His people who were broken with a grievous blow. Since the passage prophesies that at Israel is who will be punished for their wickedness (broken), the virgin daughter is the faithful remnant of Israel, and God is grieving because they are caught up in the punishment of the nation. As further evidence that it is the remnant being spoken of, the passage ends with a lament concerning the perceived rejection of Judah and loathing of Zion.

Jeremiah 18:11-13 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

God says to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem (another way of indicating the Remnant of Israel) through the prophet Jeremiah that they have done evil. In relation to this (evidenced by the linking word translated as "therefore") he says that the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. Beside the fact that God is speaking of current events and Mary's dad wasn't a twinkle in her yet non-existent grand-daddy's eye, would God ever say that Mary had done a very horrible thing? Even a filthy heretic protestant like myself would not make that accusation. I won't defend the immaculate conception, but I do not attribute "horrible" things to her. I suppose a catholic would die of a massive coronary if Scripture were to say that Mary had done something "very horrible". We will both agree that the virgin in this passage does not refer to Mary. The virgin is the remnant of Israel who had then begun to stray.

Lamentations 1:15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.

Once again, the people of Israel, specifically the remnant (referred to as the virgin and the daughter of Judah) is referred to in the sense of a woman. I hope that the readers are seeing that the author of the article has made an ignorant statement concerning Scripture that he was not at all qualified to make, that statement being that the nation of Israel was never referred to as a woman in all of Scripture. Not only has Israel been referred to as a woman, but as a woman who bore a man-child. But so as not to be incomplete with Scripture I will forge ahead on this tack.

Lamentations 2:5-17 The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast. The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD. The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom. What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee? Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment. All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth? All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

Following this passage, the LORD took vengeance upon Israel, He disciplined them for their folly. Israel is referred to as "daughter of Judah", "daughter of Zion", "virgin daughter of Zion", and speaks of Israel as "her".

Amos 5:1-3 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

The prophet Amos also uses the term "virgin" to refer to the remnant of Israel.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Even the NT Apostle Paul, speaking to the church at Corinth, speaks of Christians as a "chaste virgin".

Now it is necessary to show that the Scripture does, in fact, indicate that the Messiah would come out of Israel. I will only cite a few verses, as they will be more than sufficient to make the point. We are painting the overwhelming picture of the woman in Revelation 12 in order to identify her by attempting to remain consistent with the rest of the witness of Scripture.

Genesis 22:15-18 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

This prophecy concerning the Messiah clearly indicates that the Messiah would be the descendant of Abraham (additionally through the son of promise, Isaac). Early on in Scripture the arrow points down the path of Israel (even before the nation existed) as being the source of the Messiah. The promise was repeated in Genesis 26:3ff and Genesis 28:13ff. Interestingly, in Genesis 28 the promise was repeated by God to Jacob, a.k.a Israel, the father of the patriarchs of the twelve tribes. In case this Scripture isn't sufficient on its own, I'll gladly continue. The Scripture I will finish this section with will utterly destroy the notion that God's word says nothing about the Messiah coming from Israel.

Acts 2:29-30 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

God's word also says that Christ, the Messiah, came from the fruit of David's loins. Can't get much more Jewish than that. If that isn't being from Israel, I would love to see someone explain what nation the Messiah is from. If that is not good enough, I'll cut to the chase and cite my closing Scripture of this section.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Moses, speaking to Israel says not once but twice that the Prophet (who we know from Acts 3:22-26 to be the Messiah) would be raised up from the midst of them, one of their Israelite brethren. Scripture certainly does support the idea that the Messiah was raised up from the nation of Israel ("raised up" being a common term for "birth", as in the Levitical law that a man "raise up" children for a deceased brother).

In closing, the travail of the people of Israel all throughout the Old Testament was part of the coming of (or of their "giving birth" to) the Messiah. Interestingly, it parallels the imagery of the travail of a woman in Revelation 12 in bringing the Messiah into the world.

Revelation 1:1 states:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Reading on, we can understand the purpose as being to show (and thereby encourage) Christ's heavily persecuted servants what would come to pass concerning God's plan and His victory over Satan on behalf of His people.

Revelation 12, continuing this theme, shows God fulfilling His promise to bring the Messiah out of Israel, resulting ultimately in the defeat of Satan and the Messiah taking His place as the One who would reign forever as the descendant King promised to David. It is all about what God has done and will do through His people and for His people. The idea that the woman is Israel is both entirely consistent with the rest of Scripture and it enjoys extensive precedent throughout.

By - John DeVito

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/7/31 19:56

Quote:

Katy-did wrote:

We, and many do believe that the apostate Catholic Church will be very much a part of the Harlot..who rides the beast.

The Harlot is unrepentant Israel.

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (Ref. Rev 12:3, Rev 13:1)

Who was last seen in the wilderness?

Rev 12:6,14

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (Ref Exo 28:5-9 and 39:1-29 Jer 4:30-31, 1Thes 2:15.

Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Ref. Isa 1:21

Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (Ref Mat 23:34-37, Luk 11:47-51, Act 7:58-60.

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. ref:Eze 16:37-41

Rev 18:2 And he cried in a strong, great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! It has fallen, and it has become a dwelling-place of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Ref. Mat 12:43-45

Rev 18:8 Because of this, in one day her plagues shall come: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for the Lord God judging her is strong. Ref. Amos 9:9

Rev 18:16 and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city having been clothed in linen and purple and scarlet, and having been gilded and decked with gold and precious stone, and pearls! (Ref Exo 28:8-9, Jer 4:30-31

Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all the ones having been slain on the earth. (Ref Mat 23:34-37

Re:, on: 2007/7/31 21:09

I will throw my two bits in this and see where this goes.

Of course most of you know that I hold a preterist view point, meaning that everything that pertaineth the Revelations and all the prophecies are fulfilled. (blah blah blah, right?) :-P

The 144,000 is the Remnant that was being saved in the first century.

And logic you are correct in saying that unbelieving Israel is the harlot that rides the beast, Rome of the past.

i saw your point - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/1 2:04

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

Quote:
-----Ironman, I have been quickened to the Truth, and had hoped to share this truth with you. As I have declared before, Mary being the Woman in Genesis and Revelation is a Catholic belief. We, and many do believe that the apostate Catholic Church will be very much a part of the Harlot..who rides the beast. Even among Catholics many believe this,so I'm not calling names. This Marion worship will be a major part of it, unless you are a part of the promotion of the Marion Worship, which I don't believe you are, but just don't know the implications of what you are saying...or are not saying...just to get along.???? It is my prayer that the Lord will Quicken you to these truths, as He has so many others.

sis, i see your point, i saw your point, God showed me through people on these boards and beyond that the woman of Rev 12 is Israel. The woman has a crown of 12 stars which are the 12 tribes, she is clothed with the sun, the sun in Joseph's dream was Jacob, the moon is at her feet and this moon is the mother of Joseph.

i say again, i believe that the woman in Genesis whose seed will bruise the enemy is Eve, that is the immediate context because she was the only woman on earth at the time God said this. However there is a broader context which includes Mary in a very real sense since Christ is her child in that she gave Him birth. We can't ignore that. i say again also **that i do NOT in any way shape or form worship Mary nor support such** i was saved out of Catholicism. However it was where i first heard of our Lord and even some of what i learned there about God remains with me because after years of pressing into God He has verified those things to which i still hold to be True. i am not arguing that the woman in Rev 12 isn't Israel, i agree totally, but there is a broader context to which you have yet to be quickened and that's cool. sure the catholic church is the harlot riding on the beast, however, it is not solely Catholicism which has killed prophets and saints, but other religions also. Catholicism has most likely killed many more than the others though giving it a prominent place in terms of apostasy.

again, no i do not promote Marion worship nor have i said what i have to try and "get along" with anyone. i assure you God in His Mercy has given me great Zeal for Him such that i am Jealous over Him and the Faith to contend for it as He gives me Grace. Dear sister, the enemy doesn't invent anything new, he simply perverts the Truth. That Catholics believe Mary is the woman in Gen 3 and Rev 1 says that there is a Truth there. However, Catholics have been fooled by the enemy into believing that Mary is now a co-redemptress or queen of heaven (there is no such thing in scripture) based on that, which is a gross perversion of the Original Truth. i do not ascribe to the Catholic view of this at all. Mary is not a co-redemptress nor is she queen of heaven, nor do i worship her nor condone such worship. If they don't repent of the idea that Mary is to be worshipped or given more reverence than she ought to be, their blood be on their heads. May God have Mercy and loose those bonds and may God Damn that heresy and he who spawned it.AMEN.

sis K-D, i see your point and there is Truth there. however i have been quickened to a much broader context of those scriptures; not just those ones but scripture in general. God is Infinite, better yet, He is Infinity, His word is Infinite and like Him too is Infinity. We can't comprehend the scope of the Context of scripture any more fully than we can comprehend Him fully. Doesn't the word say His ways are higher than our own ways or that His Wisdom is Manifold? Doesn't Paul extol God's Greatness by saying "oh the depth of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God, who has been His counselor? When Job thought he had figured out, how many of the 80 or so questions God asked him could he answer?

sis i don't claim to have the whole Truth, i know who does though and the Truth is far beyond the scope of what we can perceive...by His Grace i have enough understanding of that to be open to Him showing me the 360 ways each verse could be rendered. This is how the word remains timeless, the context is Eternal. i believe that there is far more to Gen 3:15 and Rev 12 and those women than we can deduce on this side...thank God we have Eternity to dig into these Mysteries! i'm off to delve into them...coming?

Quote:
-----Of great importance, in particular, is the description of the exterior feature of the "woman", rich in a symbolism quite unusual. Clothed with the sun, Mary was really flooded by divine grace that consecrated her immaculate from conception and transformed her into the Mother of God. The moon under her feet signifies that all things created and passing - symbolized by the moon, which appears and disappears - are under the feet of

he Queen of the universe. On her head a crown of twelve stars is the symbol of Mary's reign over the angels (stars), the Chosen People (the twelve tribes), over the Church (the twelve apostles).

the matter of Mary being queen of the universe and the idea of her ruling in this manner...Satanic heresy, the perversion of the Truth that Israel is depicted here as being the mother (i guess) of the Messiah and Mary being His mother in that she carried Him to term and gave birth to Him and raised Him. it's not that the woman is Either Israel or Mary only, the woman is both of them.

Quote:
-----The article insists on the simplistic interpretation that "woman with man-child" = "Mary". This is the result of an indolent and myopic perusal of Scripture. With a little more effort it becomes clear that such a careless examination of Scripture creates the danger of poor theology.

Well lest we ourselves be deceived, we had better not be indolent and myopic ourselves in studying the word of God. The interpretation is simple enough. Israel as brother DeVito pointed out is called a woman many times over in the word so the woman is Israel. however more specifically in Israel there was one woman who carried the Messiah and that was Mary. We can't ignore that or exclude it because Catholicism has perverted this. Instead we must put this Truth into its proper Perspective.

Once more sister, I receive what you are saying and have received it with gladness. I hope you can see that there is a broader context to scripture than you or I perceive which needs our consideration.

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Unrepentant Israel the Harlot? - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/1 2:32

bro Logic

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

Quote:
-----The Harlot is unrepentant Israel.

I don't think so and I believe the scriptures testify against what you have stated here.

Quote:
-----Who was last seen in the wilderness?

indeed Israel fled into the wilderness, but to a place prepared for her of God where she would be nourished for 3.5 yrs. She arrived at that place and was fed for that period and tended to giving her no time to come out of hiding and play the harlot.

Quote:
-----13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

ok now we see the woman escapes the dragon and she is nourished for the remainder of the tribulation away from the serpent meaning she had no further contact with him let alone going about riding on the beast's back.

Quote:

-----15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. 18

now this woman can't be unrepentant because if we examine her seed, we see that they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Christ which means she must keep those same commandments and testimony of Christ, nobody can do that except God gives Grace.

Quote:

-----Who was last seen in the wilderness?

bro, sure the woman clothed in the sun was last seen in the wilderness but i think it is a great stretch, a very dangerous one to say that the woman who just gave birth to the Messiah and is fleeing for her life becomes the harlot...especially after being persecuted so much she needed to great wings to escape...

in Rev 17 the harlot who "sits over many waters" is clearly Rome. sitting over many waters refers to ruling over many people and tribes. There are more people influenced by Catholicism than there are Judaism. Catholicism had had far more dealings with the kings of the earth than Judaism. The woman sits on this beast which has 7 heads which are 7 hills, Jerusalem (if we assume this harlot to be Israel) doesn't sit on 7 hills, but Rome does so whoever this harlot is, she is closely tied into Rome...Israel and Rome, or Jews and Catholics have a rather long standing beef, the inquisition...of course you know also that during this period, many Christians were martyred because they would not ally themselves with Rome hence this harlot is drunk with the blood of the saints of Jesus.

i believe in this matter dear brother Logic that you are in error. The testimony of scripture seems to refute your position and gives credence to another view altogether. Israel can't be the harlot, she has given birth to the Messiah and been persecuted and escaped that and was hidden in a place prepared for her to hide and be nourished. a place so secure that the enemy had to go and persecute her seed because he couldn't get to her. Also the fact that her seed keeps the commandments and testifies to Christ says that she does also.

then again maybe it is i who is in error if so may our Lord correct me because He knows i'm not trying to be lost like that. ..Also if it is you in error, i pray he straighten you out also because Lord knows i don't want you to be deceived in this matter, or any other.

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

to bro Compliments - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/1 2:46

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

Quote:

-----Of course most of you know that I hold a preterist view point, meaning that everything that pertaineth the Revelations and all the prophecies are fulfilled. (blah blah blah, right?)

you know bro, you have some idea of what is going on in terms of the fulfillment of things but you don't see it seems that there is a broader context here. There seems to me to be in the word scriptures which speak of the future which are fulfilled partially and later fulfilled in full and the Revelation is like that to a degree. some things have yet to be fulfilled such as Christ ruling from Jerusalem from the throne of His father David. When did that happen. even His return in the clouds which was said to be such that all men will see Him, when in history has there ever been such an event. i think a part of

that mentality may have to do with our desire to escape or not think about or otherwise deal with the reality of the coming tribulation. We jump through all manner of hoops and make up shaky theologies to make it so the tribulation doesn't happen while we are here be it pre-trib rapture or preterism. This sort of thinking will leave us as sitting ducks when things hit the fan and the drama jumps off.

Quote:

-----And logic you are correct in saying that unbelieving Israel is the harlot that rides the beast, Rome of the past.

bro Compliments are you sure of this? Israel being the harlot which rides on the beast of Rome? Was Rome not the overlord of Israel for many many yrs? did Rome not sack Jerusalem in 70 AD and burn the temple leaving a bitterness in the mouth of the Jew such that there could never be a cozy relationship of the kind we see between the beast and the harlot? When was Israel ever so close to Rome? i would like to know because it seems to me Rome persecuted Israel terribly and such persecution fostered a deep hatred for Rome which could not have espoused Israel sitting on the beast of Rome. besides there are some other attributes which simply don't fit Israel. The harlot made kings drunk with her wine, she had influence with the men of the earth, Judasim hasn't enjoyed such influence...Rome and catholicism have though...

anyhow i could be wrong and if i am, may God straighten me out. if it is you, then God straighten you out.

Grace and PEace be ours in Jesus' Name.AMEN.

Re: Another WOMAN!!!, on: 2007/8/2 9:12

Revelation 17:4-6

4And the woman was arrayed in PURPLE and SCARLET colour, and decked with GOLD and precious stones and pearls, having a GOLDen cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Nothing so describes the Catholic Church as this. When looking at the OT and the Priests attire, you see what? Can you tell what is missing? Ans: the BLUE. BLUE represents HEAVENLY, which is the CHURCH. We, the Body of Christ, Predestined to be conformed to His Image have a Heavenly Calling. We have ONE HEAD, Jesus Christ, Who is Head of the Church, not the POPE or the Catholic Church. Yet we know the Catholic Church has murdered more Christians and Jews over the centuries...why, because the Catholic Church felt/feels THEY were/are the HEAD, and Not Christ. And we know the story now of all the filth and fornication of that earthly imposter, not story after story after story. And not only so, someone is parading around as the VICAR of Christ.WOOH!

VICAR:

1: one serving as a substitute or agent

There is no such thing as a substitute of Jesus Christ... and the Body of Christ holds to the *Head of Christ ONLY*, not to the head of any earthly self proclaimed Vicar.

And NO JEW, even apostate Israel has ever made such a claim of themselves.

But Apostate Christianity has, and this is what the Pope claims for himself.....the VICAR of Christ..

Jesus Christ needs NO VICAR.

Therefore, Israel IS NOT the Harlot, but Apostate Christianity, riding on the backs of political powers, called Dominion Theology, Reconstruction, Replacement Theology, that all began with the Catholic Church, and now has incorporated so much more believing we are to tame the world **forcing** righteousness upon it before Jesus Christ can come. Has this not

ot always been the reason behind inquisitions??? Oh Yes indeed!!!

Jesus's Church, His Body, those justified by faith who have been baptized into His Body by the Holy Spirit have been (AS WE SPEAK) translated out of this world into the Kingdom of His Dear Son. We will return with Jesus Christ to reign and rule with him when He takes the Throne of David, fulfilling those promises to Earthly Israel.

In the OT, Everything in the Tabernacle was a picture of Jesus Christ, made with hands, and made after a pattern God gave to Moses...

Hebrews 8:5

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Hebrews 9:23

It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

*****First the pattern, then came the Real...Jesus Christ, who was the Better Sacrifice.
Here is the pattern:

Exodus 25:4

And BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

Exodus 26:1

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

Exodus 26:31

And thou shalt make a vail of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

Exodus 26:36

And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

Exodus 27:16

And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

Exodus 28:5

And they shall take GOLD, and BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine linen.

Exodus 28:6

And they shall make the ephod of GOLD, of BLUE, and of PURPLE, of SCARLET, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

Exodus 28:8

And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of GOLD, of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen.

Exodus 28:15

And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of GOLD, of BLUE, and of PURPLE, and of SCARLET, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

Exodus 28:33

And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of BLUE, and of PURPLE, and of SCARLET, round about the hem thereof; and bells of GOLD between them round about:

Exodus 35:6

And BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine linen, and goats' hair.

Exodus 35:23

And every man, with whom was found BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

Exodus 35:25

And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of BLUE, and of PURPLE, and of SCARLET, and of fine linen.

Exodus 35:35

Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in BLUE, and in PURPLE, in SCARLET, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Exodus 36:8

And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

Exodus 36:35

And he made a vail of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.

Exodus 36:37

And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen, of needlework;

Exodus 38:18

And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

Exodus 39:1

And of the BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:2

And he made the ephod of GOLD, BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen.

Exodus 39:3

And they did beat the GOLD into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the BLUE, and in the PURPLE, and in the SCARLET, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

Exodus 39:5

And the curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of GOLD, BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:8

And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of GOLD, BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and fine twined linen.

Exodus 39:24

And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, and twined linen.

Exodus 39:29

And a girdle of fine twined linen, and BLUE, and PURPLE, and SCARLET, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

PS: So many going Home to Rome today without realizing what the final end of that will be...

Re: Unrepentant Israel the Harlot? - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/2 10:35

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indeed Israel fled into the wilderness, but to a place prepared for her of God where she would be nourished for 3.5 yrs.
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and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

ok now we see the woman escapes the dragon and she is nourished for the remainder of the yribulation away from the serpent meaning she had no fu
rther contact with him let alone going about riding on the beast's back.

Rev 12:6 & Rev 12:14 are the same instance, only difrent given as a marker of events.

Rev 12:1-6 are one event and Rev 12:7-14 are one event inside verse 5.

Notice the word "they" in verse 6?

The word "they" is fefering to the Nations in verse 5 that Jesus was to rule with a rod of iron.

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16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the
dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimo
ny of Jesus Christ. 18

now this woman can't be unrepentant because if we examine her seed, we see that they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of C
hrist which means she must keep those same commandments and testimony of Christ, nobody can do that except God gives Grace.

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Interpret the Bible with the Bible, and you will see that unrepentant Israel is always called a harlot.

Read Hosea.

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in Rev 17 the harlot who "sits over many waters" is clearly Rome.
Sitting over many waters refers to ruling over many people and tribes.

There are more people influenced by Catholicism than there are Judaism.

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The woman sits on this beast which has 7 heads which are 7 hills, Jerusalem (if we assume this harlot to be Israel) doesn't sit on 7 hills, but Rome does so whoever this harlot is, she is closely tied into Rome

If you want to make the Mt.s literal Mt.s Consider that Rome is not the only city that has 7 Mt.s Many cities have Mt.s
Rev 17:9 And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits.
Note: There are really only a few choices that the seven mountains could be Babylon, Rome, or Jerusalem. I'd like to suggest that it Jerusalem If you want to make the Mt.s literal Mt.s

The Seven Mountains are:

- 1) Scopus
- 2) Nob
- 3) "Mount of Corruption" or "Mount of Offence"
- 4) True Mount Zion, the Southeast hill
- 5) Ophel Mount
- 6) Fort Antonia
- 7) the Southwest hill or "old Mount Zion"

Or these:

- 1.) Mount Gared
- 2.) Mount Goath
- 3.) Mount Acra
- 4.) Mount Bezetha
- 5.) Mount Moriah
- 6.) Mount Ophel
- 7.) Mount Zion

mountains, however, are Kingdoms as Babylon is in this verse and God's Kingdoms is in the one after it.

Jer 51:25 Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, says the LORD, who destroy all the earth: and I will stretch out my hand upon you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Re:, on: 2007/8/2 12:09

The CHURCH would never sing the SONG OF MOSES..... do you know that song? Pharaoh/Egypt/world/earthly dominion and power!!!

Revelation 15:3

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Romans 11:25-27

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Apostate Christianity....the anti-christ movement would LOVE for you to believe Israel is the Harlot. Take heed my friends who you join yourselves with in these last days.

And there arose in Egypt a King who knew not Joseph!!!!!! Gentile arrogance.

Yet when Joseph was sold into Egypt, a type of Christ, rejected of his brothers, was blessed, because he did not bow to the Egyptian gods, even at point of death. Egypt on the otherhand honored Joseph's God, and that brought blessings to Egypt, and in doing so brought blessings to Israel..... they looked upon him whom they *pierced*(thought they had killed. ..sold into slavery).

Yes, Romans 11 and the story of Joseph have a parallel, ...Gentiles are blessed through the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob....

But as we see again(history repeats itself....there arose a King in Egypt...anti-christ..who knew not the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Gentile arrogance, Gentile Religions) who will and have to this day persecuted God's chosen people, thinking God has done away with Israelread and weep!!!!!!

Romans 11: 28As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes.

29For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Love in Christ
Katy-did ;-)

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ah yes Israel is oft called a harlot because of her idolatry and spiritual infidelity...now if God calls Israel a harlot for this, what shall he call the Church which does these same things? a harlot? Now Paul says he wants to present the church at Corinth as a chaste virgin to Christ so they should hold fast to the Faith...what would the opposite of that be but a harlot? while it may not be expressed explicitly, the idea of spiritual infidelity as it pertains to the church=harlotry just as it does with Israel.

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i beg to differ bro Logic. Yes Rome isn't married to anyone but one need not be married to be a harlot. i fear this escapist mentality of rapture before purification has warped many a saint's view of not only Eschatology, the Church and Israel, but even God Himself. if the Church was not meant to be here in those days, what need would there be in giving the Revelation since it was FOR the Church? bro Logic, the whore sits on many multitudes and nations and i can tell you, Israel has had no such influence over the world. Rome has by the spread of catholicism and its dealings with kings of nations. this woman is said to rule over the kings of the earth, Rome has such influence. Also the beast makes war with her seed which is yet on earth during this time so i see no rapture if it means escaping the fire of this time. There are saints here yet in Rev 18 being warned to come out of Babylon before the Judgment falls on her. This happens just before Rev 19 in which Jesus Returns...the rapture occurs at this point because the return of Christ is never said to be a secret but rather an event that all men shall see and Christ Himself never said He would come secretly for the Church and then again later. To say that Paul suggested such i believe is a gross misinterpretation of scripture, a perversion of it from the enemy which will leave many woefully unprepared for the period of cleansing which we must first pass through to be proven to be Right before God.

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Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

matt 17: 20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

in Rev 8:8 a mountain is something else (perhaps a comet...a big one)

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

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anyhow bro, may God straighten us both out where we are wrong that His Name may be Glorified forever.AMEN.

i will say though that your view of unrepentant Israel being the harlot has some truth to it. That being those Jews which are unsaved will be one with those people who are unsaved, Catholic, protestant, hindu, muslim and all the other religions under the ecumenical umbrella fostered by Rome. i had not considered this but i bless God for what He said through you to bring that to light.

Grace and PEace be ours in Jesus' Name.AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/8/2 14:16

Logic,

We do know Isaiah 14 has not yet come to pass, but it will. Verse 7 clarifies that. Also the STARS also refer to Israel. Seems to me that Mystery Babylon here is the Mother of Harlots. Babylon is not the Jews, but rather Gentile world power, Gentile arrogance.

Isaiah 14

1For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

(This will happen ONLY during the 1000 Year Kingdom Reign of Jesus Christ)

8Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

18All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

20Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

21Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

29Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

32What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Love in Christ
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Christinity is the consumation if Judaism.

Israel is still unrepentant waiting for their Masiah.

They reject Christ, they are still the harlot.

Are they being faithful to God now? Then what do you suppose God will calol them.

However, God still bleeses Israel, favores them, defends them, and will never forget them.

The Trib is so that they will repent.

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Go back to Hosea;
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It's not about influence.
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It is about going along with them or taking rest with them.

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If a woman is symbolic and the heads are symbolic, then the Mountains are too.
Why keep the woman symbolic if the mountain becomes literal?

Re:, on: 2007/8/2 16:47

James 4:4
Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Revelation 2:22
Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Who is God talking to? Adultery with Who? Certainly not Israel. Â....But idolatry.
Rev 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
Now read about the TALE OF TWO CITIESÂ... THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PRIDE....

Revelation 18: 7How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Ezekiel 28

1The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God

8Therefore 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.

Isaiah 23:15

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

Who and what does TYRE represent?

Tyre is an ancient Phoenician city and the legendary birthplace of Europa and Elissa (Dido). Today it is the fourth largest city in Lebanon and houses one of the nation's major ports known locally in French as SoÅ»r. Tyre is a popular destination for tourists. The city has many ancient sites, including its Roman Hippodrome which was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1979 (Resolution 459).

The name Phoenician is of Greek origin. The Greek ethnonym Phoinikes is attested since Homer, and as early as Linear B po-ni-ki-jo, ultimately borrowed from Ancient Egyptian Fnkw "Syrian people". It became connected with φοῖνιξ phoÃ©nix "purple" (cf. also Phoenix): cloth dyed with Haustellum brandaris was a typically Phoenician product. Latin Poenicus, later Punicus "Punian" is derived from the Greek term. The term is an exonym, and the self-designation of Phoenicians was divided by cities: a native of Sidon would call himself "Sidonian", a native of Carthage a "Carthaginian" etc., and collectively bani kan'an "Children of Canaan,".

The following were among the deities(gods) in the Phoenician or Canaanite pantheon.

Â•Adon(is), handsome young god

Â•Anath, goddess of Love and war, the maiden

Â•Asherah or Baalat Gubl, goddess of Byblos

Â•Astarte (or Ashtarte), queen of Heaven

Â•Baal, El, Ruler of the Universe, son of Dagan, rider of the clouds, Almighty, Lord of the Earth

Â•Baal-Hammon, god of fertility and renewer of all energies in the Phoenician colonies of the Western Mediterranean

Â•Baal-Sidon, this could just mean 'god of Sidon', also possible is that it was a deification of a patriarch

Â•Dagon, god of crop fertility.

Â•Eshmun or Baalat Asclepius, god of healing

Â•Kathirat, goddesses of marriage and pregnancy

Â•Kothar, Hasis, the skilled, god of craftsmanship

Â•Melqart, king of the underworld and cycle of vegetation

Â•Mot, god of death and of the underworld.

Â•Resheph, god of illnesses and plagues.

Â•Shamash, god of the Sun

Â•Shahar, god of dawn

Â•Shalim, god of dusk

Â•Shapash, sun goddess

Â•Tanit, chief goddess of Carthage

Â•Yamm, god of the sea, judge of the dead.

Â•Yarikh, moon god

Much like ancient Rome and all their false gods...or Modern Romanism, only changing clothing, but still keeping their same gods, just calling them saints, or the virgin Goddess of Heaven.

Diana also a virgin goddess!

Just like TYRE:

9And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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The TALE OF TWO CITIES. Where do you live? Earthly worldly, Gentile World Power, or Heavenly!

And what about the faithful Remnant of Israel....will they put their trust and faith in Gentile world power...not according to Revelation 15....they sang the song of Moses and overcame the beast.

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praise God for what you said here coz it put things into perspective and i see more clearly where you are coming from now. in my previous post i began to see a bit about how unrepentant Israel would be part of this false world religion. Now that i see the comparison with the priestly garments of old, i see more clearly. thanks bro.

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i was not talking solely of physical progeny but rather Spiritual progeny. John called the church in his epistles "little children" but this was not a reference to him being their physical father but spiritual father. Paul spoke of being a spiritual father also. the progeny here that i was talking about is Spiritual. so to put it into perspective, the spiritual progeny of this woman Israel, keeps the commands of Christ so she must also because to be born into that Spirit requires that whoever is birthing is also in that Spirit.This is the perspective in which i was speaking about a cow giving birth to a lion. an unsaved man can't save an unsaved man. if one doesn't have Salvation, he can't give it. Furthermore Israel is indeed at present playing the harlot but so are we in many regards so we too need to repent so i would not be so quick to place the Church in heaven during the trib in the way you are speaking.

Quote:
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we don't? dear brother if you can say to anyone, or profess before God that you have no idols or other sin which has yet to be purged from you then praise God for the Consummation of the work of Perfecting you in Jesus! i have yet much to repent of, some things i am unaware of as yet. Do you yet have sin you are guilty of which you must repent of or have you repented of all and no longer commit them? the Church has placed idols all over the place and worships them. don't tell me the true Church isn't guilty of such because that is a lie. We ought NOT be guilty of them indeed but there is something hindering the Full Manifestation on this side of what happened when we received Holy Spirit and were Saved. We have

ve yet to see that purging take Full Effect in our lives in our thoughts, intents, attitudes, words and deeds. if your brother is backslidden, we have a responsibility to restore that brother or else the whole body will be affected. This is the Nature of our Bond, that we are One and so if one suffers, we all do, Christianity is not an individualistic faith because what happens to one brother affects others. We are Perfected in Christ, our inner man is Renewed but there must be evidence of it in our lives and in many respects this is lacking so we too need fire to be brought to repentance which is why i believe we will be here during the Trib. After all who will tend to her with the message of the gospel if the Church is gone? YEs t here is the 144000, but the Church at some point must move Israel to Jealousy not by being whisked away in rapture but by Demonstrating the Faith to ISrael, that is the only thing which can do this.

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Rahab was a harlot, and she was a gentile...mmm. could it be that perhaps from the Gentile church there could come some one who will make up the harlot? Israel i also called a virgin mind you so she is not a harlot all the time and i believe in Rev 12 she is chaste in that she faithfully does as God requires, giving birth to His Son.

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oh but it is bro, how can 2 people walk together if they don't agree?

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to walk in the counsel of the ungodly is to be influenced by them. to sit in the seat of the scornful would be to be influenced by them and also to influence them. Birds of a feather flock together right? to go along with such is to also push them along.

Quote:

-----2 different names each.

thanks bro.

Quote:

-----If a woman is symbolic and the heads are symbolic, then the Mounts are too.
Why keep the woman symbolic if the mount becomes literal?

who's keeping the woman symbolic? :-? i said the woman is Israel, not that she is a symbol for her. There is a duality here which God has quickened me to which seems to be going over people's heads for the most part...it makes for a lonely road so i pray God quicken more of us to this coz this can get hard...JOhn described what he was in the spirit, so he literally did see this woman and these things so it is literal in that sense. Some of the manifestations of these literal spiritual things may not necessarily be the same in the physical but they have an equivalent which we will see. We may not see a beast coming out of the sea...but i would not be surprised if God switched it on us and we saw this literally happen

pen in the physical...what would we say then? :-P "oh snap!...hey is that the beast in Revelation...whoa...i need to call so meone..."

bro Logic, you are as your name says, logical. like Spock almost...in some areas this restrict the moves of God in one's life as we are closed thinking that God would not do such coz it doesn't make sense. as God has been dealing with me, i have found that the scriptures have a far much broader context than we perceive. in fact the Context of scripture is Eternal because God is Eternal. if you think of a diamond and how it is cut and has all these facets, looking at it from a different angle allows us to see a different color of light being shone...even from the same facet. so it is with scripture. in this discourse i have seen that the harlot on the beast is not just Rome, but includes apostate Israel and other religions also apart from Christianity in it's True Sense. it was the same scripture, same harlot but God showed me more about it through you.

The revelation is an interesting book and we tend to read it as linear and it is to a degree. We must remember that God sees past present and future all at the same time. if we look at the Revelation (and indeed the whole bible) in this light, it makes sense. paul says we are seated in Heavenly places, NOW. the Revelation tells us Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world and our names were written in that Book of the Lamb at that point so our Salvation itself is at that point ...yet we must live and step into it on earth...but all the while our names have been written in heaven already so we are there...then Paul says we are there now, and we wait to go there still when all is done...wow. the word says of Christ, or should i say, He says of Himself He is Alpha and Omega and also He who Was, Is, and Is to come...being associated with Him, we too were (saved from the foundations of the world at his slaying), are (stepping into Salvation on earth and then being counted as being in Heavenly places already) and are to come, (waiting for His return to take us to Heaven) there is the multitude which couldn't be numbered which John saw and these are those who washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb...This is every last saint yet the trib is going on and there are yet people being saved...see how it is? The whole number of saints is complete in Heaven and yet there are some to be saved during the trib...read young's literal translation and try and keep up with the tenses...God sometimes says something as future, past, or present and by reading that translation, i got a glimpse of God's Omnipresence in time...that was a blessed thing...oh wait, it is a blessed thing and will yet be a blessed thing!

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus Name.AMEN.

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Paul said:

1 Corinthians 2:5

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God!!

When God parted the Red Sea, was it explained by Logic? Can we reason it? Or rather as many do reason it away?

What is the Lord doing with His Church TODAY, in this PRESENT TIME?

What did Paul say about himself IN THIS PRESENT TIME, the beginning of the Church age?..... 2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

What did Peter say about himself IN THIS PRESENT TIME, the beginning of the Church age?... 1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

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What is happening IN THIS PRESENT TIME?

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the SUFFERINGS ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME**** are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.)

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as the SUFFERINGS of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

2 Corinthians 1:6

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same SUFFERINGS which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

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And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the SUFFERINGS, so shall ye be also of the consolation. ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his SUFFERINGS, being made conformable unto his death; ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

Colossians 1:24

Who now rejoice in my SUFFERINGS for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:) ****OF THIS PRESENT TIME****

Hebrews 2:10

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through SUFFERINGS.

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the SUFFERINGS of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 4:13

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's SUFFERINGS; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

1 Peter 5:1

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the SUFFERINGS of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have TRIBULATION: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Acts 14:22

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much TRIBULATION enter into the kingdom of God. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in TRIBULATIONS also: knowing that TRIBULATION worketh patience; **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall TRIBULATION, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in TRIBULATION; continuing instant in prayer; **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

2 Corinthians 1:4

Who comforteth us in all our TRIBULATION, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

2 Corinthians 7:4

Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our TRIBULATION. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Ephesians 3:13

Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my TRIBULATIONS for you, which is your glory. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

1 Thessalonians 3:4

For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer TRIBULATION; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

OF THIS PRESENT TIME

2 Thessalonians 1:4

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and TRIBULATIONS that ye endure: **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

Revelation 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. **OF THIS PRESENT TIME**

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Love in Christ Jesus

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Therefore all that is left after God takes for His own, He punishes with His wrath.

NOT WAITING... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/3 21:03

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let it be clear that i'm not waiting for that time to come to be purified. Sis that was not my intention to imply such. However i meant that i would much rather endure the trib and be purged completely if that was what God required of me. as it stands i am being purged daily, i am not waiting. Jesus can't come now because there are yet some thing which must take place as outlined in the Revelation, the gospels and in other places in the N.T. our Lord showed me my death and it is somewhere in the trib, not entirely sure where. sis i think you read things in my post which were not there, where did i say anything which looks like this?

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i was spelling out my preference, or desire. i am aiming to be as much like Christ as possible and the personal cost is of

no consequence. if it means the trib, then it's the trib. to be sure however, God has a way of preserving His people through trials, Daniel in babylon, Elijah at Cherith, James, Peter, Paul etc. to me God's Grace is sufficient at all times, if the Church is here through the trib, God will not pour out his Judgments on her, now the enemy and his minions may retaliate and persecute us, in fact the word does say that he shall make war against us and prevail, but just like God gave Grace to Polycarp who as an old man was told to reject Christ or be cast to the lions and he was torn to pieces, so shall He pour out Grace on those who must endure such. it seems to me the Church suffered much at its inception, how much more then shall we suffer at the end of the Church Age? or do we not trust God to give us Grace to endure suffering should He determine this is our lot?

Quote:

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oh no, God forbid! i strive today for that which i desire most, to be like Christ!

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Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/3 22:18

bro Logic

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Quote:

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but bro Logic, it is only for a season that Israel plays the harlot. In the end, all of Israel will be saved, all Israel being all those God has Elected of His own Good Pleasure to Salvation. This Harlot here remains a harlot and is Judged accordingly while Israel is Saved. This makes it seem to me that this harlot is not solely Israel unregenerate, it seems to me that this includes all the other false faiths out there because she sits over a sea of people, nations, tongues and so on. This is to rule over them or have influence over them and so i believe the harlot is the coming religious order which does include a postate Israel, those apostate Christians who are of the great falling away, Muslims, Buddhists, taoists etc.

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praise God he is saved! as for the daughter she is now a hellion, but if she was saved then she remains saved. it is not uncommon for saints to backslide to be sure, it ought not to be because we have Christ, yet in spite of ourselves, God's plan marches on...we backslide sometimes terribly but the mark of one who is saved is that at some point, that one comes Home like the prodigal son. now she is a hellion but wait, she may yet come home running, if she does then we know she is saved (though i believe her to be)

Quote:

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ok, you asked where anyone was called a harlot and Rahab was, i didn't know you meant called a harlot as to represent something/one. Now it may not be said explicitly, but Paul implies that we should be wary of becoming harlots ourselves when he told the corinthians (i believe) he wanted to present them as a chaste virgin to Christ. the opposite of Spiritual Virginity is Spiritual Harlotry. so if we ourselves are not careful, we may end up being a harlot like Israel.

but bro to have influence is to agree isn't it? o have some sort of commonality? The harlot has more influence on men and nations because it is not just Israel but it is also the religions of men come together under Catholic Ecumenicalism so that it spans, nations, tongues and so on.

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but they were literal in that Daniel saw them as beasts. not literal in a physical sense but they had a manifestation in the physical realm. in the same way rev 13:1 is literal, that is John saw this beast literally but it represented some earthly kingdom.

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irrational as you understand it? whose standard of irrationality are you using? Paul says God is irrational according to the understanding of man. men will not understand why God would save men by requiring His Son to die sins which are not His. That makes no sense to me in my natural mind by my natural reasoning or logic...Spiritually though...that's another matter!

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that was good illustration bro, the apostates being grafted together....never thought of it like that.

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/8/4 12:06

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but bro Logic, it is only for a season that Israel plays the harlot. **In the end, all of Israel will be saved**, all Israel being all those God has Elected of His own Good Pleasure to Salvation.

Rom 9:4-6 Who are Israelites; to whom pertains the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

:5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

:6 Not as though the word of God has taken no effect. For they are **not all Israel, who are of Israel:**

Rom 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

:29 But he is a Jew, who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

The Jew, who is one outwardly is the unrepentant Jew. The Jew who is one outwardly is of the true Israel of God along with the Church.

The Great Trib. is the time of Jacobs Trouble, in which God will turn Israel to Himself.

Jer 30:3 For, lo, the days come, says the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, says the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jer 30:7-10 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

:8 For it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck(the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, Babalon.), and will burst your bonds, and strangers shall no more enslave them:

:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

:10 Therefore fear you not, O my servant Jacob, says the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

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There is no other nation in the Bible called harlot.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/4 19:15

How is it that there is no Jew or Gentile in the Body of Christ? You cannot bring back into this Church His Body, the Israel that God has rejected and chosen for an earthly people for Christ's millennial Kingdom when Israel will receive all their covenants and promises of God to them on this earth. Israel is an earthly kingdom, The Body of Christ the Church is a Heavenly Kingdom. You cannot commingle the two or everything gets messed up. Israel is not a birthed kingdom, The Body of Christ is. What is Christ going to build His Church upon. The Rock of Revelation that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. How is this revelation going to be revealed to His Church? Through Paul.

I know this is a lot of scripture, but it gives the whole picture of the Body of Christ His Church, separating Israel from His Heavenly Kingdom where we are seated already. This rightly divides the the Scriptures and separates Israel and their covenants and promises from the Body of Christ His Church's promises.

Colossians 1:9-29 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may

present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

What are we to preach, warning every man, and teaching every man? Paul's Gospel, The birthing of "Christ in you the Hope of Glory." This is the perfection of God for His House, His Children, that is son's of the living God being prepared to live in His house which is heavenly, ruling over the earthly.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: NOT WAITING..., on: 2007/8/5 8:50

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THIS is to the professing Church Today, not to Israel. You see, God would prefer you to be either Hot or Cold, for the Cold has yet to be tried...however the luke warm is just that bla, bla so so head knowledge person who really doesn't stand for anything, or stand up for anything...AND has NOT overcome, nor will he. (Read the end of the Chapter and God clearly clarifies who he is talking to. Why? More than likely he is a double minded man, looking to man for explanations. He is invited to WHAT?

20-21 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

WOW, I think WE should be worried more about this...a charge to the professing Church ***here and now.

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During the Kingdom Reign, those who are earthly who enter in both Jew and Gentile will not be able to say...."I am Crucified with Christ...no longer I but Christ in me"...EXCEPT HIS CHURCH, His Body, now being prepared to reign and rule with Him. We will all ready be in our Glorified Bodies...they won't.

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

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21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

to the Church at... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/5 21:16

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

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indeed, this is one of the Manifold Beauties of Scripture, it's timeless...Whether you see the 7 Churches as being the original ones written to, Church ages or whatever (personally i believe it is both and then some) the letters are to the Church. to be double minded is to believe like you said man's doctrines/explanations and even more than that in that it is believing what the enemy has said also. that could come through a man. an interesting thing to note is that the use of the word "overcome" as being a past tense thing is not complete. in the YLT (young's literal translation) the word is rendered as "overcoming" when it pertains to us. For us the battle continues, when we conquer one thing, there is yet another to be subdued... just a side note here, i read Ezekiel 36-39 using that translation and at first i was confused because the tenses were all over the place, then God hit me with it, it was a most awesome display of God's Omnipresence i'd ever seen. God spoke of things as being done, or waiting to be done, or being done all at once because all things are before Him at once. i was like, "whoa.."

you quoted this scripture:

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Indeed...

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-----WOW, I think WE should be worried more about this...a charge to the professing Church ***here and now.

you best believe it...which is why i can't for the life of me understand how we see a pretrib rapture when the Revelation was written to the Church...if it's in the book, we probably ought to expect to see it, just like the saints of old did.

Quote:
-----The Gold tried in the Fire are those previous scriptures I posted a couple days ago. This is our calling NOW.

AMEN. our Lord is trying us by fire but the heat is about to get turned up...dear sis the trying of our Faith by Adversity is crucial to our development because in that adversity we find out what manner of Christian we are. it's easy to say "oh i'm a good Christian" when all is peachy, but when someone walks up to you and slaps you for no reason...that's when we know what the deal is. i fear that when we go through tribulation and trial we will come up short, especially if we think we will escape persecutions (which i believe are headed our way) like unto and even worse than what was at the first. What would you do when faced with lions? what would i do? i pray God's Grace for us all...

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Christ...no longer I but Christ in me"...EXCEPT HIS CHURCH, His Body, now being prepared to reign and rule with Him. We will all ready be in our Glorified Bodies...they won't.

men will be Saved in that day also, as surely as men will (even though the enemy is chained) choose to rebel, hence Christ rules with an Iron Rod. Those nations which don't pay the necessary Homage will have no rain the word says. Those who rule with Christ are not the whole Church. Rev 20:5 makes that plain. it is the Martyred. i'm not sure if the rest of the Church us also ruled over by Christ and the Martyrs, though i don't believe they will need an Iron Rod to get them to do right! :-P they may be the ones to set the example for the rest of men to follow. i pray God give us more Insight on that matter.AMEN.

Grace and Peace is ours in Jesus.AMEN.

Re: to the Church at..., on: 2007/8/6 6:21

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These are promises to the ChurchÂ...usÂ...

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to *****sit with me in my throne***** (Kingdom Reign) , even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

*****I will be part of the 1st resurrection
, There are only 2, and you sure don't want to be part of the 2nd, that's for sure.*****

2 Timothy 2:12

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

****This is why we are called to the fellowship of His sufferings, as Paul said in Philippians 3...that I may KNOW Him, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death that I may attain to the resurrection....***the first resurrection. Paul is telling us to press on....read the remainder of that chapter....Yes, the WHOLE Church will reign and rule with Christ during the 1000 Year Kingdom Reign. (Those who mind earthly things are enemies of the Cross.....which would mean those pushing dominionism/replacement theology, are actually pulling you away from the Cross and the Purpose and plan of the Church...this is why we are called to OVERCOME the world...as 1 John clearly states what overcoming is)

***** 10That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

11If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after,

*******if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.**

This is what WE are to apprehend...understand...what our calling is NOW.

23But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (The Church)

24Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. (Kingdom Reign)

Revelation 2: Also to the Church

26And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: (Kingdom Reign)

27And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28And I will give him the morning star.

The Church is not ruled, but the Church will reign and rule with Christ. The Kingdom Age will be tough, and very legalistic. You will find the Kingdom Age rules and regulations in the book of Matthew. You see, Matthew is not a Book of Grace, but Law.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Always keep this in mind!!!

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to him that is overcoming... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/6 12:27

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yes indeed, but not every member of the Church. you quoted Rev 3:21:

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yes, to him that is overcoming, but observe how this overcoming is to be:

even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

how was it that Christ overcame? by being slain.now not every Christian has been Martyred nor will be, so not everyone will rule with Him in the 1000 yrs.To Rule with Him is a reward for death for Him. If we read the rewards which are given to the 7 Churches we see that they come after fulfilment of certain requirements.of course one can fulfil all of them and get every reward. Now to your point (i bless God that you posted as you did) there is a death involved in the Faith which is Spiritual, the death of Self and there is a reward for that. Now i believe that this pertains to the period after the 1000 yrs, which is eternity, hence we are kings and priests forever.

Quote:

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there is nothing wrong with being in the second resurrection...well except you're not in the Book of Life.

rev 20 says:

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened

and then:

and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

The Lamb's Book of Life is also opened and so there are some who are written in this Book who stand before the Bema seat. In fact all the saints will receive their reward in full at this time.

Quote:

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True, if we SUFFER, suffering is not a nice thing, i don't know how willing we are to endure what He endured, but i know for sure that we want the reward...

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it is not the whole Church that is Martyred. Rev 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

the thrones are sat upon by those who were BEHEADED for the Witness of Jesus, also those who didn't worship the beast nor take his mark...hey wait a minute...maybe this is a hierarchy of who rules in the Church. think about it, it looks like it could be hierarchical. Martyrs first, those who didn't take the mark nor worship the beast and were alive at his coming. you know that even among the angels there is a hierarchy. also the positions which will be filled by the saints belong to those angels who fell with the enemy. among those angels were cherubs and seraphims and the cherubs are chief among angels. mmm, you are right sis, we all rule with Him, just at different ranks. just like in the armies, there are officers of different ranks which are in charge of numbers of men according to their rank. Now the angels of God were appointed to have dominion over different things and areas, some large, some smaller. this is what God has shown me to be the Beauty and Utility of fellowship, wherein God can minister to us these things through one another and if we are open can come to a greater understanding of the Truth.

thanks be to God for using you to open up the word to me a bit more so my understanding can be increased. i hope that your understanding has also been increased.

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right, you know there is a hierarchy and we will rule (those who are resurrected at this time coz not everyone will be) over whoever is alive and who is born thereafter.

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Re: to him that is overcoming..., on: 2007/8/7 6:24

Quote:

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Ironman, Do you see all the AND's written above.

If God Promised in the 7 letters to the Church a promise to reign and rule with Him, and no mention that one needs to be beheaded to do so, you are reading more into the above than you should be.

So, where exactly do you think the Church is going to be during this time, and isn't Paul a part of the church? Will he be included in the above? What about those who were shot, or maybe like Peter, hung upside down? is he excluded because he wasn't beheaded?

It says those who have part of the 1st resurrection will reign and rule with Christ.

There are only 2 resurrections..and the 2nd is to stand before the Great White Throne Judgement. Christians will not stand there, as we stand at the Judgement seat of Christ. Two entirely different judgements. We will be judging even the angels even ****at that time.

1 Corinthians 6:2-4

2Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

Love in Christ
KATy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/7 9:05

Ironman,

You said:

Added/Edited: **the death of Self and there is a reward for that.**

I believe the reward is eternal life itself, and our identification in death and resurrection life with Jesus Christ. This is what the Gospel is all about....read on!

Quote:

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and there is a reward for that. Now i believe that this pertains to the period after the 1000 yrs, which is eternity, hence we are kings and priests forever.

Ironman,

But what about this verse:

Revelation 5:10

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Now, WHO are the overcomers, and how do we become an overcomer? Does it have something to do with the resurrection? I believe they are all connected.

Romans 6:5

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

*****Revelation 2:11 (Extremely important verse) *****

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rev 20:4-7 must be kept together!

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20: 5 - 7

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

John 5: 28 - 29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 23:6

But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

1 Corinthians 15:12

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Corinthians 15:13

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

1 Corinthians 15:21

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:42

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

Philippians 3:10 & 11

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Hebrews 6:2

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

***** (seems as though the author thought this to be the basic elementary doctrines of the faith) **** Now we press onÂ...

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Hebrews 11:35

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

***** These were OT Saints who died before the death and resurrection of Christ, but are now with ChristÂ.... Hebrews 12Â.... the spirits of Just men made perfect.

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

*** Praise God, Â... so itÂ's about resurrectionÂ... not election as some may think.

1 Peter 3:21

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

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Rev 20:4

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Revelation 20:5

But the rest of the dead (this would not be saints as we are ALIVE, raised up together with him as we speak,, a NEW CREATION) lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Now concerning the OVERCOMERS. Can one be an overcomer without first being Romans 6:5

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

How, through death and resurrection life? Yes, we are no longer a part of this world systemÂ... that belongs to anti-christ . 6 means man, unregenerate manÂ.... 7 means :1. perfect, 2. complete etc. this is who WE are **in Christ**

1 John 2:13

I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

1 John 2:14

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*
*****remember we are not of this world*****

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***
WOW, WHAT A PROMISE*** WE ARE OVERCOMERS!!!

1 John 5:5

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? ***you see Jesus who said "I AM THE RESURRECTION is also the same as He who overcomes, and WE In Christ are OVERCOMERS!

Revelation 2:7

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 2:17

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Revelation 2:26

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: (WOW..The Kingdom Reign)

Revelation 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
Now that's a scary thought huh? I didn't say it, but it's there.

Revelation 3:12

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Love in Christ

Katy-did ;-)

No Special Rank or Privilege for Losing Ones Head ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/8/7 13:12

Bro. Ironman, Katy-did wrote'

"These are promises to the ChurchÂ...usÂ..."

to which you replied ...

"yes indeed, but not every member of the Church. you quoted Rev 3:21: 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, yes, to him that is overcoming, but observe how this overcoming is to be: even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. how was it that Christ overcame? by being slain. now not every Christian has been Martyred nor will be, so not everyone will rule with Him in the 1000 yrs. To Rule with Him is a reward for death for Him. If we read the rewards which are given to the 7 Churches we see that they come after fulfillment of certain requirements. of course one can fulfil all of them and get every reward. Now to your point (i bless God that you posted as you did) there is a death involved in the Faith which is Spiritual, the death of Self and there is a reward for that. Now i believe that this pertains to the period after the 1000 yrs, which is eternity, hence we are kings and priests forever."

Then Katy-did answered you;

"If God Promised in the 7 letters to the Church a promise to reign and rule with Him, and no mention that one needs to be beheaded to do so, you are reading more into the above then you should be."

Wow bro i have to agree with Katy-did here ... this is like a new doctrine i've never heard before ... Praise God that you prefaced this with "i believe", but "i believe" you're wrong in this conclusion ...

You know at one point i used to be a staunch pre-tribber, but now i'm not so sure anymore, so i'm now TRULY a pan-tribber as in as God reveals it will pan out as it goes, and to tell you the truth how it pans out is neither here nor there with me anymore because my #1 concern is no longer at which point i'll be extracted (raptured) from this world (if i don't die first) but about my not being found lacking by Him in His expectations of my/our work in the harvest of my/our fellow vessels of mercy (those yet unsaved) and of my/our properly nurturing His Body (my/our fellow saints), both outreaches being empowered by Holy Spirit as my/our outward manifestation of His Love toward our fellow man and saint ... We both know He's coming back for a Church unblemished, of which it's obvious that we're not, so some correcting fire is due, to that we both do agree ... So my entry here ain't about when the rature, or the first or second resurrection, but about your conclusion that somehow only those "martyred/beheaded" (Rev. 20) will get to rule, reign and judge with Christ during the 1,000 years ... i totally disagree with this as so many scriptures aforehand testify to the contrary ...

1Cor.6

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

2Tim.2

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Rev.2

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Rev. 3

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Every saint is not required to die a physical martyrs death, let alone specifically by beheading, to rule, reign, and judge with Christ during the 1,000 year reign ... It is widely believed that the 24 elders of the Revelation is comprised of 12 OT and 12 NT chief saints, these 24 occupying their own individual thrones and closer to God's own throne than all other saints afterward, so then by your reasoning only a percentage of them who were martyred would be eligible, excluding even the Apostle John who was the only disciple to die of old age? ...

We are God's, and in His service we are expandable and/or expendable, and are all payed the same wage regardless as i believe the following scripture makes plain ...

Matt.20

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Now lastly of ...

Rev.20

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

i think it important to note the "ands" in this passage ... "And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded" is inclusive in a larger bunch of those participants of the first resurrection, not exclusive ... If God makes us exclusive as in the case of the 24 elders that's OK and His prerogative, but i think we have to be careful in making ourselves for whatever the reason as such, for we're all joint heirs with Christ ...

Blessings in the beloved name of Christ Jesus our Lord with whom we are already seated in heavenly places ...

to him who is overcoming pt 2 - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/7 14:43

greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved. AMEN.

sis K-D

you said:

Quote:
-----If God Promised in the 7 letters to the Church a promise to reign and rule with Him, and no mention that one needs to be beheaded to do so, you are reading more into the above then you should be.

So, where exactly do you think the Church is going to be during this time, and isn't Paul a part of the church? Will he be included in the above? What about those who were shot, or maybe like Peter, hung upside down? is he excluded because he wasn't beheaded?

but sis K-D there is mention of being beheaded in Rev 20 and if you read carefully what i said you'd see that i didn't limit this only to the beheaded but all martyrs which would include Paul, Peter, Andrew and so on. in that regard it seems you did misread my post, reading more into it than was there. we tend to do that from time to time and i bless God that He makes it so we can be corrected because we all need it sorely! i hope that sets the record straight on that.

Quote:
-----It says those who have part of the 1st resurrection will reign and rule with Christ.

yes indeed.AMEN.

Quote:
-----There are only 2 resurrections..and the 2nd is to stand before the Great White Throne Judgement. Christians will not stand there, as we stand at the Judgement seat of Christ. Two entirely different judgements. We will be judging even the angels even ****at that time.

there are 2 resurrections but i think that some Christians will stand at the second resurrection before God. let us consider also that men will yet be saved during the 1000 yrs reign and i believe it is these who will stand before God at this time. let us look at what Revelation 20 says about this time:

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

If every Christian was already given His due reward, why is the Book of Life opened? isn't that the book in which ALL Christians are written? Also the word says that men were Judged according to what was written in these books which were opened, one of them i believe is the Book of Life. i find it interesting also that only at this time is the sea giving up its dead. Perhaps our brethren who drowned at sea while in His service are the ones for whom the Book of Life is opened? Something to consider perhaps?

Now i want to go back to something which i said in the last post which you missed. i didn't go back and edit anything which i had written previously but in the moment that i was responding to your post, our Lord opened up something to me about Rev 20, i shared it in the post. i didn't feel led of God to go back and rewrite everything for the purpose of demonstrating His Grace and Mercy.

The reason i felt strongly about the beheaded ruling with Christ was because our Lord showed me my own death which will come in this manner. Now at first i hated that idea but in time our Lord showed me Rev 20 and i was comforted much

h, before that even He had shown me that His Spirit would be how i would endure all that must be endured. i didn't have a better understanding of this until our Lord had you and i go back and forth on this, and so our Lord had me keep what i had written the same and then add this to show that transition.

the original premise as revealed to me in part:

the thrones are sat upon by those who were BEHEADED for the Witness of Jesus, also those who didn't worship the beast nor take his mark

the opening up of my spirit and mind by God working through you to bring me to a better understanding:

...hey wait a minute...maybe this is a hierarchy of who rules in the Church. think about it, it looks like it could be hierachical. Martyrs first, those who didn't take the mark nor worship the beast and were alive at his coming. yo u know that even among the angels there is a hierarchy. also the positions which will be filled by the saints belong to those angels who fell with the enemy. among those angels were cherubs and seraphims and the cherubs are chief among angels. mmm, *you are right sis, we all rule with Him,just at different ranks. just like in the armies, there are officers of different ranks which are in charge of numbers of men according to their rank. Now the angels of God were appointed to have dominion over different things and areas, some large, some smaller. this is what God has shown me to be the Beauty and Utility of fellowship, wherein God can minister to us these things through one another and if we are open can come to a greater understanding of the Truth.*

and then after having my eyes opened:

thanks be to God for using you to open up the word to me a bit more so my understanding can be increased. i hope that your understanding has also been increased.

i hope that clarifies things! by God's persistence through you to increase my understanding i can see better now! i hadn't read all the "ands" as you said in that passage. it is interesting how our Lord will keep us blind to something for a time and things which we read all the time we miss until the time and manner of His choosing comes that we may have these Truths revealed to us.

Praise be to God indeed.AMEN.

Grace and Peace is ours in Jesus' Name.AMEN.

Re: No Special Rank or Priviledge for Losing Ones Head ... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/7 15:13

bro R.

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

as i said earlier, i believe sis K-D initially read more into what i said as she thought i excluded others who were not necessarily beheaded. in another thread i think bro Eli was the one God used to let me know that the beheaded spoke of those who were martyred. This was the thing i had in mind when i posted at first. However the bigger thing is that i hadn't read all the "ands" in that passage (funny how God keeps us blind to certain things until His time comes about) and only through God's working through sis K-D's persistence on this issue did it finally hit me. As you and i know (and as God showed it to me through you) this is the Beauty and UTILITY of fellowship at work here!

Quote:

-----Wow bro i have to agree with Katy-did here ... this is like a new doctrine i've never heard before ... Praise God that you prefaced this with "i believe", but "i believe" you're wrong in this conclusion ...

and indeed i was wrong and didn't have a better understanding of what God was saying here until now. in my response t

o sis K-D i brought back what i had said to her about this which she had missed since it was at the end of the post which you both were responding to. now my understanding is fuller.

Quote:
-----So my entry here ain't about when the rature, or the first or second resurrection, but about your conclusion that somehow only those "martyred/beheaded" (Rev. 20) will get to rule, reign and judge with Christ during the 1,000 years ... i totally disagree with this as so many scriptures af orehand testify to the contrary ...

and the Beauty and Utility of Fellowship strikes again! i bless God that He used sis K-D as He did to open my eyes. as i said in my response, as i was posting to her, Holy Spirit opened my eyes and i lost my train of thought and concluded sis K-D was right. in that moment, i saw all the "ands" and rather than rev 20 talking only about martyrs ruling with Christ, i saw it as being quite possibly a Hierarchical arrangement of the thrones. it hit me and then it came to mind that God's angelic creation has a hierarchy in it, the angels have set stations and responsibilities of differing gravity and scope, and so i believe it will be in the 1000 yr reign for us who reign with Him.

Quote:
-----Every saint is not required to die a physical martyr's death, let alone specifically by beheading, to rule, reign, and judge with Christ during the 1,000 year reign ... It is widely believed that the 24 elders of the Revelation is comprised of 12 OT and 12 NT chief saints, these 24 occupying their own individual thrones and closer to God's own throne than all other saints afterward, so then by your reasoning only a percentage of them who were martyred would be eligible, excluding even the Apostle John who was the only disciple to die of old age? ...

indeed. i had always assumed though that the 12 would have special seating and position since they were the foundational ones. This way John who was the only one not to be martyred would not be excluded from rule. i didn't mean in any way to suggest that and i see how one could conclude so and so i apologize to you dear saints if i caused you to stumble in any way and ask forgiveness from our Lord and yourselves. Now i am not totally sure who the 24 elders are, Watchman Nee postulated that they may be angelic beings whose responsibility ends when the population of Heaven is complete since after a point they are no longer mentioned. it could be that the thrones these elders sit on is vacated for the 12 from the O.T. and 12 Apostles. Either way i pray God give us clarity on that and indeed all matters concerning scripture. AMEN.

Quote:
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AMEN. and i hadn't even see those "ands" until yesterday! bless God for you both. indeed i believe our Lord will give us distinctions according to our service to Him and we are all joint-heirs with Christ. as you know, if He wants me front and centre, i'm not trying to be off one seat from that. If God has in Mind 1000 crowns for me, 999 will not do, i'm receiving for the 1000.

Praise God for His working here in setting this brother straight and giving me a better understanding of His word in this matter through you both. AMEN.

Grace and PEace is ours in Jesus. AMEN.

Glorified Together With and In Our Jesus ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/8/7 15:57

Praise God for the spirit of your reply bro Ironman ...

Jesus has His way of keeping us all humble ...

Anytime we might conjecture like this ...

Matt.20

Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

He answers back like this ...

Luke.7

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

So that ALL of us no matter what He calls us to in this life, international ministry or local, international recognition or an intercessory prayer warrior who no-one may ever know our name, a martyr or the very last saint saved just seconds before GRACE as a grace period is cut off and they never have to suffer a blessed thing, can be all leveled out and equally encouraged by this ...

Rom.8

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Glorified together as a joint heir to me means what Christ gets, we get ... God is just too good - and thank you Jesus!!! ... :knockedout:

Re: Glorified Together With and In Our Jesus ... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/7 17:31

bro R

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

Quote:

-----Praise God for the spirit of your reply bro Ironman ...

Praise God indeed for His opening of my eyes that i may see more Clearly the Truth of the Scriptures. AMEN.

Quote:

-----So that ALL of us no matter what He calls us to in this life, international ministry or local, international recognition or an intercessory prayer warrior who no-one may ever know our name, a martyr or the very last saint saved just seconds before GRACE as a grace period is cut off and they never have to suffer a blessed thing, can be all leveled out and equally encouraged by this ...

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AMEN and AMEN bro! God is indeed too Good and thank you Jesus.AMEN.

Grace and Peace is ours In Jesus' Name.AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/8/7 19:26

Ironman, Rahman, I have thoroughly enjoyed these conversations. It's made me dig deep, and also learning more as I go along. I do know this, the Lord is truly a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM. It's funny, Everything I ask the Lord to explain, He has. Now that answer might not come off a while, I've always asked questions WAY WAY over my head, and like a Child, I'm probably the biggest pain in the neck the Lord has ever known "Why this and Why that, and if you said this here, why did you say that there, and that contradicts that and on and on". It's been a painful road as well, because many answers aren't just a "here ya go" answer, but an answer that comes through an actual process...and when I'm through, the Lord will say..." Now that is your answer to that question". Well you know those are burned right into my heart and mind and soul, so when I say that I KNOW the truth about something, I will say that I know. and if I don't know, then I will say, I don't know.

Once, as a baby Christian I asked about Moses. I use to CRY about Moses, and even gave God a stern talking to about how MEAN He was...after all Moses had done...just ONE little mistake and poof...that's it for you. For years I had a difficult time, because I would wonder and ask, Lord, If I make one mistake is it Poof for me too?

I guess that is and was the bottom line. Well, here is how I got my answer many many years later...through painful failure, over and over. But I learned GRACE, real live bonified GRACE...something head knowledge never would have satisfied. So after I understood GRACE + nothing, the Lord said: Moses *Represented* the law of sin and death. AND when I took the Children into the Promise Land, it was based on faith, not law. Had Moses gone in and led the way, everyone would think you were saved by Law. But I sent Joshua who is a *TYPE* of Jesus to lead the way. Since Moses was with me on the Mt of Transfiguration, he is well and fine and I've explained it all to him and he understands.

The only reason I'm even telling you this is because it's so exciting to have that relationship with the Lord and so wonderful we can go to Him and ask ANYTHING. If you don't get your answer right away, there may be some things first you have to learn in order to really grasp the answer.

The MORE you know the Bible AND the more you put away your pre-concieved ideas (many false teachings as we all have those planted here and there) and just say, Lord, If I've been taught wrong, please purge those things and plant your only Truth. He will, Yes He will.

Anyway, I will reflect on all your points here too, and thank you all again for a great conversation where we can learn and get excited too. There is so much to learn and no one has all the answers. But here a piece and there a piece, we will grow!!!

With Love In Christ Jesus
Katy-did :-)

Re:, on: 2007/8/13 8:09

Ironman, here is another reason the Catholic Church believes Mary to be the Woman in Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12.

AND Believing themselves to be the only true Church, and earthly organization...not a heavenly one. The plot thickens....

Catholics place much emphasis on the Virgin Mary for these reasons, and how it fits in with THEIR end time Prophecy, not ours, or the True Church.

What and Why The Roman Catholic Church States about Mary...

“Because she is the New Eve, she, like the New Adam, is born immaculate, just as the First Adam and Eve were created immaculate. Because she is New Eve, she is mother of the new mankind (Christians), just as the first Eve was the mother of first mankind (the children of Adam). And, because she is the New Eve, she shares the fate of the New Adam. The First Adam and Eve died and went to dust, the New Adam and Eve were physically raised to heaven”.

But let's take this apart for a moment...

1. There is no scripture about a 2nd Eve, and if there were, scripture would be very open and clear about that. In making that possible, God would have created a second Adam and Eve as he did originally. Eve was taken out of Adam's side, not created or formed as Adam. Mary then would have to be formed out of Jesus' rib for her to be the New Eve.

REMEMBER...

3. Adam the first was formed out of the dust of the earth, Eve was formed out of Adam's rib. God did not create Jesus out of the dust of the earth, although He could have if He wanted to. Adam was not formed as a baby, but a full grown man. So in essence, our flesh was formed originally of the dust of the earth... (ashes to ashes, dust to dust) still is. The bible says, the soul that sinneth it shall die... Jesus was not a newly created soul. He was/is God from the beginning.

4. 1 Corinthians 15 says, the First man Adam was a life giving soul, the 2nd Adam... Jesus Christ, is a life giving Spirit. Jesus came to save our souls. Our sinful nature comes from our soul. Our soul is where the heart is... our inner most central point of our conscience. Our Conscience (those born again) are purged and cleansed by the Blood of Jesus... Hebrews

We are a New Creation IN CHRIST ONLY. Our redemption is in Jesus Christ alone. We (Born Again Christians) having identified with Christ in death and resurrection life, having been raised up together with HIM, are baptized into HIS BODY, forming the Church. He is the Head of the Body, just as Adam was the Head of Eve. There is no need for another Eve, for WE are His Bride, His Body. It's through Jesus' Blood we are washed and redeemed and purchased. Mary shed no blood. Hebrews 10. We enter through the Veil, that is to say *HIS* Flesh to the Father. The Church, His Bride, is Flesh of His Flesh and Bone of His Bone.

5. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1
And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Galatians 3:16
Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to your Seed, who is Christ.

THEREFORE>>>>>>

6. There is only *ONE* SEED who is Christ. Mary, being immaculately conceived would have to be ANOTHER SEED... so Their Mary is not the Mary of Scripture, making her Jesus not the Jesus of Scripture. You see if God overshadowed Mary's mother's womb it would make Mary fully God / fully Human as well. There is no scripture about a 2nd Eve, and if there were, scripture would be very open and clear about that. In making that possible, for her to be an independent Eve created totally apart, would make her a goddess or a god... and we know this is not so.

BUT ...

IF God HAD created a second Adam and Eve as he did originally, The New Eve would be taken out of the 2nd (Jesus Christ's) Adam's side, Mary then would have to be formed out of Jesus' rib for her to be the New Eve. We know that didn't happen. We, His Church, His Bride, His Body is Flesh of His flesh and bone of his bone.

Catholicism is a false Gospel, an accursed Gospel. Do you see how dangerous this teaching leads to? It's anti-christ pure

e and simple.

God WILL NEVER compromise the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in this way, by a divided heart and distorted theology.... NEVER in all eternity!!!

Also.....

Mary wasn't even brought up until around the 300-400 AD in Greece, when the Catholic church wanted to bring the Greeks under their power, and Greece not wanting to give up their virgin goddess Diana, The RCC offered up Mary to take Diana's place. No mention of Mary (as they worship her now) in the Catholic Church before that time.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

i thought... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/13 13:14

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

i thought we had exhausted this issue of Mary and Eve and all. i have no thing further to say on it save that i was saved out of Catholicism and am not going back.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

Re: i thought..., on: 2007/8/14 4:42

Ironman: I am so delighted you :

Quote:

-----i was saved out of Catholicism and am not going back.

But with these recent scriptures you praised God for.....

Rom.8

Quote:

-----Romans 8 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

This one especially ****addresses**** the Issues of Mary and Eve and all.

Quote:

----- And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

*****OVERCOMERS***** ...Remember!!! Do you even know what an overcomer is? Overcoming FALSE doctrine is a major part...just look at all the 7 letters , and how God rebukes the false teachers...jezebel etc, co-mingling in the Church. The lukewarm are those who stick their head in the sand and don't want to take a stand....but really don't have eyes to see or

ears to hear the dangers.

I wasn't aware the subject had changed, but ALL truth working together for good. The subject has not changed at all. The Catholic Church is earthly...not overcomers, yet we *in Christ* ARE.

If the Church is bone of His Bone and Flesh of His flesh....that makes Eve a TYPE of Church, His Bride...*US*, no need for a New EVE, or that teaching.....it's only anti-christ, and will draw you away from who you are IN CHRIST ALONE.

WE His Church, His Body, His Bride is that chaste Virgin that will be presented without spot or wrinkle, just as the 144,000 also virgins who's loyalty is to Jesus Christ and He alone...no co-mingling with the world/ or false doctrine...being adulterers and adulteresses!

Co-Mingling these truths is unacceptable. Many Catholic teachings are far from reaching in the Protestant Churches and has weakened the Faith....with many now practicing Ash Wed and Lent...a very Catholic tradition, that began to creep in after WWII.

You still seem very sensitive about many Catholic teachings that you seem to want to hold on to, or ignore rather than address.

Even if you are not going back, I pray you will let go! The subject never Changed one bit...you just haven't yet seen the connection of all the conversations and the dangers of these false teachings working against the True Church.

With Love in Christ
Katy-did

PS Added/ Edited for content...

In Placing Mary in Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12 is where they come up with her being Co Redemptress, and all those other Co's, including saying SHE is the Ark of the Covenant.....but WE, and we alone, His Church are Co-heirs.

Young men overcome the Evil one...1st John....Satan is the evil one who is a liar and was from the moment he opened his mouth. We overcome those lies of his as we press on for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Re:, on: 2007/8/14 8:27

IRONMAN PART 2

Just to show I'm not making this up, please read.....:

By the RCC:

MARY AS CO-REDEMPTRIX, MEDIATRIX AND ADVOCATE

An important document about Mary has been issued under the imprimatur of Bishop Sheldon of Steubenville, OH. It is a theological study written by Dr. (Priest) Mark Miravalle, and centers around the stated hope: "There is only one final action that remains in bringing the Marian roles of Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate into the fullest acknowledgement and ecclesial life of the People of God; that our Holy Father, in his office as Vicar of Christ proclaim the Marian roles of Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix of all graces and Advocate for the people of God as Christian dogma revealed by God, in rightful veneration of the Mother of Jesus, and for the good of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ. Dr. Miravalle, prefaces each section with a verse of scripture:

Genesis 3:15 - Old Testament prophecy of the Co-Redemptrix.

Isaiah 7:14 - Mother of the Suffering Servant

Luke 1:38 - New Testament beginning of Co-Redemptrix

Luke 2:35 - Presentation Prophecy of the Co-Redemptrix

John 19:26 - Climax of the Co-Redemptrix

I Timothy 2:5 - Sharing in the One Mediation of Christ

Luke 1:38 - Mediatrix of Christ: Source of all Grace

Luke 1:41 - Mediatrix in the Visitation of Graces

John 2:1 - Mediatrix of the 1st Miracle and Public Ministry of Christ

John 19:26 - The Establishment of the Mediatrix of All Grace

Acts 1:4 - The Holy Spirit and the Mediatrix of All Grace

I Ki 2:8,15; 2 Ki 11:24; Proverbs 31:8,9 - O.T. Role of Queen Mother

Revelation 12:1 - Advocate and Queen for the People of God

Revelation 22:17 - The Spirit and the Advocate

Love in Christ

Katy-did

PS The ONLY *CO-Anything* in scripture is the Church, His Body, as Co-Heirs. Buried with Him in Baptism of death and raised up together with Him, baptized into His Body, making the Church, His Bride, by that self same Spirit...a New Creation...In Christ...Christ in you, our Hope of Glory!

hold up sis... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/8/15 4:16

sis K-D

Greetings in Jesus' Name by WHose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

i do understand that those who overcome, overcome the world and all its trappings, false doctrines and all. This is why i press into God all the more because He spurs me to, He knows i don't want to be running around here deceived in anywise.

Quote:

-----I wasn't aware the subject had changed, but ALL truth working together for good. The subject has not changed at all. The Catholic Church is earthly...not overcomers, yet we *in Christ* ARE.

i had said all i felt led to say as succinctly and simply as i could and so i didn't feel the need to say anything further. sis i agree with you that the Catholic doctrine on Mary as comedatrix, co-redemptrix are wrong. i'm not arguing that with you because there is nothing to argue about. what i am saying is that the devil doesn't invent anything new, every lie that he tells is a perversion of the Truth of God. so if Catholicism being of the devil says that Mary is co-redemptrix/mediatrix based on certain scriptures, this is because the enemy has perverted a Truth of God to deceive men. so what i see is this, Mary is represented there (or is there in the women in question) in Genesis 3:15 since Jesus is her seed, her child in a very real sense. She is also there in woman with the 12 stars, who we know to be ISrael also. She is this woman too (although we know some things don't apply to her so the woman is not only Mary, but Israel also) because she is a Jewess (Israel) and she did give birth to Jesus really. That is the Truth which the enemy has perverted by saying that this also ma

kes Mary Co-redemptrix and mediatrix both conclusions are of Satan. i see your point sis but it would seem that you have yet to be quickened to what i am trying to get across. One can most certainly separate the Truth from the lie in the se arching of the word. See i see a much broader context for Gen 3:15 than Eve, Israel and Mary and can see those persons in that verse as i view that verse in the Eternal Context, this doesn't make me go for the Romish lie but rather see right through and call it for what it is.

Quote:
-----If the Church is bone of His Bone and Flesh of His flesh....that makes Eve a TYPE of Church, His Bride...*US*, no need for a New Eve, or that teaching.....it's only anti-christ, and will draw you away from who you are IN CHRIST ALONE.

it seems you too are seeing the broader context of Gen 3:15! now what you shared here i hadn't even considered but i can bear witness to it.

Quote:
-----Co-Mingling these truths is unacceptable. Many Catholic teachings are far to reaching in the Protestant Churches and has weakened the Faith....with many now practicing Ash Wed and Lent...a very Catholic tradition, that began to creep in after WWII.

exactly, and this is why i have tried to go to great pains to let you know how God has given me Grace to divide the Truth (and retain it) from the lie (and discard it) on this issue of Gen 3:15. yes i see Mary in there, and Israel, and now the Church, however i don't see Mary in this or any other scripture which alludes to her in the same way put forth by these damned Popish doctrines.

Quote:
-----You still seem very sensitive about many Catholic teachings that you seem to want to hold on to, or ignore rather than address.

if i may be blunt sis, you're dead wrong about me here. i told you in no uncertain terms that i am not going back to that mess. this has complicated my relationship with my mom (who is devoutly catholic) but by His Grace i am past that point of wanting to salvage that if it means going back to Catholicism. sis either you haven't read fully what i have said, and i believe i have gone to great pains to make my position clear, else you would see clearly that i have been given Grace to separate the Truth from the Lie in this matter. it seems our Lord hasn't quickened you to see what He has shown me as yet for reasons that are His own. i pray He does though. i have ignored nothing you have brought up but sought to address each point as clearly as i could.

Quote:
-----Even if you are not going back, I pray you will let go! The subject never Changed one bit...you just haven't yet seen the connection of all the conversations and the dangers of these false teachings working against the True Church.

but i already have let go sis, i turned my back on that mess years ago. i felt i made my position abundantly clear but it seems you haven't seen that. you have equated my seeing Mary in those 2 scriptures with believing in her as co-redemptress/mediatrix and that is not true at all. it is like saying because i am black i am automatically a hooligan, which is not true. yes i see Mary in those scriptures but no i disagree vehemently with the Catholic view because i have been shown how Mary fits into those 2 scriptures/contexts properly without grasping at straws to make her out to be something she is not but only Christ can be. yes i am black but no i am not a hooligan. does that make it clear sis? :-(

Quote:
-----In Placing Mary in Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12 is where they come up with her being Co Redemptress, and all those other Co's, including saying SHE is the Ark of the Covenant.....but WE, and we alone, His Church are Co-heirs.

yes this is true, the reason being that it is true that Mary is in those 2 scriptures but the enemy, the vile liar that he is, twisted that truth to have men believe that this presence of Mary in those scriptures makes her equal to Christ which is blasphemy. The devil didn't just make that up, he based it on a Truth and perverted it. you know very well that the worst lies are those which are so close to the Truth you need a very fine comb to divide the 2...

i have no idea how they got Mary to be the Ark of the Covenant also, that is beyond me sis, but the devil is slick...

Quote:
-----Young men overcome the Evil one...1st John....Satan is the evil one who is a liar and was from the moment he opened his mouth.
We overcome those lies of his as we press on for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

AMEN, this is how and why our Lord has allowed me to separate the lie from the Truth in this matter. After this i don't even know how else or how more simply i can put this. God knows my conscience is clear sis, i've made every effort to make his plain as i know how. if you don't yet understand it, i pray God open this up to you when and how He sees fit. AMEN.

i love you in our Lord sis and give thanks for what He has shown me through you and i pray our Lord has ministered something to you through me. AMEN.

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus. AMEN.

Re: hold up sis..., on: 2007/8/15 19:34

IRONMAN, I did not intend to offend you, as it appears I have, but just trying to make a connection with all that has been said through out this whole blog, also concerning Israel. And Yes, Satan will do anything to thwart what rightfully belongs to them. I posted a great article about Genesis 3:15 and Rev 12 from that perspective.

You said:

Quote:
-----exactly, and this is why i have tried to go to great pains to let you know how God has given me Grace to divide the Truth (and retain it) from the lie (and discard it) on this issue of Gen 3:15. yes i see Mary in ther, and ISrael, and now the Church, however i don't see Mary in this or any other scripture which alludes to her in the same way put forth by these damned Popish doctrines.

There is only ONE correct interpretation...it's either Mary, OR Israel, OR the Church, and each will lead to a different conclusion and a different ending. But "It is finished", and regardless of how we want to interpret, there is still only ONE correct ending...and YES this does affect how we see and understand the end times. How we see and hear and understand these end times is to have eyes to see and ears to hear....leading the Saint to be burning with the FIRE of that TRUTH warning others....."you're going the wrong way", or "YES, it's this way...keep going, or "come out of her my people". If you say it's all three, how will you know what two is incorrect? There are not several endings to this story, no alternative endings you can play on your DVD, and then decide which one you like the best!!!!

God Bless Ironman! I'll say no more!
Katy-did

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PS added/edited for content

You would ask, does it really matter and why...I know I'm saved, I'm God elect, and that is all that matters...well....

If it were that easy, no need would there be for the 7 warning letters to the Churches...no need at all, because the warning letters are about this very thing...a little leaven ruins the whole lump.

Look at all the books written today on end time prophesy....1,000 variations on a theme...and who is correct, and how do you know for sure.

We have, Pre, Mid, Post Trib, Revelation taken so literally that people think there will actually/literally be horses with human heads with scorpion stingers...Do we know what is symbolic and what is literal, and can anyone even agree? Yet does it all affect how we live each day? Some say...oh I'm saved, can't lose that, God picked me, and all the rest are made for hell. But not all believe that. Do the ones that do see an urgency to witness and warn? NO!

In these last days, God IS revealing more and more to His Saints...more than He did to Calvin and Luther. Yet so many fall all back on Calvin and Luther. We have SOOOO much more light now than they did. Could they imagine the whole world being able to SEE the two witnesses dead in the street and raised up again? NO, because they could not possibly conceive a TV, Internet etc, as we have today, making that seen in a different way. I'm sure they spiritualized it away.

Many Christians during WWII departed from the faith because they KNEW it was the end, that Hitler WAS the antichrist....everything had the perfect earmarks, but one thing they failed to see,.... Israel was not back in their land. I'm sure they were relying on Calvin or Luther?!!

That Prophecy and promise that has now being fulfilled....yet more to come...* Isaiah 14

Yes, we need to pay close attention to detail. The Lord is preparing His Church TODAY for something....lets pay attention to details...for none are too small.

ONE Body

ONE Lord

ONE Spirit

ONE Baptism,

ONE Faith

Even as ye are called in ONE Hope of your Calling.

Love in Christ

Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/16 22:50

All I can say is God is sovereign! We are scum and for God to sit there and wonder who will choose Him, is absolutely preposterous. I know some may disagree and that is cool. It's not a salvation issue. For me that if that decision was left for me to make. Who would be sovereign?

I know there are other things that will apply and counteract my opinion, this is just my thought and feeling.

Please don't hate me!! :-) :-P

Re:, on: 2007/8/17 19:14

Reformer, The sovereignty of God never sits and wonders. Another twist of thought. Why would God *knowing* the beginning from the end have any interference with man's free will to choose or reject life? AND if God just picked who He wanted, then there would be no need for Jesus to die on a cross....God's sovereignty would just redeem them, Right!!!

Katy-did

PS He did take Elijah and Enoch right...so what's the big deal about Jesus dying on the cross if God could and did just take those two on to heaven.

I don't think our opinion here is what impresses the Lord....but knowing His WORD does.

The WORD says, Jesus died for our sin AND the sin of the World...that would be everyone, and everyone can choose life or death based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not everyone will, but free choice does not throw the universe out of Control or thwart or injure the sovereignty of God in the least.

Re:, on: 2007/8/18 9:36

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Christ draws all men to himself, we don't choose Him, but HE chooses us.

Eph 1:4-5

"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

God is not sovereign if HE looks through all time and sees who chooses and who doesn't then renders a decision. I don't believe we are robots, I think there is a little of both. He chooses us, but He gives us the heart to say yes. Intellectually it sounds to us we choose Him and it was our freewill. He harden whom He hardens.

I think if we would really look closely at election with our hearts. And ponder this thought, would that bring to mind the incredible majesty of Him. It would put us in our places spiritually. We would be more thankful, I not saying that if one chooses the idea of freewill, they can't be thankful. For me there is such a contrast between the two ideas that one raises the standard of God and the other I think diminishes His sovereignty.

Just a thought from a lay person.

Re:, on: 2007/8/18 15:41

Reformer, so many quote this scripture to prove their personal individual election.....

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"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

But this is about the Body of Christ, The Bride, the Church as a WHOLE, those who have a heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. Yes, just as Eve is a *TYPE* of Church, bone of His Bone and Flesh of His Flesh, so are we His Bride, the Church.

This special calling out of the Church is not promised to Earthly Israel or any gentiles entering into the 1000 Year Kingdom Reign. Those entering into the Kingdom Reign are not the New Creation or the NEW MAN...no longer Jew or Gentile, for at that time there will be a very definite distinction between Jew and Gentile. The Throne of David was never promised to Gentiles anyway, but will fulfill the prophecies of Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12 on.

What Paul is trying to get across to the CHURCH AGE is that we would KNOW the HOPE of **OUR** calling. This is what he is praying we have the wisdom to hear and see. Why? Because without that wisdom to see and knowledge of Jesus to know, we will still be entangled in the affairs of this world and that will be devastating.

As long as Satan can blind you to those things and have you focused on yourselves in the way he does, you will NEVER grow and mature in anything else. Satan is all about "me, myself and I" (Reformed Theology), and has that hook in your back, because in doing so he can hinder the Gospel from being Preached. He was a murderer from the beginning, an

d seems to have continued down the same road ...

Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man who walketh **NOT** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Now we know *all* false religions BLOCK the way of the Cross, one way or another, and Reformed Theology is no different.

Love in Christ

Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/9/22 0:00

One gives all the glory to God for electing His people and having His mercy on sinners. (not because of our will or our running)

One gives glory to Man for causing God to elect and have mercy on sinners. (because of our will and running)

One brings forth constant weeping and rejoicing in God's mercy.

One brings forth constant pride and arrogance in man's abilities.

One boast in the cross of Christ.

One boast in flesh and blood.

One is God-centered.

One is Man-centered.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/22 11:50

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If you are alluding to Romans 9:16 when you say, "because of our will or our running"

You are seriously taking it out of context with no reference to its co-text.

The chapter is concerning who will be the lineage of the Seed.

Rom 9:5 whose are the fathers, and **from whom is the Christ according to flesh**, He being God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 9:13 even as it has been written, "I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau.

The reason why the Spirit says this is because it is to Israel, not the person of Israel which is Jacob.

Mal 1:1-2 The burden of the **Word of Jehovah to Israel** by the hand of Malachi:

:2 I have loved you, says Jehovah. But you say, In what way have You loved us? Was not Esau the brother to Jacob? Yet Jehovah declares, I loved Jacob,

Gen 25:23 And Jehovah said to her, **Two nations are in your womb**; even two peoples shall break from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Therefore, your reference to **Rom 9:16** So, then, it is not of the one willing, nor of the one running, but of the One showing mercy, of God.

This verse is in context with Abraham **willing** that the promise would come through Ishmael as the context proves

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!

Moreover Genesis 27 is Isaac **willing** for Esau to have the blessing and Esau **"running"** to hunt and make Isaac's favorite

te meal for the blessing.

Now for you comment,

Quote:
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&
One gives glory to Man for causing God to elect and have mercy on sinners.

They both are having His mercy on sinners.
Your idea of elect only makes God a cruel despot.
Because if man has no choice in the matter, they are not being sent to hell for their own rejection of God, but for God creating them strictly for hell.

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Your view would be a cause for pride and arrogance because you were the one chosen and elected and the others were n't.
Furthermore, you can not give glory to God because you couldn't yield to the recognition of the glorious contrast of His brightness to the darkness of my shame; you could even see the difference, but God had to make you. There is no glory in coercion.

But my view would be a cause for weeping and rejoicing in God's mercy because I found out of my shame in sin and saw the glory of God and chose from my own volition to humble my self to ask for His mercy and grace.
My own will yielded to the recognition of the glorious contrast of His brightness to the darkness of my shame.

Quote:
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Do you know what a "straw man" is?

One's own will and volition is not of "flesh and blood"
I boast in the cross of Christ, for it is the foundation of my faith.
1Corinth 15:14 and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

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Yours has a horrible view of God, the other understands what man's role is and understands what sovereignty really is.