



# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

FREE GENERAL NEWSLETTER

Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## My Lord Delayeth His Coming (Matthew 24:48)



### Why has Jesus not returned yet?

After a series of verses describing the last day events, Jesus says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew

24:44). It is a known fact that we do not know the hour in which Jesus returns, however, Jesus did say, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors" (Matthew 24:33).

Now how are people going to know that Jesus is at the doors? According to Matthew 24:33, when all those things that Jesus listed come about.

### In response to Matthew 24:33, what will God's people be doing?

God's people will be checking current events and matching them with the words of Jesus. In short, they will be Bible students. So are all who claim to be God's people doing this? Of course not, and it is sad. In the time of the greatest deceptions, the majority are "professed" people of God and are not studying their Bibles. Oh, we may be excited about some preacher throwing around Bible verses in a sermon, but what of the other six days? We eat physical food for strength at least daily. What makes anyone think we can make it six days without spiritual food? Some may say that they study their weekly lessons, but did you know the average person who studies their lesson usually crams it in the night before? Further, the lessons are to be a

leap into deeper discussions but what happens during the church lesson time? It is nothing more than a rereading of what should have been read and studied through the week. And what is worse is that we think we are ready for the Lord to return when in fact we are not.

### How do we know?

Let us read on. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" (Matthew 24:45). Jesus asks who is faithful, and now He will proceed to contrast the faithful versus the unfaithful.

"Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods." (Matthew 24:46-47). When Jesus shows up, those that are caught doing what God told them to do are the blessed ones, in fact, they are the saved ones.

### What did Jesus tell His servants to do?

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). They are to preach the gospel.

### Is it any gospel?

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). No, it is the last day gospel. It is the gospel that is preached just prior to Jesus' return.

Where in the Bible can we find such a gospel? "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every

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nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6). Here we see the worldwide gospel.

But is it the last day gospel? *"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle"* (Revelation 14:14). The answer is "Yes". Jesus shows up in verse 14. The verses prior are the last day messages.

#### What is associated with the last day gospel?

*"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"* (Revelation 14:7-12). But the sad reality is that the "professed" people of God do not understand what all these things mean. Such rise up against Christ's righteousness messages, healthy living, the Ten Commandments, and much more, all of which is contained in the last day gospel. They do not know who the beast is, what the image is, nor what the mark of the beast is. It is all guess work.

#### Why do many rise up against such messages?

There are many reasons of which we will touch on a few. Television is the biggest culprit. Even when only "good programming" is viewed, television still poisons and needs to be discarded if one is serious about entering heaven. Please note that we did

not say you will be lost for watching television, but if you are really serious about your relationship with God, it will be discarded. Television has caused people to expect things instantaneously. The Bible then appears boring, but overall, the littlest exercise of the mind in thinking and studying exhausts people these days.

Beyond television being a culprit, there are those that criticize others that spend "too much time" in the Word. Using the term fanatic and legalist. Keep in mind, the things that we spend the most amount of time in beyond sleep and necessary work is where our hearts are. If we have a distaste for spending at least an hour in the Word, then we are growing a distaste of heaven itself.

We as a people also feel too sure of ourselves that we do not need to study anymore or any further. That is sadly interesting because the last day church says, *"I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"* (Revelation 3:17). The reality is that God sees such people as *"wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"* (Revelation 3:17).

*"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth"* (Matthew 24:48-51). Now these people do not say these exact words, but in actions they reveal it. Then again, they may actually say these words.

Now notice that those represented by the evil servant are referred to as a servant therefore they are in the church. And notice that they believe in the second coming. But what is going on? We as a people have not left go of the world. Another version of the same incident is recorded in 2 Peter 3:3-4, *"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation."*

The sad fact is that only a small number of people see events unfolding since September 11, 2001 as more significant than any crisis during the 1900's. They see it as the beginning of the last rapid fulfilling events. But the majority of the people do not see it that way because they are lusting or desiring things of the world. Now there are those that do not believe September 11, 2001 was the beginning of anything yet they are keeping themselves, by the grace of God, from being worldly, these would still constitute being part of the faithful servant group. But we are addressing that which Peter says and Matthew records as people wanting to eat and drink as they please, which includes both the physical and the spiritual. In general, people want to dress, talk, eat, drink, and do as the world but retain the title of Christian. How deceived.

An example of such is one of the prominent religious magazines downplaying these events, which is a matter of opinion, and then going so far as to verbally (written and spoken) attack those that see these as God permitted last day events. Yet, in a separate issue, they declare that contemporary and mild Christian rock music is fine as long as no crude gestures are acted out and the volume level is reasonable. The question we have then is, "Have these people come out of the world? Just as Christianizing a pagan holiday does not make it a Christian holiday. Patterning music after the secular world with Christian words does not make it Christian.

**So which are you a part of?**

Are you the "professed" people of God who

are compromising and lowering the standards or the "true" people of God who are lifting the standards higher.

God's hand may have indeed touched the buildings. Personally, it is best to leave it in God's hands as to how he will deal with the people – either by removing His protection or by actually inflicting the destruction. But to say that God does not destroy is to counter examples in the Bible where He has done just that and to stand in the way of the right message for these days and thus fulfilling Matthew 24:49 in the smiting of the fellow servants.

God is love and there is no doubting that, but God must allow sin and Satan to run their course to reveal how sinful sin really is, and to permit the final two camps to emerge. For when the sinner is finally destroyed, God's justice and mercy shall stand unchallenged throughout all eternity.

**Which servant are you?**

Are you studying and preaching a balanced, last day message? Or are you criticizing the servants because of your laziness in Bible reading and study? Do you have a lack of discipline to apply a "Thus Saith the Lord", a desire to eat and drink whatever, a desire to keep old habits, a desire to enjoy the world, and whatever else that comes short of God's will for His last day people? It is your choice, but it is all or nothing. There is no gray with God.

God knows that even this ministry cannot get all people to rightly divide the Word, but will you make a new year's commitment, even a current commitment to spend more time in His Word, preparing for His soon return?

**THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH** (3 John 1:2)



**HEALTH SNIPPET:**

**Topic: You Are Not Your Own**

1 Corinthians 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

God is the owner of the whole man. Soul,

body, and spirit are his (1 Thessalonians 5:23). God gave his only begotten Son for the body as well as the soul, and our entire life belongs to God, to be consecrated to his service, that through the exercise of every faculty he has given, we may glorify him (1 Corinthians 6:20).

From the first dawn of reason the human mind should become intelligent in regard to the physical structure of the body. Here Jehovah has given a specimen of himself,

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## BIBLE STUDY



### Revelation's Conglomerate Beast Part 8 (Revelation 13:2)

1. What period of time does the statue dream cover? **Daniel 2:29**
2. What happens to the fourth kingdom?  
**Daniel 2:41, Daniel 7:7**
3. How many kingdoms appear as a result?  
**Daniel 7:7, 7:20**
4. What is consistent about the rise and fall of these kingdoms?  
**Daniel 2:38-40**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Revelation's Conglomerate Beast Part 7 (Revelation 13:2)

1. What did the clay and iron mixture represent matching the ten horns from Daniel 7? **Daniel 2:41 "And whereas**

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for man was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

The living organism is God's property. It belongs to him by creation and by redemption; and by a misuse of any of our powers we rob God of the honor due him.

We are God's workmanship, and his word declares that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." He has prepared this living habitation for the mind; it is "curiously wrought" (Psalms 139:15), a temple which the Lord himself has fitted up for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16).

The very flesh in which the soul tabernacles, and through which it works, is the Lord's.

### What Is In the Food?

Vitamin A is needed for maintaining normal

mucous membranes, proper night vision, bone and tooth formation, and tissue repair. Deficiency can eventually lead to eye damage and blindness, loss of balance, decreased taste and smell thresholds, and thick scaling of the skin. Increased protein intake increases the need for vitamin A. Large doses of vitamins C and E may reduce the availability of vitamin A in the body. Vitamin A is highly toxic at doses not much higher than the recommended daily allowance as is manifested by skin lesions, generalized itching, hair loss, blurred vision, loss of appetite, bone fragility, ringing in the ears, muscle and joint pains, anemia, low white blood cell count, and headache. God provided natural sources of vitamin A in yellow and green vegetables and fruits. The deeper the color the more vitamin A.

## TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



### Character Examples From the Bible – Job withstanding his wife

Job 2:9-10 *Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity?*

*curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.*

Children talk of peer pressure at school that makes them do things that they would

not. They forget that they do not have to live with the person as Job lived with his wife. And in those days, Job did not have a job away from home to go to so that she could not have continual pressure upon him. Most husbands go to an office today and are away from their spouse for a long time.

So when a child tries to explain the peer pressure, explain how Job did not even lose his temper towards his foolish speaking wife. The least a child can do is walk away, and if not, then tolerate the consequences for a short period of time for doing the right thing.

## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Daniel 10:21)



**QUESTION #1 – Harrisburg, PA – Does it really matter what you believe except that you believe that Jesus is the Son of God to save sinners?**

**ANSWER #1** – The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of

it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel.

The Bible says that people will be lost over this issue. *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved"* (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

Further, when the Christian church gives

up specific doctrines, which has been long in progress already for the sake of the Ecumenical movement, you know it is the last days. *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry”* (2 Timothy 4:2-5).

Doctrines divide. That is true. But that is also what we are called to be. *“But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”* (1 Peter 2:9).

And that would be the work of Satan to thwart. *“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son”* (2 John 1:7-9).

People have this notion that Antichrist is some military power. That is so far from the truth that it is purely a believable fable. Look up all four references to Antichrist, which are all in the little books of John, and you find that it comes down to what you believe. So Antichrist is not only against Christ but can be in place of Christ. If Christ says through His Word that there is a particular doctrine about one matter and a minister gives some exhortation based upon implications only, for a pure lie is not believable so some Bible basis has to be provided, then that minister is in place of Christ's Doctrine. Therefore, not only does it matter what you believe, but it also matters that you do more than simply attend church – *“Watch [or study] therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh”* (Matthew 25:13).

**QUESTION #2 – Liverpool, PA – Where does the Bible state that Jesus made Sunday the new day of worship as part of the new covenant?**

**ANSWER #2** – Sunday as officially being part of the new covenant is nowhere to be found even though Sunday is the day of resurrection and many Christians attend church on Sunday for that reason.

A covenant is an agreement. In this case, it is an agreement between God and man. Further, there is something special about this covenant in that it is comparable to a will. It was not executed until the death of the one making the covenant. This is what is meant by Hebrews 9:16, *“For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.”* This is why Jesus had to die, or there would have been no new covenant, no new testament, as in last will and testament.

This is further supported in Hebrews 12:24, *“And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel.”* Jesus' blood is what was required to begin the new covenant.

Now since that is the case, as normal wills are made, everything to be included in the covenant or will must be laid out before the death, otherwise, it has no official inclusion in the covenant. People may argue intention but if a will were presented to the judge, intention has no place in a true court of law.

How many times do families go to court over a will. They argue that the deceased person never updated the will but the intention was that it was to be changed. A righteous judge would not accept such testimony. What is on paper is it.

Therefore, a verse supporting Sunday must be prior to His death, in other words, the gospels up to the point of His death need to mention the change and they do not. In fact, Jesus stated, *“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled”* (Matthew 5:18). All has not been fulfilled. Heaven and earth are still here. The final judgment has not been executed.

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*thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.”*  
**Daniel 7:24** *“And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”*

2. How equal will they be? **Daniel 2:42** *“And [as] the toes of the feet [were] part of iron, and part of clay, [so] the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.”* They will not be equal. Some will be strong powers while others will be weak.

3. How united will they be? **Daniel 2:43** *“And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”*

**Revelation 17:13** *“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”* They will not physically unite, however, they will support collectively the antichrist or beast power.

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**NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT** (1 Thessalonians 5:5)



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**WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?**

(Isaiah 53:1)

- COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between November 16 and December 15, 2004. [Preview future news snippets at [www.tstl.net/news](http://www.tstl.net/news).]

▶▶AP, December 11, 2004 - Student Says God Told Him to Kill Parents

A college student who admitted he fatally shot his parents in their bedroom and broke a chain saw cutting up their bodies told investigators: "God told me to." He said the killings were "spur of the moment" after his parents scolded him when they returned from a weeklong mission trip to Haiti, where they volunteered drilling wells. "I was pretty mad for what they were saying. They were cussing and calling me bad names because I had some friends over while they were out of town," he said in the interview.

COMMENT: Not in defense of the college student, for what he did is sin, but he did bring out a very important point. We know of "born again" people. Many of which do not think twice of letting a four letter word fly. So when this student says that his parent were cussing, we believe him. So what of the parents? *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"* (1 Peter 1:23). If someone claims to be "born again", they will not continue in the line of a corruptible seed, i.e., their old sinful nature. In other words, a "born again" person does not continue in sin. If you do, you have fooled yourself and are not born again. Does that mean you are perfect and will not sin? No. It means that if you do, you will immediately confess it (1 John 2:1) and by His grace have the victory (Jude 1:24). This is the power of the Gospel. Do

not deny it (2 Timothy 3:5).

▶▶The Scotsman, December 9, 2004 - 96% of women are liars, honest

NINETEEN out of 20 women admit lying to their partners or husbands, a survey on attitudes to truth and relationships has found. Eighty-three per cent owned up to telling "big, life-changing lies", with 13 per cent saying they did so frequently. Half said that if they became pregnant by another man but wanted to stay with their partner, they would lie about the baby's real father. Forty-two per cent would lie about contraception in order to get pregnant, no matter the wishes of their partner. And an alarming 31 per cent said they would not tell a future partner if they had a sexual disease: this rises to 65 per cent among single women. The survey questioned 5,000 women, average age 38, across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

COMMENT: *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour"* (Exodus 20:16). It is never appropriate to lie under any circumstance. Some argue that if it is to save life that it is OK. Jesus says, *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it"* (Matthew 16:25). Jesus is our example. Despite the very tough questions, Jesus never lied.

▶▶LA Times, December 7, 2004 - We're Not in G-Rated Kansas Anymore

Porn 'superstores' are thriving near rural offramps, causing the locals to debate obscenity and privacy, sometimes in court. Adult "superstores" like this are popping up all over rural America — brightly lighted, clean, as well-organized and well-stocked

as a Wal-Mart.

**COMMENT:** *"But the men of Sodom [were] wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly" (Genesis 13:13). "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly" (2 Peter 2:6).*

▶▶ **The Omaha Channel, December 1, 2004 - People Encouraged To Eat Like Jesus**

Move over Atkins and South Beach. Dieters are putting their faith in new weight loss plans based on the Bible. The recently released "The Jesus Diet" says Christ would have eaten lots of fish and whole grains. "Foods that are high in aracadonic acid increase inflammation in the body," said author Dr. Don Colbert. "Pork increases inflammation in the body, and so does shellfish -- also shell fish is high in heavy metal called cadmium." "The Maker's Diet" is a best seller with thousands of followers. The author, Jordan S. Rubin, uses the consumption of natural foods as one of the cornerstones of his diet. Rubin's forbidden items include shellfish because they can be high in toxins. He also frowns upon concentrated juice, opting instead for natural fruit juices that Jesus would have consumed.

**COMMENT:** *"Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12).* We are not endorsing the book because we did not read the entire contents, however, from the news exerts, we do agree especially in the area of shell fish. When God told Moses not to eat anything that did not have both fins and scales, it was not only a test, it was for health

reasons. Rubin states it well. There are toxins in them especially since you consume the waste product of the shell fish along with the toxic species. So forget the shrimp, lobster, crab, and such.

▶▶ **The State, SC, November, 23, 2004 - There's no Santa, priest tells children at Mass**

Yes, Virginia, there really is no Santa Claus. That's what a priest at St. Pius X School here told students as young as 5 during morning Mass last week, causing a furor among parents who claim the priest overstepped his boundaries by speaking so frankly about the much-loved Christmas figure.

**COMMENT:** *"A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies" (Proverbs 14:5). "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).* We support this priest. Is Santa a lie? Absolutely. The priest was a faithful witness. The offended are unfaithful witnesses. Did the priest overstep his boundaries? No. His job is to perfect the saints, i.e., correct error and reveal truth. He faithfully did his job though unpopular. So what is wrong with Christmas? One thing is that we see that people treat certain symbols with affection or have a form of idol worship. Second thing is that it is a sly way to get the vast majority of people to break the commandments - we are not to lie.

▶▶ **Christian Science Monitor, November 22, 2004 - Worldwide effects of sinking dollar**

The sinking US dollar in recent weeks has raised what is suddenly a top concern from

## BIBLE THOUGHT

### *Newness of Life*

**Romans 6:4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.







As the new year begins, you have the opportunity to make the year the best year of your life in regards to God. If you keep before you a baptismal experience of being buried as if being put into the grave, including your old corruptible life as Jesus had His physical corruptible or potentially decaying body entered into the grave, and then rising incorruptible, that is to leave behind the old life as Jesus took on a glorious body and not having a body that is subject to decay, then we should, by the power of Jesus Christ, be able to walk without giving into the fleshly desires. In other words, do, say, and think like Jesus. How did He act, talk, and think? Study the Bible and read it daily to find out.



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**PURPOSE:** At the very least to get people to open their Bibles and find out why they believe what they believe and not be relying solely upon humans to feed them. We are to be fed by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, which was written by man physically but inspired by the Holy Spirit as prophets of God.

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Washington to Berlin and Beijing: Is America's currency undergoing a benign adjustment or a precipitous plunge? So far, the dollar's slide to nine-year lows doesn't reflect panic. But some analysts say a run on the dollar is possible. And even an orderly drop could affect everything from mortgages to prices at Wal-Mart.

**COMMENT:** *"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"* (Revelation 13:16-17). Do not panic, just remember, calm economic activity keeps the door closed to economic enforcement. It is under financial stress that an apparent solution, through giving up freedoms, provides for the enforcement, thus fulfilling prophecy.

▶▶**MSNBC, November 20, 2004 - Of mice, men and in-between**

Scientists debate blending of human, animal forms. But what about experiments in which scientists add human stem cells not to an animal embryo but to an animal fetus, which has already made its eggs and sperm? Then the only question is how human a creature one dares to make.

**COMMENT:** Jesus tells us that the days of Noah would be repeated before He comes back (Matthew 24:37). Some believe that animal experiments were taking place creating creatures that were no longer after its kind as God intended at creation (Genesis 1:24). But is there evidence in the Bible for such a theory? When God told Noah to gather the animals, he did not simply identify the animals. He specifically told Noah to select the pure breeds. *"Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every [sort] shall come unto thee, to keep [them] alive"* (Genesis 6:20). Therefore, we

conclude that not only was this true, but now it is happening all over again. Jesus is coming soon.

▶▶**The Tufts Daily, November 19, 2004 - Andy Rooney admits CBS anti-Bush bias**

"I am very critical of some of the people at CBS who make it apparent what their political leanings are," Rooney said. "That's what happened to this thing of Dan Rather's that got out. There's no question they wanted to run it because it was negative towards Bush."

**COMMENT:** *"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is"* (1 Corinthians 3:13). CBS is not the only one that is biased. Just about all media is biased against the truth, standards, and morals. Just because it is reported does not mean it is true. And this goes for both the liberal agenda as well as the conservative.