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My Time Is Not Yet Come (John 7:6)

Re-examining the Protestant Position of Antichrist

In the Protestant world primarily, there are two schools of thought regarding the Antichrist, the tribulation, and the ten toes of the prophecy in Daniel 2 matching the ten horns of Daniel 7. Both sides agree to what the main body parts are as well as the beasts. They are four kingdoms appearing in succession. The difference comes at the end of the fourth kingdom. One side believes in a gap until an insignificant date in the future when ten countries of Europe will come together (Revelation 17:13) being lead by an eleventh power that becomes the Antichrist (Daniel 7:20) of whom makes an agreement with Israel during a seven year tribulation and becomes ruthless in the middle of the seven years (Daniel 9:27) and is followed by the return of the raptured saints to gather the new converts that were brought in through the preaching of the 144,000 converted Jews (Revelation 7:4) who also avoided the financial mark of the beast and did not listen to his assistant the false prophet (Revelation 16:13) who erects a physical image to be worshipped (Revelation 13:14), culminating in World War III fought in the physical valley of Megiddo (Revelation 16:16).

The other side says that the Antichrist has nothing to do with military power and that it is a battle between truth and error, specifically the Antichrist's doctrines verses Jesus Christ's doctrines (1 John 2:18-23, 1 John 4:3-6, 2 John 1:7-9), which were established in years past when Europe existed as ten kingdoms (Daniel 2:42-43), following the precedence of immediate succession, giving way to the rise of the little horn who removed three of the then known kingdoms (Daniel 7:8), received a deadly wound (Revelation 13:3), and is now returning to power as its deadly wound is being healed (Revelation 13:3).

Which one is true?

Both theories cannot be true. One is a lie and the other is the truth. And the problem is that "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). So from this statement, an indifferent attitude towards knowing which is the truth is not of God. If one is of God, one would want to know and if believed wrongly, will change.

Why is it important?

With the first theory, if Antichrist is in the future, then we need not worry about Bible standards and doctrinal differences just as long as we love each other and God.

If it is the second theory, then it is a matter of doctrines and is an issue we need to understand today so as to avoid or come away from the doctrines of the Antichrist.

Obviously this is a spiritual life and death matter and one we would be wise to study.

Understanding Daniel 7:4

"Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it" (Daniel 7:2-4).



It is not a coincidence that Daniel sees four beasts and in the fourth beast ten divisions appear matching the dream of Daniel 2, which shows four metals and the fourth one dividing into ten divisions. Both end with the kingdom after the divisions being the kingdom that Jesus sets up.

Therefore, the first beast of Daniel 7 should be the first metal of Daniel 2. The first metal of Daniel 2 is identified as "Thou, O king, [art] a king of kings:

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for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou [art] this head of gold" (Daniel 2:37-38). King Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon is the head of gold and the lion beast.

The timeline has now begun. Babylon began in 606 BC. But it did not last forever.

Understanding Daniel 7:5

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and [it had] three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh" (Daniel 7:5).

The bear is the second kingdom to appear right after Babylon. The book of Daniel reveals who followed Babylon.

"Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which [was] in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein" (Daniel 5:2). Babylon is still ruling.

"Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. And this [is] the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This [is] the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and [put] a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, [being] about threescore and two years old" (Daniel 5:24-31). These verses reveal that the joint power of Medes and Persians was the second kingdom.

The timeline continues from 606 BC through 538 BC.

Understanding Daniel 7:6

"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it" (Daniel 7:6).

The third kingdom is identified through another vision of two animals fighting to the death – the victor being the third kingdom.

"And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat [had] a notable horn between his eyes. And he

came to the ram that had [two] horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king" (Daniel 8:6-7, 8:20-21). Greece is the third kingdom.

The timeline continues from 606 BC through 538 BC and now through 331 BC.

Understanding Daniel 7:7 (minus the ten horns)

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it" (Daniel 7:7).

Notice both the statue and the fourth beast contain iron. The next kingdom, in old times known as the iron kingdom, was so dreadful that people of various countries feared that it would devour or take away their country. One marked incident in the Bible reveals a certain sacrifice, a costly one that was offered to save the country.

"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man {Jesus} doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all [men] will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation" (John 11:47-48).

So the Roman power is the fourth kingdom of which all Protestants and some groups of the Catholic leadership agree upon.

So the timeline continues then from 606 BC through 538 BC through 331 BC and now through 168 BC.

Now what?

This is where the difference comes in at. The futurists believe that when Rome fell in 476 AD that it begins a gap of the unknown time period. The rest of the prophecy will continue when Europe unites based upon the belief stated in Revelation 17:12-13 as "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." It appears that they are united. However, to have one mind simply means to agree. In agreeing, they give the beast its power and strength. They believe that the immediate appearance of Germanic tribes that eventually formed Europe cannot be the fulfillment because they are not united today.

Daniel 2, speaking of the ten toes, however says, "they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay" (Daniel

2:43). And this is where the historic Protestants say that the Germanic tribes do fulfill prophecy and further it is not inconsistent with the pattern of immediate succession in the previous powers. Further, Daniel 2 uses phrases that strongly imply no gap. They include *"what should come to pass hereafter"* (Daniel 2:29, 45) where hereafter means from this point and every moment until the end, *"his feet part of iron and part of clay"* (Daniel 2:33) meaning that the iron continuing is the old Roman Empire broken up especially seeing that feet are normally attached to legs without a gap, and *"in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom"* (Daniel 2:44) showing that multiple kings will rule at the same time and not just one when Jesus sets up His kingdom.

For the purpose of continuing on with this study, we will now chose which one appears to be correct and let the Bible prove it out. If you have believed the opposite one, please pray to be open to this study. We will use the historical perspective and see how the timeline turns out.

Understanding Daniel 7:7 Ten Horns

"And it {the fourth beast} had ten horns" (Daniel 7:7).

So following biblical precedence of one kingdom after another, we conclude that when Rome fell in 476 AD, exactly ten kingdoms were left holding parts of the territory, which is now Europe.

So the timeline continues from 606 BC through 538 BC through 331 BC through 168 BC and now through 476 AD.

Understanding Daniel 7:8

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" (Daniel 7:8).

Another kingdom arises from within Europe that uproots three of the other countries. Now to apply the historic perspective, three other kingdoms from the original ten must fall. So the question is, did three kingdoms fall? The Heruli were destroyed in 493 AD by the little horn power, Vandals in 534 AD again by the little horn power, and Ostrogoths in 538 AD by the little horn power. So yes, all three not only fell but fell by the hands of the little horn power.

So the timeline continues from 606 BC through 538 BC and 331 BC and 168 BC and 476 AD and now through 538 AD.

How Long Does It Rule?

"And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" (Daniel

7:25).

The little horn rules a "time" or a year, "times" or at least two years but since no numbers appear before the word times it is assumed then it is exactly two years, and the "dividing of time" or half a year. So three and a half years.

Letting the Bible confirm our understanding of the time phrase, Revelation 12:14 has a similar phrase of the length of time being *"a time, and times, and half a time"*. This is useful because this verse is a repeat of Revelation 12:6 except instead of the cryptic use of the word "time" it puts it plainly – *"a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days"*. Based upon the 360-day calendar, that is three and a half years.

Going back to Daniel, since Daniel 7 is using symbolic language, beasts and horns representing kingdoms, so also time is symbolic. God has an *"each day for a year"* principal (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6). So for 1,260 years (not days) the little horn will reign.

As a sideline note, this is where the futurist Protestants again differ. They apply the day for a year principle in Daniel 9 to get the seven year tribulation out of the prophetic phrase "week", which is made up of a literal seven days but understood that time in prophecy is symbolic, they correctly state it as seven years. However, because the understanding of Antichrist is different, futurists cannot allow the day for a year principle to occur when talking about the Antichrist. That is very inconsistent. Again, the context is in symbolic representation, so the time should be applied symbolically. And that will be confirmed through this study.

So 1,260 years from 538 AD brings us to the year 1798 AD, the year the little horn suffered the deadly wound, but it would be healed according to (Revelation 13:3), but that is not our focus.

So the timeline continues from 606 BC through 538 BC through 331 BC through 168 BC through 476 AD through 538 AD and now through 1798.

So now there are three things that if you are a futurist Protestant you will see differ. First, there is no gap in time. Second, the Antichrist rules for 1,260 years, meaning that there is a third new belief. Antichrist is not a person but a system or nation. This is very consistent with the study for we just studied how a beast represents countries. Babylon is the lion, Medo-Persia is the bear, Greece is the leopard, and Rome is the beast that Daniel cannot describe yet John says it is a dragon. So the conglomerate beast in Revelation is not a person but a kingdom. Again, that is not our focus.

Understanding Daniel 7:9-10

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared between March 16 and April 15, 2005. [Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.]

▶▶ ABC News, April 14, 2005 - Push to Allow the Pledge of Allegiance

A child of two immigrants is leading a charge in the General Assembly to require our children in state schools to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Quesada has no shortage of patriotism.

COMMENT: *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon"* (Revelation 13:11). How one speaks like a dragon is by force for the opposite is Jesus who draws people to Him (John 12:32). Forcing people to say the pledge is but mere words. It is also our belief that external circumstances (break down of moral values, war on terrorism, etc.) will cause an erosion of religious freedom.

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BIBLE STUDY



Occupy Till I Come? (Luke 19:13)

1. What occupation did Peter and Andrew have? **Matt. 4:18-19**
2. What occupation did Matthew or Levi have? **Luke 5:27**
3. What occupation did Paul have? **Acts 18:1-3**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

How Do We Remember Jesus? (John 16:4)

1. How do we remember the broken body, not bones, of Jesus? **1 Corinthians 11:23-24**
"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."
 Communion.
2. How do we remember the shed blood of Jesus? **1 Corinthians 11:25**
"After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me."
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[was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened" (Daniel 7:9-10). By 1798, according to the sequence of events, the judgment had not yet begun, but it was ready.

Understanding Daniel 7:11

"I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld [even] till the beast was slain (1798), and his body destroyed (second coming), and given to the burning flame (hell fire)" (Daniel 7:11). For this study, all we need you to grasp is the fact that the fourth beast has been slain.

What year was that? Though the fourth beast appeared to have been slain in 476 AD, that is not the date. Rome simply handed authority over to the little horn power according to Revelation 13:4. So when the little horn suffered the deadly wound, that is when the beast was slain, which is 1798.

Though the remaining seven horns lived past 1798, they are insignificant because of the prophecy in Daniel 2 – "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom" (Daniel 2:44). Those seven horns will continue to the end.

As for the phrase "given to the burning flame", that is in reference to the final sentence of hell fire. Up until 1798, there was still a possibility for the little horn to heed the warning, but now probation has ended.

We also cannot state that Daniel 7:11's beginning point is at the time of the end because then verse 7:12 would have no purpose.

Further, at this point notice the perfect sequence in Daniel's timeline. In fact, Daniel 7:1-14 is a perfect order of events. Please do not treat it like the second half where it jumps around as it further describes the little horn. We cannot believe 7:11-12 are not to follow in perfect sequence of the 10 verses before it and the 2 after. It would be the only 2 out of sequence. Besides, test the next verse.

Study Daniel 7:12

"As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time" (Daniel 7:12).

Spiritually speaking, all of the beast powers continue to live until this day through their teachings. Babylon began the day of Ishtar, which was Christianized into Easter. Babylon began the celebration of the rebirth of the sun, which was Christianized into Christmas. And so on. Every wise student of the Bible knows that Jesus was not born in December and likewise, Jesus died on Passover, which does not always

fall on Easter weekend.

So that means the period of time they are prolonged in is beyond 1798 and no sooner because that would mean all paganism, even Christianized, would have to cease and we know that it will not until the end.

Now after 1798, how long do they continue? "A season and time" (Daniel 7:12). A season is one quarter of the year seeing we have four seasons. That is ninety days. Likewise, a time is 360 days. That is 450 days between the two time periods. But remember, God has a day/year principle. So that is 450 years.

Now, take 1798 and add 90 (a season) years to it. You come to 1888.

Why stop at 1888?

The first coming of Jesus in Daniel 9:25 is given as "seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks" (Daniel 9:25). Daniel 9:24 just stated the words "Seventy weeks" for the whole prophecy. Why did Daniel 9:25 not say sixty-nine weeks is when the Messiah will appear? That is because something significant happened in those first seven weeks or forty-nine years. John 2:20 says that the temple was built in forty-six years. Allowing up to three more for the wall to be built, you have the second temple being completed in that time frame.

So 90 years after 1798 is 1888 in which something significant was to happen. Historically, it is considered one of the high points of the Great Second Advent Movement of which very few study anymore. What we are saying is that God prophesied through this timeline the moment that people would become greatly enlightened about the second coming, however, they would soon forget. That is why the word "time" is added after a "season" because we left it die out and then backslid, we are here for possibly 360 more prophetic days.

Now for the "times" (360 years)

Add to 1888 another 360 years and that is the year 2248.

So then are we saying that Jesus is coming in the year 2248? No, we are not saying that. The church will not last that long. It barely looks like it will survive the next generation. This study is not done yet. There is more.

Let us temporarily set the second coming aside for a moment and see how on target we are with this line of thinking. First, we are proposing that the historic understanding of Europe and the Antichrist is the correct view. Second, we are proposing that we have just discovered the 6,000th year. Now for proof.

The Jewish Calendar

God has a weekly cycle – six days of labor and

one day of rest (Exodus 20:8-11). God has a six-year planting schedule and one year of rest (Exodus 23:10-11), therefore, God has an earthly cycle of 6,000 years and the millennium in Revelation 20 is the 7,000th year.

Now let us look at the proof. According to a Jewish website (<http://www.kashrut.com/Passover/>) the current year that we know as 2005 is the Jewish year of 5765. According to them, the 6,000th year is not for another 235 years more. Adding 235 years to the current year of 2005 brings us to 2240. Our year of 2248 as the 6000th year is just 8 years off from the Jewish calendar. We propose that the Jews are off by just 8 years and that the Bible is accurate especially when studies have been performed and state that if one traces the genealogy in the Bible back to Adam, there is a possible 8-year human calculation error. But even being 8 years in difference. The percentage of error is but 0.14 percent. Not even 1 percent.

No date setting here

The date of Jesus' return is not what we have set out to do nor have we accomplished it. All we have set out to do is prove that you can have full assurance because of God's timeline that the toes of the statue and the horns of the fourth beast are absolutely old Europe. Further, you can have full assurance because of God's timeline that the Antichrist is the power that ruled from 538 through 1798 because it is necessary to end at 1798 to complete the rest of the timeline.

Conclusion

Finding the 6,000th year does not pinpoint Jesus' return, therefore we still do not know the day or hour (Matthew 24:36).

Why does finding the 6,000th year not pinpoint Jesus' return? *"For he will finish the work, and cut [it] short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth"* (Romans 9:28). *"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened"* (Matthew 24:22).

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 – Samson

Judges 16:28-30 *And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with*

Praise the Lord! That means according to the timeline, He is coming back before 2248 but we do not know when. But we can rest assured that it is far sooner than many believe or sadly, are ready for. Are you ready today?

Comments

For many, this may be new light. How are we to receive new light? Test it.

Does it take away old truth? No. New light is never to remove old truth. But what about the futurist theory? That is not Biblical. It was perpetrated by a vision in the 1800's and copied by Darby.

Does it contradict standard principles? No. It follows the day/year principle exactly and even in the same chapter as another day/year timeline.

Is it a reinterpretation of an interpreted prophecy? No. The churches are silent on the subject.

Does it put off the coming of Christ, encouraging people to live in sin? No. We do not know how short He is cutting the time. If He came today, He would cut off only 4% of the 6,000 years. That is not much.

But here is the purpose of knowing it and even teaching it. It solidifies that:

1. The antichrist period is not a literal 3½ years.
2. Antichrist is not a future person but a past system that regains its power (Revelation 13:3).
3. There is no gap theory in between pagan Rome and Europe.
4. There is no Christianized evolution in that the earth is not yet 6,000 years old.

Let us not hide our eyes to these verses any longer.

If you find this interesting enough that you want to have it taught, I would be willing to come to your church or group and present it. Call 717-249-TSTL (8785).

his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with [all his] might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that [were] therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life.

Samson stands as an example of what misused talent can do. He wasted his entire life on frivolous things using his strength for prideful and selfish reasons. Then when he finally decided to use it wholly for the Lord, instead of

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(unfermented) wine (because fermented represents sin).

3. How do we remember Jesus' death and resurrection? **Romans 6:4-5** *"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. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of [his] resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."*

BIBLE THOUGHT

Your Inheritance

Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

In many cases when parents die, they leave some type of item or wealth to their children. We call this an inheritance.

In many cases, children look like their parents. Various body parts can be seen and the visitors will usually tell the child, "You have your father's..." or "You have your mothers..." Whatever the child displays that appears in the father, it is considered inherited. Even traits are inherited. But the ultimate inheritance is being born unsaved. Thanks to the first set of parents, we all have this inheritance to deal with. Good news, *"For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, [which is] by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many"* (Romans 5:15).

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partially, it was short lived.

Some children are quite talented in various areas be it musical, intelligence, artistic, or some other area. Some of these will justify their selfish motives by listing things they do for God, but all

the while they are building up their selfish tendencies. Many children use their talents in the world and when the end of their life comes, they are ready to use it wholly for the Lord but a short time. How much better it would be to use it all for God all the time.

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



HEALTH SNIPPET:

Topic: Christ In Man

Christ is to live in his human agents (Ephesians 3:17), and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities (parable in Matthew 25:14-30). When human agents choose the will of God (2 Corinthians 8:12), and are conformed to the character of Christ (1 John 2:6), Jesus acts through their organs and faculties (parable in Matthew 25:14-30). The Spirit of Christ is to take possession of the organs of speech, of the mental powers, of the physical and moral powers (1 Thessalonians 5:23).



HEALTH SNIPPET:

In regards to Vitamin B-12, many pure vegetarians live

a lifetime without evidence of B-12 deficiency. B-12 deficiency in fact is a very rare disorder, and the overwhelming majority of cases occur in non-vegetarians. God included natural sources of Vitamin B-12 in wheat, soybeans, various common greens, olives, fruits, and many others especially including kohlrabi and alfalfa sprouts. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis, ulcerative colitis, leukemia, and other serious illnesses present serum B-12 levels significantly higher than normal. A high serum B-12 level should be a signal for a thorough medical evaluation. High doses of vitamin C, as popularly used in home remedies for the common cold, destroy substantial amounts of vitamin B-12. Large doses of vitamin B-1 can also destroy vitamin B-12. Multivitamin preparations contain breakdown products of B-12 that exert an anti-B-12 effect, and may cause the very deficiency the preparation is expected to prevent.

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 March 16 and April 15, 2005. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

▶▶South Africa, April 14, 2005 - Pastor says: 'I do, I do'

A Limpopo pastor has shocked his community by marrying two women. "So, what must I do now? Dump them? I can't do that because I love them both. I pray and hope that God won't punish me for loving two of His beautiful children."

COMMENT: To answer His question, the answer is yes. Dump at least one. Evidently he has a god or goddesses before God. But more importantly, if he does not repent and mend his ways, he has no hope for "if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26). Jesus' sacrifice does not cover willful sin -- any sin. You can say you have been saved, but if you commit a willful sin and do not confess it to our advocate (1 John 2:1) before dying and know it, you have been deceived.

▶▶Crosswalk.com, April 14, 2005 - Young

Earth Creationist Has Bone to Pick With Evolutionists

According to an article published in last month's Science magazine, in 2003 scientists found a Tyrannosaurus Rex thigh bone during an archaeological dig. The research team had to break the bone in pieces in order to fit it into a helicopter, and when they did so, they discovered the fossil contained well-preserved soft tissues, including blood vessels. But what AiG scientists would say about the find, Ham observes, "is that it's totally consistent with the fact that these bones aren't that old and probably date back to the time of the flood just a few thousand years ago."

COMMENT: "Thy word [is] true [from] the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments [endureth] for ever" (Psalms 119:160). How old? Study the May 2005 Newsletter main article and find that we are approaching only the end of the 6,000th year.

▶▶The Halifax Herald, April 13, 2005 - U.S. covering up mad cow cases, scientist insists

A scientist and former inspector for the U.S Agriculture Department says he's willing to take a lie detector test to back his claim that his gov-

ernment is covering up mad cow disease. Friedlander said he knows U.S. Agriculture Department veterinarians who sent suspect cow brains to private laboratories that confirmed mad cow infection, but samples from the same animals were cleared by government labs.

COMMENT: "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat" (Genesis 1:29). God gave us all the food in plants as was necessary. Animals eat the plants and people eat the animals. Why not eat the plants directly? Animal eating was only permitted at the time of Noah's flood. But it was not God's original intent for he tried to get the Israelites to return to the original diet but they would not (Numbers 11). Let us not be as stubborn as we see that the animal food is becoming more and more diseased.

►►Charisma News, March 24, 2005 - Minister Uses His Tattoos to Talk About Jesus' 'Love, Grace and Power'

A Michigan minister is using his 150 hours' worth of body art to make a statement of faith. Known as "Pastor Freak," Steve Bensinger, 44, senior pastor of Come As You Are Church (CAYAC) in Kalamazoo, said the tattoos, which all have biblical themes, have helped him reach more than 2,000 people with the gospel since 1997 when he founded CAYAC. He also believes they have helped make Christianity more accessible to nonbelievers. "Telling and showing them a positive side of who God is based on the Word of God. Then when we say we love them, we really mean it," he added.

COMMENT: "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I [am] the LORD" (Leviticus 19:28). When people, especially ministers, ignore the principled part of God for the love side, they then have "take[n] away from the words of the book of this prophecy, {so} God shall take away his part out of the book of life" (Revelation 22:19).

►►TimesOnline, March 21, 2005 - Top marks for sect schools that shun the modern world

A SECRETIVE religious sect that bans children from using computers or reading fiction has won praise from Ofsted for the quality of education provided by its schools. The Exclusive Brethren, which also believes that members should not go to university because it is too "worldly", runs 43 private schools educating 1,400 children. 1) Members believe that the world is full of wickedness. 2) Main group of Exclusive Brethren are called "Taylorites" after James Taylor Sr and Jr, who led the sect for much of the last century. 3) There are up to 15,000 Exclusive Brethren in Britain, with congregations in 98 towns. 4) Until recently, Brethren who left the sect, or "leavers", were ostracised. 5) Members must keep away from others who do not follow the teaching. 6)

Members must marry young and have big families. 7) Men must be clean-shaven, keep hair short and not wear ties, while women should keep hair uncut and wear blue or white headscarves. 8) Worship is very simple with no ritual.

COMMENT: "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me" (Psalms 101:3). We agree that personal use of Internet is simply another way to get the television, and even worse, into the home. In fact, television, in some aspects, is better than the Internet. The simple fact is, both should not be. Television was sold as an educational tool and place to get news when in fact it has corrupted society and with most not knowing it. If you do not understand how, you are probably one of them. Internet provides access to pornography way too easily – we receive countless notes that state their children stumbled into it by accident, even with parent supervision. Unless a ministry is using it for a witnessing tool, personal use should be excluded. As for the "weird beliefs" of this secret sect, 1) the world is full of wickedness, 2) should never follow a person other than Jesus Christ, 3) numbers mean nothing, 4) no person should be ostracized for we have not seen Jesus do that, 5) staying away from others is no way fulfilling the commission to go and teach the world (Matthew 28:19) nor about being in the world but not of it (John 16:33), 6) marrying young and purposely have big families goes against Paul's counsel to be single if you can (1 Corinthians 7:8), 7) as for the keeping of hair, men should appear as men and women be as women but the specifics are not correctly understood from the Bible, 8) and worship should not be ritualistic.

►►WorldNetDaily, March 18, 2005 - Teen girls' Bible talks of oral sex, lesbianism

A Bible created especially for girls age 13-16 that includes profiles of fictional teenagers discussing oral sex, lesbianism and "dream" guys is drawing sharp criticism from some Christian parents who say such material should not appear alongside Scripture. The "True Images" Bible, published by Zondervan, promises on its dustcover to "strengthen your relationship with God, family, friends and guys."

COMMENT: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish [ought] from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2). Though the author does not appear to take away from the meaning or add to the meaning of the Word of God, the author in creating fictional characters and including them as part of the Bible dealing with today's issues goes beyond the impression that the Bible does. To write a separate book of fictional characters dealing with today's issues is a different thing but to sell it as the Bible is another.

►►WorldNetDaily, March 17, 2005 - Christian loses suit over 'gay' Jesus case

A Christian student who sued his college for trying to commit him to a mental hospital over his objections to a play depicting Jesus Christ as a homosexual has lost his battle in a Philadelphia courtroom. A jury ruled yesterday in favor of Temple University in connection with the complaint filed by Michael Marcavage, who now heads Republic America and who recently made headlines after being arrested and later cleared for preaching against homosexuality at a public event.

COMMENT: Revelation 2:10 "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

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

QUESTION #1 –

Carlisle, PA – What does the mark in the right hand and the mark in the forehead as well as the eyes on the little horn mean?

ANSWER #1 – Seeing that the beast and the second beast of Revelation 13 are not literal but symbolic, it then means that the mark as well as the locations represent things.

So looking through the Bible for hand or right hand and the symbolism associated with it, we find "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). So the hand is symbolic of the actions. In other words, people will act as if they are doing the right thing but knowing differently.

Looking in the Bible for the forehead or synonym for it, we find "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind

them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes" (Deuteronomy 11:18). So the forehead, mind, or frontlets is symbolic of our thoughts. In other words, people will think they are believing the right thing.

In regards to the little horn, which had eyes of a man, the Bible reveals that "The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor" (Proverbs 22:12). The little horn's eyes then is the knowledge of man instead of God. "Every way of a man [is] right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2). So the little horn declares what he believes is right. "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:7). The little horn will depend upon his wisdom instead of God's.

QUESTION #2 – Sacramento, CA – Is it right to do dishonest work to achieve funds for God?

ANSWER #2 – Some follow worldly policy in order to accumulate means, as they say, for God's service. But God does not accept such offerings. He says, "I hate robbery for burnt offering." Isaiah 61:8. It is as if God said, "Those who deal unjustly with their fellowmen while professing to believe My word, I will judge for thus misrepresenting Me."

QUESTION #3 – Sacramento, CA – I have heard that God cannot destroy the spirit or soul. Is this true?

ANSWER #3 – "And whatsoever soul [it be] that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people" (Leviticus 23:30). "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The second one is a direct application and is probably the best on the subject.