



"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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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HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS

AFFLICTED (Isaiah 53:7)

The catch phrase of Christians today is that "Jesus Saves," but what did Jesus go through to accomplish this? And are we Christ-like today? [The following is not an all-inclusive list. These were simply gleaned from the four Gospels and anything missing is not intentional. Also, the items are not necessarily in proper time sequence.]

Luke 2:7 "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Did you have a rough beginning in life and use it as an excuse for not being a practicing Christian?

Matthew 2:14, 21-23 "When he [Joseph] arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." Jesus was subject to moving from place to place even as a young child. So those that claim that they come from an unstable home cannot say Jesus does not

understand.

Luke 2:51 "And he [Jesus] went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."

Think of this. The King of the Universe was subject to human parents. One who could teach them about parenting was subject to them. If there were anyone who was smarter than his parents, it would have been Jesus. But how did He treat them? With full respect even when He knew they were imperfect. Do your parents make mistakes? How do you react to them? Can it be said that you are subject in all ways to your parents (in the Lord)? [Telling you something against the Bible frees you from carrying out that particular command although you would still be subject to their consequence.] Are you helpful around the house or do you expect your parents to provide everything while you have fun? Are you willing to take care of them when they are old?

Matthew 4:1 "Then was Jesus led up of

the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." Jesus was tempted beyond any temptation that a human has or will ever experience. The lust or passions for a particular sin that people make excuses for pails against the temptations that were thrown against Christ. Further, beyond these three major temptations, there was always the temptation to use His divine power for Himself. Satan pushed Jesus throughout His ministry to do so, but Jesus never did. All His miracles were always for the betterment of others -- totally unselfish. So for those that have a selfish nature, which we all do, look to Jesus' unselfish actions and the more you behold, the more you shall be changed (2 Corinthians 3:18) and not give way to your selfish tendencies.

Matthew 4:2 "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred." That is quite a few meals to miss. Do we need to cut back on our eating? Do we need to search the Bible for what is good and not good to eat? Or does passion rule

Overcome

Romans 12:21 "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

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."

Revelation 3:21 "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."

our appetites? Does passion rule anything even beyond food?

John 1:46 “*And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*” Are you from a bad

section of town? Are you from a bad town? Look at Jesus. He made it through without sinning, and He says He “*is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy*” (Jude 1:24).

same time, do not think such people are legalists either. Just because someone does follow all the guidelines, if the heart is right, it is acceptable unto the Lord and is an example to follow.

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John 7:3-4 “*His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For [there is] no man [that] doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.*” Do your brothers and sisters or anyone else not understand your choice to be a Christian? Jesus did not fight back nor did He alter His duty. Move forward according to God’s will and let your brothers and sisters answer to God.

Matthew 9:3 “*And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This [man] blasphemeth.*” The most learned church body who were the most educated in the scriptures was working against Jesus. Jesus carried no college certificate, no degrees, etc., yet He simply presented the scriptures. Today, opinions mean as much as they did two thousand years ago – nothing. Degrees do not guarantee an accurate understanding of the Bible even inside the church – “*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (2 Timothy 3:7). There is one thing that we all can have even if we do not have more than a third grade education – “*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).

Matthew 9:34 “*But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.*” The most professed religious body (they looked good on the outside) also worked against Jesus. That speaks to you and I. The keeping of the commandments, the making sure all the “*jots*” and “*tittles*” are taken care of, following all of the Bible insight, etc. does not mean that the person is spiritually superior. Do not be intimidated by such. At the

Matthew 11:2-3 “*Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?*” Jesus suffered having one of the strongest in the faith waiver a moment. One of the only four people who had experienced the reaction of heaven. The three apostles during the transfiguration are the other three. But how about ourselves? When we see someone whom we think has expressed the clearest light on Biblical points and yet waivers, do we lose all respect or do we help them in their time of weakness?

Matthew 13:54-58 “*And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this [man] this wisdom, and [these] mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this [man] all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*” His own hometown turned on Him even after being convicted that Jesus was who He claimed to be. How quickly they refused to let the Holy Spirit convict them. And how is it in your church? Are you under the blinders of the church who see you as a child still though you are fully-grown? Has the Lord been calling you elsewhere, but you have been denying it because the physical elements are comfortable in the home church? Stop and listen to “*the still small voice*” (1 Kings 19:12).

Matthew 15:22-23 “*And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the*

same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, *Have mercy on me, O Lord, [thou] Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.*” Jesus had to deal with various forms of prejudice inside the church. Are you sensing any prejudices from supposed brothers and sisters in Christ? Jesus knows all about it and provides the way for you to still love them.

John 6:66 “*From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*” After delivering a hard fact message, all of His potential people for baptism chickened out. Are you not pulling in the numbers from your soul winning efforts? Feel like giving up? Jesus almost lost His original twelve supporters. Not only did He have zero baptisms during this effort, He almost had negative numbers in the church. With that type of experience, yours cannot be that bad. So press on for we are only called to preach while it is the Spirit that converts the hearts.

Matthew 18:1 “*At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*” Jesus had to deal with people in the church fighting over positions. Are you desirous of a position and upset when you do not get it or do you believe the Lord’s will is done in all cases? Do others turn you off as you watch them fight for position? Pray for them and you do just what we have all been called to do – be the best instrument in God’s hands, His witness.

Matthew 21:12-13 “*And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*” It tore Jesus’ heart to see the church being handed over to such irreverence. How do we approach

the irreverence in the church today? Do we ignore it? Do we refuse to talk about it? Do we participate in the irreverence? Do we try to bring reverence to the church? Do we give up when resisted in bringing reverence into the church? None of us are called to form a whip and chase everyone out, but to allow the church to be taken over by irreverence without opposing it is allowing the Devil to walk all over your church.

Matthew 22:23-29 “*The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*” If it was not one group of people trying to confuse the listeners, it was another. And Jesus had to put up with the unscriptural

people. He combated with scripture and not more opinions. How about in our day? How do we treat those that are not sound in the scriptures and are just bringing things into the church motivated by feelings and not so much by the Bible? We must understand that just about all practicing Christians are trying to serve the Lord. It is just misguidance that causes the problem on one extreme or the other, which none of it would exist if we were all true students of the Word.

Luke 19:41 “*And when he [Jesus] was come near, he beheld the city [Jerusalem], and wept over it.*” Do we weep for those that reject the truth? Do we weep for those inside the church rejecting truth.

Matthew 26:14-16 “*Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said [unto them], What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.*” Jesus knew His betrayer even before He allowed Judas to be a close disciple. How do we treat and work with our potential betrayers? Judas, though he deserved the cold shoulder, could not say, “Because you treated me differently...”

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Can the same be said of ourselves?

Matthew 26:39 *“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”* Jesus did not want to go all the way to the cross, but He did. Are you willing to go all the way despite your feelings, discomforts, trials, etc.?

Matthew 26:40 *“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”* Jesus was let down by His prayer partners, not once, not twice, but three times. How are we as “dedicated” prayer partners?

Mark 14:48-50 *“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and [with] staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled.”* Jesus had to deal with abandonment. Do you feel all alone even in a crowded room? Jesus knows. Do not look to self, but to your sympathizing Savior.

Matthew 26:57 *“And they that had laid hold on Jesus led [him] away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.”* In a most humiliating fashion, they took Jesus away. If the authorities came for you and you did nothing wrong, how would you react? Would you grab your gun and tell them to get off your property? Would you run? Would you put up a fight? Or would you submit not knowing how it would turn out?

Matthew 26:59 *“Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death.”* It was obvious to Jesus what they were trying to do, but yet, He let them play their game. What would be our reaction? *“But if, when ye do well, and suffer [for it], ye take it patiently, this [is] acceptable with God”* (1 Peter 2:20).

Matthew 26:67-68 *“Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote [him] with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?”* John 18:22 *“And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?”* Would we follow the council *“whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also”* (Matthew 5:39)? Jesus did.

Matthew 27:2 *“And when they had bound him, they led [him] away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.”* It was bad enough being framed inside the church for something He did not do, but now He was being brought to the state government for public display. It will happen and is happening to Christians today. How will we react if it is our time to appear in court? Could we give a reason for our faith beyond *“My parents raised me this way”, “My pastor taught me this”, “My church believes this”, etc.*? Could you answer from the scriptures?

Matthew 27:21-23 *“The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? [They] all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.”* To have the whole church let you down; to be wrongfully disfellowshipped; how would we react? Would we get a web page and start attacking the church? Would we begin our own following? Or would we take it quietly and continue our mission of witnessing?

Matthew 27:26 *“Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered [him] to be crucified.”* Luke 23:15-16 *“No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release [him].”* Not one set of

stripes but two sets did innocent Jesus receive. Not a yell came from His lips. Simply submission. How will we react if the state wrongfully executes justice upon us?

Matthew 27:28-31 *“And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put [it] upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify [him].”* These scenes may be repeated. Will we show them Christ who did not give them the satisfaction from their torturous acts?

Luke 22:61 *“And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.”* Will you deny Him?

Matthew 27:35 *“And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.”* Even if all our possessions are wrongfully taken, and the pain is severe, would we make no comment like our Savior?

Mark 15:25, 33 *“And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.”* Do you find it hard to bear the heat of the day? Do you get a little edgy? Well, consider how Jesus must have felt being fully exposed to the elements for six hours, stretched out with mockers all around.

Matthew 27:39-44 *“And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest [it] in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests*

mocking [him], with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth." In one of the weakest states that Jesus could be in, He never used an excuse for a short temper and lashed out. Do we ever

snap at people saying, "I didn't get my right rest, so bug off..."? Or do we seek God more so seeing we need His grace abundantly?

John 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." As the sword went into His side and pierced His heart causing the water and blood to flow, this reveals the internal anguish that He went through. Do you love your neighbors

this much? Remember, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

May we really appreciate what Christ has done for us and may we be Christlike.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES (John 5:39)



The Beatitudes

1. What do "the poor in spirit" receive? **Matthew 5:3**
2. What do "they that mourn" receive? **Matthew 5:4**
3. What do "the meek" receive? **Matthew 5:5**
4. What do "they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" receive? **Matthew 5:6**
5. What do "the merciful" receive? **Matthew 5:7**
6. What do "the pure in heart" receive? **Matthew 5:8**
7. What do "the peacemakers" receive? **Matthew 5:9**

8. What do "they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake" receive? **Matthew 5:10**
9. What do those who are "reviled", "persecuted", and have "all manner of evil" spoken against receive? **Matthew 5:11-12**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Who Are the Apostles?

1. Which two apostles were "sons of Zebedee"? **Matthew 4:21** "And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James [the son] of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them."
2. Which two apostles were "casting a net into the sea" when Jesus called them? **Matthew 4:18** "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers."
3. Which apostle was "sitting at the receipt of custom" when Jesus called him? **Matthew 9:9** "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."

4. Which apostle said at the time of Lazarus' death, "Let us also go, that we may die with him"? **John 11:16** "Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him."
5. Which apostle did Jesus see under the "fig tree" before he was called? **John 1:48** "Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee."
6. Which apostle called 'the apostle to be' under the fig tree to "come and see"? **John 1:46** "And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see."
7. Which apostle was "[the son] of Alphaeus"? **Matthew 10:3** "Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Lebbeaus, whose surname was Thaddaeus."
8. What name was the apostle Lebbeaus better known as? **Matthew 10:3** "Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Lebbeaus, whose surname was Thaddaeus."
9. Which apostle was "the Canaanite"? **Matthew 10:4** "Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him."
10. Which apostle betrayed Jesus?

Matthew 10:4 “Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.”

11. Which apostle replaced the one that hung himself? **Acts 1:26** “And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was

numbered with the eleven apostles.”

12. Which apostle was blind for three days? **Acts 9:8-9** “And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought [him] into Damascus. And he was three days

without sight, and neither did eat nor drink”, **Acts 13:9** “Then Saul, (who also [is called] Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him”, and **Romans 1:1** “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”

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

[NEWSTART]



Pure water is one of Heaven's choicest blessings. Its proper use promotes health. Just how valuable is water? *For*

whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. (Mark 9:41)

EXTERNAL USE:

The external application of water is one of the easiest and most satisfactory ways of regulating the circulation of the blood.

Did you know...?

- Cleansing the skin helps rid the body of impurities that come out through the skin pores. Scrupulous cleanliness is essential to both physical and mental health.
- A daily bath or shower fortifies the body against the common cold and other illnesses, improves circulation and increases muscle flexibility.
- A daily bath or shower invigorates the body and the mind, which in turn brightens the intellect and soothes the nerves.
- A daily bath or shower helps the digestive organs - stomach, liver and bowels.

CONTRAST BATHING:

Knowledge in contrast bathing can help with: localized infections, injuries

to muscles or joints, arthritis, headaches, and fluid retention.

Did you know...?

- The contrast bath consists of placing a body part (hand or foot) alternately in hot and cold water and should be administered after

HEALTH AND COOKING TIPS:

Lecithin-Oil Slicker: This is a replacement for products such as Pam, a food release spray. Pour 6 parts oil (not olive, peanut or sunflower) into a jar with 1 part liquid lecithin (carried at your local health food store). Cover tightly and shake well. Keep at room temperature. Do not use lecithin granules. Measure oil first then use the same utensil to measure lecithin to help prevent sticking of lecithin on utensil. [This same concept should be applied to any recipe calling for honey and oil. Measure the oil first and then the honey will glide off the utensil.]



ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RECIPES:

Blueberry Muffins – *Country Life Vegetarian Cookbook*

½ c.	warm water	1 ¼ t.	salt
2 T.	dry yeast	1 c.	water
1 T.	honey	½ c.	honey
1 ½ c.	whole wheat flour	½ c.	oil
1 c.	oat flour	1 T.	vanilla (non-alcoholic)
1 c.	whole wheat pastry or unbleached white flour	2 c.	frozen or fresh blueberries

- 1) In small bowl stir together first three ingredients. Set aside to bubble for 5-7 minutes.
- 2) In another bowl stir together the three flours and salt.
- 3) In the blender for 30 seconds on high blend the four liquids and then pour them into the dry ingredients.
- 4) Add the yeast mixture when it is ready and stir together well.
- 5) Gently fold in the blueberries. Batter should not be runny.
- 6) Put 1/3 c portions into Lecithin-oiled muffin tins and let rise for 5-7 minutes
- 7) Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes

Yields 17 – 1/3 c. muffins.



proper training.

- The contrast bath causes the blood vessels to expand or dilate with heat, and contract with cold -- increasing the circulation to the treated body part. The increased blood flow enhances the supply of oxygen and nutrients to the body's cells and hastens removal of the

cell's waste products.

- The result of the contrast bath is increased cell metabolism and more rapid healing of the treated body area.

There are many other methods in addition to the contrast bath for relieving disease and discomforts

through proper knowledge of water administration.

In summary, water fights illnesses, improves circulation, helps digestion, and invigorates the body and mind.

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



QUESTION #1 –

Needmore, PA – Is their life on other planets?

ANSWER #1 – The Bible does not directly say there is or is not.

The Bible does make mention of the following verses: Hebrews 1:2 *“Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds”* and Hebrews 11:3 *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

Hebrews 11:3 is then followed by a list of faithful people. Could their be faithful unfallen people on other planets? God only knows.

Additionally, the Bible defines the word WORLD as a place where people are judged: Psalms 9:8 *“And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.”* It is also defined as a place where people live: Psalms 33:8 *“let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.”*

In addition, Satan is quite active with such things as space aliens. There is

not one thing that Satan has originated. It has always been a counterfeit of God's truth. So this craze on “space aliens” could very well indicate life on other planets.

Keep in mind, of all the world's created, earth will be especially crowned. Revelation 21:1-3 *“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God.”*

But for a “Thus Saith the Lord” on the subject, again there is nothing plainly stated as one way or the other.

QUESTION #2 – Shippensburg, PA – Are the twelve tribes in Revelation 7 literally the original twelve tribes of Israel even though the Jews do not know which tribe they belong to today?

ANSWER #2 – No. Revelation 7:5-8 includes the following tribes: Juda

(Judah), Reuben, Gad, Aser (Asher), Nephtalim (Naphtali), Manasses (Manasseh), Simeon, **Levi**, Issachar, Zabulon (Zebulun), **Joseph**, and Benjamin. The original tribes as listed in Numbers 1:21-43 were: Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, **Ephraim**, Manasseh, Benjamin, **Dan**, Asher, and Naphtali.

The differences appear in bold. Levites were not given land, yet in Revelation they are considered one of the twelve. Joseph is also part of the Revelation list and not the original list. Ephraim and Dan are left out of the Revelation list.

QUESTION #3 – Harrisburg, PA – How could Jesus celebrate the Passover and yet be the Passover Lamb the next day?

ANSWER #3 – The Biblical day is defined as *“And the evening and the morning were the first day”* (Genesis 1:5). Jesus celebrated Passover with His disciples the night before the crucifixion, which Biblically began the day. The next afternoon was still the same day, so Jesus was able to celebrate Passover and die on Passover according to the Biblical day and not the man made time which begins and

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ends at midnight.

YE HAVE HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST SHALL COME (1 John 2:18)



#32 Daniel 7:20 “And of the ten horns that [were] in his head, and [of] the other which came up, and before

whom three fell; even [of] that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look [was] more stout than his fellows.”

Since we are examining the Antichrist, it would be a logical deduction that being stout is not necessarily a good attribute in this case. In fact, we have a

Biblical example of the use of the word. Isaiah 10:12 “Wherefore it shall come to pass, [that] when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.”

Another reference defining the word STOUT appears in: Malachi 3:13-15 “Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken [so much] against thee? Ye have said, It [is] vain to serve God: and what profit [is it] that we have kept his ordinance, and that

we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [they that] tempt God are even delivered.”

Being STOUT in the wrong sense is punishable and notice the words “high looks”, “proud”, and “set up” are associated with the word. So we conclude that the Antichrist, in comparison to the other ten kings, will appear in a stout (pompous) manner.

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