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...Put forth your branches  
and bear your fruit...  
Ezekiel 36:8

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About nine years ago, a family member was going through a tough time...but they never actually revealed what they were going through until later. At that time, they were the most open I had ever seen to a Bible study. Unfortunately, not living close by, I wasn't able to do one with them personally. I now consider that a tragedy.

Since that time, this family member has become hardened in their beliefs (or lack of them?) and seems to worship the god of this world rather than the God of the universe.

I keep praying. I keep hoping. While I would love for God to answer my prayers (and indeed He answers all prayers), I have to be prepared that He may not answer this prayer as I would like Him to.

At the very creation of mankind, He gave us free choice. He has maintained this free-choice relationship with us since then. Each of us gets to choose whether we believe, whether we want to have God in our life. You are the "innkeeper"...what will you decide (see quotes and Quips, page 2)?

— The Team at  
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## Quotes and Quips

More light than we can learn, more wealth than we can treasure, more love than we can earn, more peace than we can measure, because one Child is born.

— Unknown

Invisible in His own nature, [God] became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp.

— Leo the Great

That the Creator Himself comes to us and becomes our ransom — this is the reason for our rejoicing.

— Martin Luther

Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

— Neal A. Maxwell

What keeps the wild hope of Christmas alive year after year in a world notorious for dashing all hopes is the haunting dream that the child who was born that day may yet be born again even in us.

— Frederick Buechner

The birth of Jesus is the sunrise in the Bible.

— Henry van Dyke

The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.

— Bill Crowder

If we do not set aside time to focus together on what God's word tells us about the promise of Christ, on Christmas morning we can find ourselves surrounded by mounds of torn gift wrap, our laps full of presents, but with hearts that are empty and unprepared.

— Nancy Guthrie

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By David Metzler

**THE TOMB OF JOSEPH**

*“After this, Joseph of Arimathea...asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission (John 19:38).*

The death of their Master devastated the disciples. They looked upon His closed eyelids and drooping head, His hair matted with blood, His pierced hands and feet, and their anguish was indescribable. Until the last they had not believed that He would die; they could hardly believe that He was really dead. Overwhelmed with sorrow, they did not recall His words foretelling this very scene. Although they wished to claim His body, John and the women of Galilee did not know how to proceed. Treason against Rome was a high crime, and the charge carried with it burial in a special ground reserved for criminals against the state, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus now used their positions to make sure Jesus would not be buried dishonorably.

Jesus died about 3:00 p.m., and sunset would arrive about 6:30 p.m. at that time of year and at that latitude. Having influence, Joseph went boldly to Pilate and begged from him the body of Jesus. For the first time, Pilate learned that Jesus was really dead. Conflicting reports had reached him in regard to the events attending the crucifixion, but the knowledge of Christ's death had been purposely kept from him...Upon hearing Joseph's request, he therefore sent for the centurion who had charge at the cross, and learned for a certainty of the death of Jesus. He also drew from him an account of the scenes of Calvary, confirming the testimony of Joseph.

Even while John worried about His Lord's burial, Joseph returned with the order to release the body, and Nicodemus, anticipating the success of Joseph's mission to Pilate, came with 72 pounds of costly embalming spices. The most honored in all Jerusalem could not have been shown more respect in death. The disciples were astonished to see these wealthy rulers as much interested as they themselves in the burial of their Lord. Isaiah had prophesied: “And they made His grave with the wicked — but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth” (Isaiah 53:9).

The courage of Joseph and Nicodemus during the hour of crisis should give strength to all Christians who face an unknown future. The Lord has servants in unknown quarters, servants yet to come forward to aid Christians in the battles with Satan. ■

**LIGHT FOR MY PATH**

*Jesus is Your Guardian*

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isaiah 43:2

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.

II Chronicles 16:9a

The Lord your God which goeth before you, He shall fight for you.

Deuteronomy 1:30a

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

II Thessalonians 3:3

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous; and His ears are open to their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

I Peter 3:12

The eternal God is thy refuge, underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee: and shall say, Destroy them.

Deuteronomy 33:27

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Psalms 91:7

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### WHEN GOD IS SILENT



We have all had times in our lives when God appears to be silent. We have prayed, sought God's guidance, and desired His will, but we only experience His silence. In times like these, we wonder where God is. Where is God when we need Him most? Why can't we hear His voice? Why does He seem so silent when we feel so alone? This month's Bible study will answer these questions directly from the Word of God.

**1. How did Daniel experience God's silence near the end of His life? How long did he have to pray before his prayers were answered? Read Daniel 10:2-12.**

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Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks. He was perplexed when he had no apparent answer to His prayers. After three weeks of silence the heavenly messenger explained that Daniel's prayers were heard from the "first day." Beyond what his eyes could see, a great controversy between good and evil in the universe had holy angels battling evil angels to answer his prayers. Although we may not always see it, God is working to answer our prayers.

**2. How did the apostle Paul relate to God when his prayer for healing was not answered in the way he wished? Read II Corinthians 12:7-10.**

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The apostle Paul learned to trust God in every trial. He claimed Christ's promise "My grace is sufficient for you" (verse 9), and believed that in his weakness Christ would make him strong.

TRUST  
yourself  
TO THE  
God  
WHO MADE YOU.

**3. Where is God when we cannot hear His voice and He seems so silent? Read Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 28:20.**

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**4. What promises does God give to reassure us of His constant concern? Read Psalms 23 and 139:7-14.**

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The Bible assures us that we can go nowhere that God is not present. Our ever-present, all-knowing God constantly watches over His children. He may appear to be silent, but Scripture says, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (II Chronicles 16:9).

**5. What is another reason God may seem silent? Read Isaiah 55:8, 9.**

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Our knowledge is limited; but God's knowledge is perfect. Sometimes we ask for things that are out of harmony with God's will for our lives, or that may not be for our best good. God doesn't withhold His answers because He does not love us, but because He does love us.

**6. How does Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 help us understand God's silence?**


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God has a divine timetable. There are times that He appears silent because answers to our prayers do not come immediately. God not only knows what we need — He knows the best time to give it to us.

**7. What spiritual quality is most necessary when God is silent? Read II Corinthians 5:7.**


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The most significant and important spiritual quality is faith. When we learn to trust God, we recognize that even when He appears to be silent, He is working in ways we do not understand to accomplish His best will in our lives. He loves us and will never do harm. Accepting this reality by faith, we can rest in His love and be at peace. ■



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## GOD CARES: *The Message of Daniel*

C. Mervin Maxwell

### **Daniel 9: God Schedules the Atonement The Message of Daniel 9**

Daniel knew from the Bible that God is a “covenant-keeping” deity — a God who keeps His promises. At the beginning of his prayer he addressed God as the One who “keepest covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments” (Daniel 9:4).

Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the temple began with a reference to God as One who keeps covenant (1 Kings 8:23), and Leviticus 26 also refers to God’s covenant. Daniel was acquainted with these passages. He had also read about God’s covenants in Jeremiah 31.

William Tyndale, who lost his life translating the Bible in the sixteenth century, gave a splendid definition of prayer in his comment on Jacob’s prayer in Genesis 32:9-12. It reminds us to remember God’s promises when we pray:

Prayer is to cleave unto the promises of God with a strong faith, and to beseech God with a fervent desire that He will fulfill them for His truth and mercy only.

It’s a good definition. Remembering as we begin our prayers that God keeps His promises helps us to have the kind of faith He can respond to.

Now that we have looked at Daniel’s notable prayer, let us look at the answer God sent him.

## **II. Date of the Cross Foretold**

When the Lord Jesus Christ strode into the villages of Galilee, He electrified the people with His dramatic proclamation, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15).

We want to know, What did Jesus mean by the words, “*The time is fulfilled*”?

What did Paul mean by saying, “*When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman*”? (Galatians 4:4).

And what did Paul have in mind when he spoke about the new, eternal life which God “promised ages ago and at *the proper time* manifested in His word”? (Titus 1:2, 3).

Jesus and Paul were aware that God had appointed a set time, and they knew that it had arrived. The angel Gabriel had announced this set time in the astonishingly accurate prediction which he gave to Daniel at the close of Daniel 9.

More than half a millenium in advance, Gabriel's daring prophecy had foretold the very year in which Jesus would be baptized and also when He would be crucified! Much more even than that, it explained *why* Jesus would come. He would come to have success with a covenant with His people. He would die to put an end to sin and would bring in everlasting righteousness. Even His resurrection was implied in the prophecy, for after making an end of sin He would "anoint a most holy place."

### **The Link between Daniel 8 and Daniel 9**

It is basic to keep remembering that Daniel 9 explains Daniel 8:14, and that Daniel 8 and 9 form a unit.

When Gabriel appeared, Daniel recognized that he was the same person "whom I had seen in the vision at the first."

Gabriel's opening sentence was, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and *understanding*."

After paying Daniel the compliment of calling him a man "greatly beloved," Gabriel added, "therefore consider the word and *understand* the vision."

Gabriel had been commissioned to "make this man understand the vision" of chapter 8. He had, within that chapter, explained everything except verse 14, with its references to the cleansing of the sanctuary and to the 2300 evening-and-morning days. Daniel had not needed an explanation of the cleansing of the sanctuary, but the 2300 days perplexed him. Were they literal days (as he must have hoped), or were they symbolic like the other items in Daniel 8:3-14 and like the days in Ezekiel 4:6? And if they did refer to 2300 *years*, was God saying that the *tamid* services at the Jerusalem temple would not be restored for 2300 *years*? If so, what about Jeremiah's prophecy of only 70 years?

Daniel was concerned about the calculation of time. Gabriel began his explanation with a statement about time.

### **The Seventy Weeks Cut Off**

Said Gabriel, "Seventy weeks of years are decreed concerning your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place" (Daniel 9:24).

Seventy *weeks* of years! Daniel had been looking at a prophecy by Jeremiah that talked about seventy years. Now Gabriel was speaking about a period seven times as long. Commentators are virtually unanimous in saying that Gabriel meant 490 years (70 x 7 years).

And these 490 years were “decreed,” “marked out,” or “determined,” depending on your Bible translation.

The underlying Hebrew term is *chathak*. It is another once-in-the-Bible word, like *nitsdaq*.

But even though *chathak* is used only this one time in the Bible, it is well known to scholars from its usage outside the Bible. It means to “cut” or to “divide.” Ancient rabbis used it as meaning to “amputate.”

Translators know that *chathak* means to cut, divide, and amputate, but they haven’t always understood how to make sense out of a literal translation, and so they have proposed a variety of alternatives, including not only “marked out” and “determined” and “decreed” but also “foreshortened,” and others.

It is best to let the word be itself. Gabriel had come to explain the 2300 days. He began his explanation by announcing that 490 years were to be “cut” or “amputated” from the longer period. The matter is as simple as that.

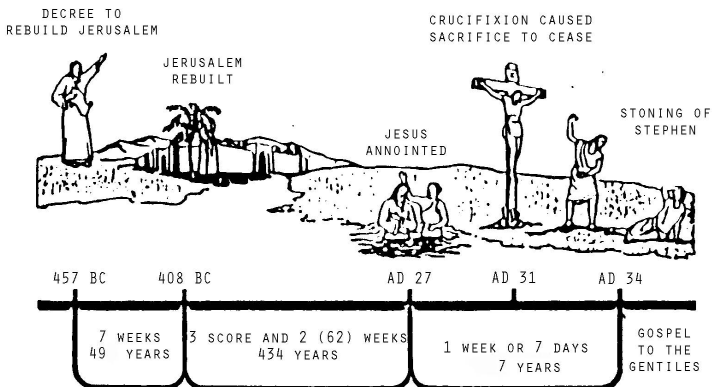
Here is the answer to Daniel’s lingering question about the length of the 2300 days. Inasmuch as 490 years cannot be “cut” away from 2300 literal days, which add up to less than seven years, the solution is clear. The 2300 days are indeed symbolic and stand for 2300 actual years.

Daniel of course still wanted to know when the 2300 years were to begin, in order to calculate when they would end. Certainly we want to have this information too.

Gabriel would provide it in a moment.

### The Seventy Weeks Segmented

First, though, we need to note that in verses 25 to 27 Gabriel trisected the 70 weeks into three unequal segments consisting of seven weeks (49 years), 62 weeks (434 years), and one week (7 years). He subdivided the final week further into halves (3-1/2 years each, see diagram below).



## The Seventy Weeks Begun

Verse 25 says, “Know therefore and *understand* — there is that crucial verb again, “understand” — “that from the going forth of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks and three score and two weeks.”

Daniel must have been encouraged to learn that there really would be a decree issued some day authorizing the restoration of Jerusalem! Can we find out anything more about this decree?

Yes; in fact we need to look at three decrees, all preserved for us by Ezra the scribe.

1. The first of these three decrees, issued in 538 (or possibly 537) by Cyrus the Great, permitted a resettlement of the Jewish exiles in their homeland and empowered them to build for God “a house at Jerusalem” (Ezra 1:2-4). In connection with this decree Cyrus released the sacred utensils that Nebuchadnezzar had carried to Babylon — and which Belshazzar had blasphemously drunk from on the night when Cyrus defeated him, only a year or two prior to this decree. There were 5469 of them (Ezra 1:7-11)!

Some 50,000 Jews returned to Palestine within a year. They ran into stiff opposition from the non-Jewish inhabitants of the area. In the face of this opposition, work on the temple dragged (see Ezra, chapters 2-5).

2. The second of the three decrees was issued around 519 by Darius I Hystaspes (not to be confused with Darius the Mede). Shortly after Darius began to reign, he received a letter asking him to confirm the original decree made by Cyrus. Darius ordered a thorough search of the Persian archives in Babylonia and Ecbatana, and when an official memo of the decree was at last recovered (Ezra 6:1-5), he cheerfully issued the requested confirmation (Ezra 6:6-12).

3. The third decree was issued by Artaxerxes I Longimanus. (“Longimanus” refers to the length of his hands.) Qualitatively, this third decree (Ezra 7:11-26) was superior to the first two, for it commissioned Ezra to appoint magistrates and judges with full political and religious authority to try cases under both Jewish and Persian law and to impose capital punishment. Said Artaxerxes:

“You Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which is in your hand, *appoint magistrates and judges* who may judge all the people in the province Beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and those who do not know them, you shall teach. Whoever will not obey *the law of your God and the law of the king*, let judgment be strictly executed upon him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of his goods or for imprisonment” (Ezra 7:25, 26).

In his report Ezra says that he gathered together a group of potential leaders, traveled with them from Babylonia to Jerusalem, arrived in Palestine

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in the fifth month of Artaxerxes's seventh year, and, at some unspecified time thereafter, "delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps and to the governors of the province Beyond the River" (Ezra 8:36). He also says that the temple was finally completed according to the "decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes" (Ezra 6:14). His reference to the three documents by the singular word "decree" indicates the unity of the decrees. It also calls attention to the third one, without which the first two were incomplete.

For it was this third decree — the decree of the seventh year of Artaxerxes — which gave Jerusalem its legal rebirth. It was this third decree, authorizing the appointment of magistrates and judges and, in particular, reestablishing Jewish law as a basis of local government, which made possible the restoration of Jerusalem as a capital.

Hence it was this third decree that Gabriel had in mind when he spoke of a decree to "restore and build Jerusalem."

Now, can this decree be dated?

Beyond a doubt.

As we have seen, Ezra implemented the decree at some time after his arrival in Palestine in the fifth month of the seventh year of Artaxerxes's reign. Because the Jewish months were numbered from spring to spring, the fifth month in old Jerusalem fell somewhere between mid-July and mid-September on our calendar (depending on the timing of New Year's day in any given year). The fifth month of the seventh year of Artaxerxes fell in the late summer or early autumn of 457 B.C., and the decree was implemented soon afterward.

We now have the date when the seventy weeks began: the autumn of 457 B.C.

With this anchor secured, it is a simple matter to calculate each of the other dates for our chart. Seven weeks (49 years) from 457 B.C. bring us to 408 B.C. Seventy week (490 years) from the autumn of 457 B.C. bring us to A.D. 34. Counting one week (7 years) back from A.D. 34 brings us to A.D. 27. Counting forward again 3-1/2 years bring us to A.D. 31.

We will return to these dates shortly and examine the evidence for fulfillment in each case. First, though, we'll need to understand more about the purpose of the seventy weeks and about the events which were to occur on the different dates.

In view of his deeply spiritual prayer, Daniel had reason to anticipate a deeply spiritual answer. He was not disappointed. As we shall see, Gabriel's response in Daniel 9:24-27 went far beyond anything Daniel had requested. We will want to analyze Daniel 9:24-27 very closely. ■



WORDS  
of WISDOM

### **Growing through Gratitude**

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects. He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).

### **Seasons of Hope**

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity — hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory — because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor and was born in a stable so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.

— J.I. Packer

### **A Fresh Look**

Just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all...No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is in the Manger*

### **Who Can Add to Christmas?**

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.”

— Corrie ten Boom

## YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

### How am I supposed to “put on the armor of God”? (Part 1)

*“Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:13).*

The primary focus of Scripture is the ongoing conflict between Christ and Satan. Revelation tells us that what began as a cosmic war in heaven will soon end in Armageddon. In this showdown between the forces of good and the powers of evil, truth and light are under constant attack from deception and darkness. And like it or not, every single one of us is involved.

The battleground for this intense spiritual struggle is the human heart. Both Jesus and the devil are supremely interested in winning possession of our minds and hearts. The Bible says, “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). For this reason, Christians are called to be more than peaceful spectators in this conflict. We must be committed front-line commandos.

When we talk about putting on the armor of God — the helmet of salvation, the belt of truth, the sword of the Word of God, etc. — we’re obviously not speaking literally. These are symbols. We don’t walk around with a sword or a war helmet. Although our armor and weapons are spiritual, this does not mean they are unreal or ineffective. “Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds” (II Corinthians 10:3, 4).

We must put on the unfailing armor of God — all of it! This is where many Christians fall short. They take some of the armor but forget one or two parts of the suit; sometimes, they might pay an eternal price for their neglect. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul attaches a spiritual association to seven implements of earthly armor. Let’s next consider each of these articles of defense one by one to see what we can learn. ■

*Continued Next Month*



Wherefore  
take unto  
you the  
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God, that  
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Ephesians 6:13

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**FAMILY MATTERS**

1. What did Esau sell to his brother, Jacob?
  - A) A blessing
  - B) His birthright
  - C) Stew
  
2. What did Jacob cheat Esau out of?
  - A) His birthright
  - B) His place in the family
  - C) His blessing
  
3. What did Esau's Hittite wives bring to Isaac and Rebekah?
  - A) Grief
  - B) Dowries
  - C) Great joy
  
4. How many wives did Jacob have?
  - A) 1
  - B) 2
  - C) 5
  
5. Who deceived Jacob at his own wedding feast?
  - A) Laban
  - B) Leah
  - C) Rachel

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Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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**Our Blessed Hope**

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the pen  
 People were lonely and tied up within.  
 Not an inmate was stirring; they were all in their cells  
 Enduring a small room, their own little hell.  
 There were no stockings, not even a tree,  
 Just concrete bars and fences to see.  
 There would be no presents 'cept One from above,  
 The One who forgives, who gives His great love.  
 He'll forgive all their sins, remove all their pain,  
 Change lives forever, remove every stain,  
 But a change must be made in a man's heart  
 For God to provide him with a new start.  
 As far as the east is to west, He'll remember no more.  
 If only they'll knock, He is the only door.  
 For whoever seeks, Jesus he shall find;  
 He will provide new desires and give a new mind.  
 He is the way, the truth, and the life,  
 Cleansing you from all sorrow and strife.  
 He's the Alpha, the Omega, the Beginning and End.  
 One thing is certain; He will be your best Friend.  
 Whenever you need Him at night or by day,  
 He'll always be there to light up your way.  
 As you remember Christmas, remember what He will do.  
 Woman or man or Gentile or Jew,  
 He came to seek and save that which was lost  
 Although He knew there would be a great cost.  
 He would suffer and die and hang from a tree.  
 For him and for her, for you and for me.  
 The answer to life — He is the way!  
 Confess Him as Lord, do it today.  
 A home up in heaven, no sickness or sorrow,  
 No worry, no pain, a hope for tomorrow.  
 Jesus the Christ Child that is your gift.  
 Born of a virgin, a perfect life lived.



— Mike Hedrick



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**Bible Trivia  
Answers**

1. B. His birthright (Genesis 25:33). A birthright provided the owner with power, possessions, privileges, and inheritances and was given to the firstborn.
2. C. His blessing (Genesis 27:35). A blessing in ancient times was a prophesy that foretold of good things coming to the recipient.
3. A. Grief (Genesis 26:34-35). Hittites were pagan, and their religion contained a variety of Babylonian and Egyptian gods.
4. B. 2 (Genesis 29:21-30). Jacob was willing to work seven years for each of his wives. Rachel and Leah were granddaughters of Nahor, Abraham's brother.
5. A. Laban (Genesis 29:23-25). Laban was Jacob's uncle (Genesis 29:13). From Jacob and his wives and their handmaidens we get the twelve tribes of Israel.

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"That's why I say, 'Fleece Navidad!'"

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### DISCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT:

SUBJECT	LABEL	FIRST VERSE
1- ANGELS	1A	Heb. 1:13, 14
2.-GOD'S PURPOSE FOR WORLD	1P	Eccl. 1:4
3-THE WAY OF SALVATION	1WS	Matt. 19:16
4-NEARNESS OF CHRIST'S RETURN	1NR	Matt. 24:3
5-SECOND COMING OF CHRIST	1SC	Heb. 9:28
6-BIBLE TEMPERANCE	1BT	1 Cor. 10:31
7-MILLENNIUM	1M	Rev. 20:5
8-MOST WONDERFUL PROPHECY IN BIBLE	1WP	Dan. 8:3-14
9-MEANING OF HELL	1MH	1 Cor. 15:55
10-WHERE ARE THE DEAD?	1WD	Eccl. 12:7
11-PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED	1PW	2 Pet. 2:9
12-HEAVEN	1H	2 Cor. 12:2
13-CHRISTIAN'S RULE OF LIFE	1CR	Jam. 2:8-12
14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
15-LORD'S DAY	1LD	Rev. 1:10
16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
17-CHANGE OF SABBATH	1CS	Ex. 20:8-11
18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
20-SEVEN LAST PLAGUES	1SP	Rev. 15:1
21-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
24-CHRISTIANS IN DRESS	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
26-THE TRUE CHURCH	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK	1SW	Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

**No. 25 BAPTISM: 1B: Mark 16:16; 2B: Mark 1:9-11; 3B: I Peter 2:21; 4B: Acts 8:36-39; 5B: Colossians 2:12; 6B: Matthew 28:19-20; 7B: Acts 19:1-5; 8B: Romans 6:3-4; 9B: Galatians 3:27; 10B: I John 2:6; 11B: Revelation 22:14.**