

Last Generation News

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Greetings from NW Arkansas in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah!

Hi everyone! We have been asked for a long time to print a monthly newsletter and now we are finally taking the plunge to actually do it. We have so many things to update you on that it is difficult to know exactly where to begin. To make a long story short, we moved to NW Arkansas two years ago this next month. We have some property in a remote part of Arkansas that is absolutely beautiful with a lot of pine trees and gravity-fed spring water that we hope to eventually use as a health/ministry retreat. We have two other couples who are interested in helping us with this ministry. We are praying that if this is God's will that He will send us the means to accomplish this. Please join us in

praying about this matter as well.

We plan to have a health, promises, current events, spiritual, and reader's section in each newsletter so if you have any material that you would like to contribute or any questions that you would like answered, please send it to us. We know that many of you have valuable information and we want to make this newsletter a sharing newsletter where we can all learn from each other.

We have been receiving calls from all over the country asking for books and giving wonderful testimonies of what the message of God's Festivals is doing in their lives. One lady from the Church of God called and said that when her church

split she and her mother stayed with the part of the church that kept God's Festivals—the rest of her family abandoned the Festivals and started worshipping on Sunday. Apparently her church was not giving sufficient reasons for keeping Sabbath and so she was about ready to drop all of God's Festivals herself when she found our book God's Holidays in a shopping cart at a local store. She found the reasons that she needed to keep her faithful to God and called us rejoicing in her discoveries. Some organization that we had not heard of had put their label on the book and left it in the cart. God is still working to encourage His dear people to keep the faith. Praise God!

Comforting Promises

Ellen White says that the three Hebrews that were thrown into Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace repeated the following scripture. See Prophets and Kings, page 512.

"Fear not: for I have redeemed thee. I have called thee by name; thou art Mine. 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 shall not be burned; neither shall the

flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in My sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee. Fear not for I am with thee." Isaiah 43:1-5.

"It is the work of angels to come close to the suffering, the tempted...It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the cooperation of heavenly beings. Invisible ar-

mies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God." AA 153-154

"Every weak, doubting, struggling soul who yields fully to the Lord is placed in direct touch with agencies that enable him to overcome. Heaven is near to him, and he has the support and help of angels of mercy in every time of trial and need." AA 299

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Special points of interest:

- Our ministry is a faith-based ministry operating on a shoe string budget. If you would like to help with your prayers, time, or finances we would be very grateful.
- Jesus is coming soon! Are you ready?

The Timing of the Levitical Year

Condensed from an article sent to us

Everything Christ has done has been according to His Levitical year. The Levitical year is tied to the agricultural year (e.g. the grain had to be ripe to be waved on First Fruits) and is a prophetic year with a message in relation to time and events, revealing Christ's plan of restoring His bride to Himself. When does this year begin? Let us see what the Torah says. Passover was celebrated in the first month of the year. See Exodus 12:2-6. Moses tells us that Passover is celebrated in the month of Abib. The bold words are the actual text and the italicized words are Strong's definitions.

“Observe”⁸¹⁰⁴ [such as to hedge about with thorns, guard and protect, beware, be circumspect, (defined as “showing unwillingness to act without first weighing the risks or consequences”) take heed, keep, mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, reserve, regard, save, lay wait secure, watch man], **the month of Abib,**²⁴ [when the barley is in the ear] **and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month Abib,**²⁴ [when the barley is in the ear] **the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.”** Deut. 16:1.

Strong's clearly defines the word Abib.

Abib – OT #24– abiyb, (*aw-beeb*): from an unused root (mean. to be tender); green, i.e. a young ear of grain; hence the name of the month [moon] *Abib* or Nisan: - *Abib*, ear, green ears of corn. *Strong's Concordance*

The Western Barley Growers Association gives us a description of how they determine Abib in the ear.

There are 2-3 weeks from first leafing till it boots, which is a flag leaf.

2-3 days later the head or ear comes out of the boot/flag leaf.

Furthermore the Western Barley Growers Association states: “From green in the ear there are 3-4 weeks till harvest, depending on the type of barley during which time the barley turns from green to yellow....If barley is allowed to stand in the field another month the ripe heads will break off.”

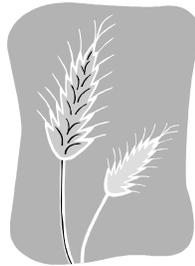
Ellen White said it this way:

“Barley was the earliest grain in Palestine, and at the opening of the feast it was beginning to ripen.” (PP 539)

God even provided the timing just in case we couldn't find out when the barley was beginning to ripen.

“The first of these festivals, the Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, occurred in *Abib*, the first month of the Jewish year, corresponding to the last of March and the beginning of April.” (PP 538.1)

(If Passover is 14 days after the new moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox, then Passover can never occur in March, which nullifies the previous EGW quote. Ed.)



“Barley grows every year in the Holy Land whether farmers intentionally cultivate it or not. Unintentionally cultivated barley, also referred to as “volunteer” barley, is present all over the Land of Israel in very large quantities. In areas where barley had been cultivated in previous years, fallen seeds would have grown “voluntarily” in relatively large concentrations. However, even in areas where barley has not been cultivated since at least 1948, it continues to survive in great quantities. Volunteer barley grows in such large quantities that Arab shepherds have been known to harvest it with sickles to feed their sheep. Modern wheat farmers in Israel complain that they have to actively root out volunteer barley from their wheat fields and even then they can never get all of it.” *Karaite-korner.org*. (Barley would therefore have grown during sabbatical years and probably even in the wilderness since it grows like a weed. Maybe that is why God chose the green barley (*abib*) to mark His year. Ed.)

All of the following quotations are from the *Historical Development of Prophetic Interpretation* released by the

Board of Trustees of E.G. White Publications, which is a compilation of quotations collected and preserved by the E. G. White Estates.

The Jewish year began with the new moon nearest the barley harvest

Luni-solar Mosaic Year is Inseparably Linked to Appointed Feasts and Harvest Periods in Judea: “The Jewish year began with the new moon nearest the barley harvest, and the Jews were required to bring a sheaf of the first fruits of their harvest unto the priest as a wave offering; and on the 14th day of the month, at even, was the Lord's Passover. See Lev. 23. The commencement of their years being always governed by the time the barley harvest should be reaped, made them all virtually the same length as our own; for these must have been as many years, as there were barley harvests, and no more. The year beginning with the new moon nearest the barley harvest, made that feast a movable feast, and the year sometimes began earlier and sometimes later, varying half a moon as the barley ripened early or later, and the new moon came near to the time of the harvest.” Bliss, S., *Signs of the Times*, 6/21/1843, p. 123, col 3.

“Adventist leaders were often challenged as to placement of true month Nisan in spring of '44. Were always some who were not quite sure about the days after the disappointment. Whiting asserted that “To ascertain when the Carait first month commenced we must know at what period the barley harvest was ripe at Jerusalem in 1844.” (*Morning Watch*, March 6 and April 17, 1845.) Further added that no information had been received as to period of barley harvest in Jerusalem, Millerites simply added 29 days to full moon of April 3, (Boston civil time), which, from authoritative statements, they concluded **too early**

for ripe barley in Judea, and arrived at May 2 as true Mosaic Passover. This was one of their methods of computing "Karaite first month." (*Advent Herald*, Nov. 27, 1844, p. 124, col. 2.)

"Their (Karaites) rules of calendation had weight with Millerites because **they strictly adhered to the letter of Mosaic law.** By these rules, Adventists learned principle that controls luni-solar year, namely, that position of month Nisan on civil calendar is **regulated by the moon nearest the barley harvest in Judea.** The time of barley harvest in Judea they ascertained from authorities like Michaelis, Jahn, Faber, Buhle's "*Economical [Agricultural] Calendar,*" and from Scriptures." As quoted in the material from the E. G. White Estates

The Historical Departure of Jewry From the Harvest Link: "After Roman dispersion of Jews from Palestine, **Rabbins, in order to secure uniformity, changed reckoning of sacred year** in time of Hillel II (c. 360 A.D.), from divinely commanded form--regulated by barley harvest and observation of new moon -- to astronomical, **influenced by Roman ecclesiastical calendar,** beginning new year with new moon on or nearest vernal equinox." Sidersky, "*Etude Sur L'origine Astronomique de la chronologie juive,*" pp. 623-626, as quoted in the material from the E. G. White Estates

(Do we want to follow the Rabbins and the Roman ecclesiastical calendar or the Bible?)

"At the present time, the Rabbinical Jews commence their year with the new moon nearest the vernal equinox, irrespective of the barley harvest; ... but it is evident that as **they disregard the ordinances of Moses and substitute for them their traditions,** they are therefore of no authority as to the true time for the commencement of the Jewish year." (Bliss, *Advent Shield*, January 1845, p. 276.) "We should as soon think of going to the monks of the dark ages to decide respecting the gospel of Christ, as we should to the Rabbins, to decide respecting the Mosaic law." (Bliss, *Advent Herald*, 11/27/1844, p. 142, col. 2.)

In conclusion, there are two witnesses that determine the beginning of the sacred year.

1. The abib (green barley) determines the first month.

2. The new moon determines the day it begins.

(Editor's note: Melody and I originally believed that the new moon following the spring equinox was the correct moon to begin the new year and that is what we printed in our book *God's Holidays*. We used a quote found in the appendix of the 1888 Great Controversy to substantiate our position. However, that quote is in all caps, signifying that Ellen White did not write that quote, which means that some friendly editor inserted it. Furthermore, that quote conflicts with what EGW said about Passover being in late March or early April as quoted above (PP 538)—there would never be a March Passover if the new moon following the spring equinox is the moon to use. We have had to change our position. About the time you think you understand something, God sends more light! With this information in mind here are the dates of the fall festivals: Trumpets--September 13; Day of Atonement--September 22; Tabernacles--September 27-October 4—remember that the festival actually begins at sunset the evening before these dates.)

Health Corner

by Melody Drake

In each newsletter we will have some amazing health information to share with you. "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?" Jeremiah 8:22. We believe that God has a balm (natural remedy) for every illness; it is just a matter of finding it.

We read a book entitled **Your Body's Many Cries for Water** (obtainable from watercure.com or 703-848-2333). This book is by a physician who states that drinking normal saline water can reverse or significantly improve many chronic illnesses and in this book he speaks about the many illnesses he observed that improved, including high blood pressure.

I reversed my knee joint pain by drinking this water. A friend of ours stopped having her frequent heat strokes during the summer when she drank this water. Many elderly die

during high heat because they are on salt restricted diets and diuretics. If they would drink this water it could save their life. We recommend drinking 10-16 cups a day of this water, depending on how much you are sweating and how large you are. We shared this at a campmeeting and six months later when we went back we were told that at least 30 people had significantly improved their health by drinking this water. To make this water add 1 tsp of salt per gallon of water or 1/4th tsp salt per quart of water or 1/8th tsp salt per 2 cups of water.

Table salt is bad for your health due to the additives and the fact that it was produced by heating, which changes the salt chemically. We recommend Real Salt or Celtic Salt (available in the health food store). Another very good salt is rock salt, the type that you use to make ice cream. Simply get a coffee grinder or seed grinder from Wal Mart to grind up the salt before putting it in your water. You will also need to take an iodine supplement since this salt is not iodized and iodine promotes the health of your thyroid and prevents iodine deficiency. We recommend Lugol's solution. Take 3 drops 5 times a day in your water. You can buy Lugol's Solution at 800-372-6726. Adequate iodine also helps to prevent breast cancer, fatigue, and many other symptoms. Distilled water or reverse osmosis is the best water to drink and the next best is purified water. Avoid drinking chlorinated water as the chlorine is very bad for your health and can reduce the iodine in your thyroid. Note of Caution: Do not drink distilled water stored in plastic jugs or put your water in plastic bottles as the plastic leaches harmful chemicals into your water.

North American Division Supports SDA Jewish Synagogues

by Richard Drake

On July 20, 2007, I spoke with Alexander Bolotnikov (Sasha) from the NAD and found out that the SDA church is now promoting SDA Synagogues all over the U.S. and even in Canada. He told me that the heart of the outreach to Jews are the Festivals and that the whole year revolves around the Festivals. Would you like to start an SDA Messianic Congregation in your area? Call Sasha at 513-652-3493. He said that he will provide training including power point presentations, etc. There will be a training weekend in Florida this September 14-16.

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- Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Join Us For Tabernacles September 26-October 4, 2007

Come celebrate Tabernacles with us this year about an hour east of Salem, Oregon. Take your vacation and join in a wonderful experience of religious and social recreation in southern Oregon. The speakers this fall will be Shabaz Bakhshnia, Linda Shelton, Steven Wallace, Al and Colette Martin, and Richard Drake. We are also planning on a religious feast of music with Steven Wallace (remember Take 3?), Al and Colette, Richard, Linda Shelton, and the Benton Sisters among others. Our mornings and evenings will be full of worship and our afternoons will be free for recreation, resting, reading, visiting, ????. This will indeed be a Tabernacles to remember. Breakfast and supper are \$2.50 each and lunch is \$5.50. Bring your RV, tent, or sleep in one of the 12 available rooms. For more information about registering, directions, etc. give Linda Jacobsen a call at 541-938-5749. Linda is in Pacific

Daylight Time. We need to have your registration no later than September 10 in order to purchase food for the week. So please let us know asap if you will be joining us!

God's Holidays

We believe that the time has come to send the book God's Holidays to believers overseas. If you would like to help us with this project you can send donations to Last Generation Ministries c/o Richard Drake at the address on this newsletter. We are also making the book available for \$5.00 each in quantities of 10 plus \$5.00 shipping.



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