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# Editorial

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As I observe the happenings in the world and in our nation, it becomes more obvious how important it is to find a residence in the country. Of course I was first convinced of this many years ago while I was traveling with Hope International. I was thankful that I had some experience with country living—Mary and I had moved to the wilds of Montana near Glacier National Park after we were married. There we learned a lot about being off the grid and heating with wood.

I traveled throughout the United States with Hope and eventually decided to move to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. We purchased our property in 1992 and moved into our present home in 1994.

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## *Ready or not, here I come.*

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We have had many years of experience in the country as I write this editorial. We still love our country life.

Ellen White has not only given counsel for country living because of the ordeals that people who live in the city may soon face, but also because of the better surroundings country living provides.

“Life in the cities is false and artificial. The intense passion for money getting, the whirl of excitement and pleasure seeking, the thirst for display, the luxury and extravagance—all are forces that, with the great masses of mankind, are turning the mind from life’s true purpose. They are opening the door to a thousand evils. Upon the youth they have almost irresistible power. One of the most subtle and

dangerous temptations that assails the children and youth in the cities is the love of pleasure. Holidays are numerous; games draw thousands, and the whirl of excitement and pleasure attracts them away from the sober duties of life. Money that should have been saved for better uses is frittered away for amusements.” AH 135.

She continues: “The physical surroundings in the cities are often a peril to health. The constant liability to contact with disease, the prevalence of foul air, impure water, impure food, the crowded, dark, unhealthful dwellings, are some of the many evils to be met.

“It was not God’s purpose that people should be crowded into cities, huddled together in terraces and tenements. In the beginning He placed our first parents amidst the beautiful sights and sounds He desires us to rejoice in today. The more nearly we come into harmony with God’s original plan, the more favorable will be our position to secure health of body and mind and soul.” AH 135.

“There is not one family in a hundred who will be improved physically, mentally, or spiritually by residing in the city. Faith, hope, love, happiness, can far better be gained in retired places, where there are fields and hills and trees. Take your children away from the sights and sounds of the city, away from the rattle and din of streetcars and teams, and their minds will become more healthy. It will be found easier to bring home to their hearts the truth of the word of God.” AH 137.

When Ellen White first provided these statements the second coming

was something the people thought would happen soon, and it could have.

Ellen White has said, “Because time is short, we should work with diligence and double energy. Our children may never enter college.” 3T 159.

But then she had to explain the delay—“The long night of gloom is trying, but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come so many would be found unready.” 2T 194.

“Had the church done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory.” DA 633, 634.

“When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” COL 69 (1900).

Are we still delaying His coming by refusing to step out in faith and follow the counsel that was given over a 100 years ago to get out of the big cities? One day He will say “Ready or not, here I come.” Will you be ready?

“Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for the event. To parents He sends the warning cry: Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get them out of the large cities as fast as possible...God will help His people to find such homes outside the cities.” AH 139.

***Again—Will you be ready?***



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# THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES



## THE FIRST ANGEL

By Joe Olson

THIS MONTH I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A STUDY OF THE FIRST OF THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES IN REVELATION CHAPTER 14.

*"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," Rev. 14:6.*

### *A message of good news to those on planet Earth*

John says he saw another angel. During this apocalyptic vision, John has seen many angels - angels standing before God; angels given trumpets; a mighty angel come down from heaven, etc., etc. In this part of John's vision, he sees yet another angel. This angel is seen flying in the midst of heaven. Since the people being preached to are on this earth, the "heaven" that John saw the angel flying in had to be the sky above the earth, or our atmosphere. This message is confined to our planet and its inhabitants. The message is for "them that dwell on the earth". And the message, we are told, is the "everlasting gospel". This is the "Good News".

The good news is that Jesus came to this earth to live and die for us that we might be saved. The good news is that God loves us. The good news is that He sent His Son to take our place. And this good news is to be spread all over the earth. Every single soul on this earth is to hear this good news. This angel represents the message of Christ's salvation that is to be actively preached, taught and lived by all those who are led by God.

### *The commission of angels*

Angels live in heaven with God and their only desire in life is to do the will of their Master. They live for the opportunity to be His workers, in whatever capacity they are asked to serve. Sometimes they are asked to guard the tree of life in the garden of



Eden. Sometimes they are messengers to bring God's messages to individuals. Sometimes they bring food to those in need. Sometimes they bring plagues to wicked nations. Sometimes they are angels of death to Egyptians. Sometimes they minister unto their Master... Jesus. And then again, sometimes they herald the gospel of Jesus Christ. But, no matter what they do, they love to do it because they love God.

And this angel is commissioned to preach the everlasting gospel. Now, why is this gospel said to be the everlasting gospel? What is everlasting about this gospel, or good news? Well, first off, God loves us eternally, so there is one aspect of the "everlastingness" of the gospel. The saved will be eternally grateful and will tell their story throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. And... the results of the everlasting gospel will be everlasting. The scripture teaches that those who cast their lot with God, will live with God forever and ever. Also, Nahum 1:9 says that, "affliction shall not rise up the second time".

The effects of this everlasting good news will be such that sin will never, ever occur anywhere else or anytime else, ever again. The "good news" is the antidote to sin. The "good news" cleanses from sin. And the "good news" will ultimately eradicate sin from this earth forever. Yes, the gospel of Jesus Christ is the everlasting gospel. And all on this earth need to hear it so everyone can make an informed decision about this "Jesus" that Christians believe in and follow so determinedly.

### *A message to fear God*

And then John is given what the angel messenger was going around saying about this gospel... "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Rev. 14:7.

This message is being proclaimed with a "loud voice". Everyone is to

hear this message. Everyone is to grasp what the significance of this message is. And the angel says that we are to "Fear God". To fear God is not meant to be afraid, but to reverence. We are all to respect and be in awe of our Creator. We seem to have lost the concern about our having a high and holy God in heaven. There is little concept in the Christian world anymore about a holy God who despises sin and plans to remove it. It just doesn't seem real anymore, but the message here is that we need to get that back. There is a God in heaven who will deal with the sin problem very soon. And when He does, we need to be disconnected from that problem of sin.

He is a holy God who has fire coming out from before Him and that if we were to look upon Him as we are now, we would cease to exist. We often address God more as a buddy than we do an awesome God. He dwells in light unapproachable. He is an all-consuming fire. He has to cover Himself in a cloak of smoke or cloud lest we be consumed. And it is a wonderful glorious thing that He is our Father, but that does not take away from who and what He is, and what kind of respect we should show Him. And then we are to give glory to Him. And again, this is not so He can sit around and be told how wonderful He is. He does not need our adulation and praise. He wants His children home. And He knows that if we recognize Him for what and who He is, we will WANT to come home.

### *Are we really glorifying God?*

We glorify everything and anything else but God. We glorify sports figures. We glorify actors and actresses. We glorify scientists. We glorify rich people. We glorify singers. But we rarely take the time to try to be with our God as much as we would like to be next to any of the rest of these people. None of those other people can help get you to heaven. As a matter of fact, they almost all take us





further away from God. That has to change. If we really do want to live forever with our heavenly Father, then we need to glorify and appreciate Him. By doing that, by glorifying our God, we will begin to appreciate who He is and we will want to be with Him. God will take no one to heaven who does not want to be there and be with Him. Can you imagine the galling existence of being with someone throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity that you don't even like?

### ***Not everyone will enter heaven***

These messages are about preparing a people to meet their God. In this first message, we are told to get to know God. Remember what Jesus said about who would enter the kingdom of heaven? "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7:21-23.

There is so much packed in these three verses. Not everyone who says unto God, "Lord, Lord" will enter heaven. Not everyone who professes the name of Jesus will enter heaven. Not everyone who has done good works will enter heaven. The ones

that enter are the ones that know Him. They have a relationship with Him. They fear God and give Him the glory. This message is designed to repeat what Jesus said while He was here on this earth. He said that if we don't have a relationship together, then He does not know us. And if He doesn't know us, we will be cast out. We won't be able to be with Him.

Is He your friend now? Then He will be your friend then. If you do not know Him as your Friend, and if you do not get to know Him, then no matter what your profession, He will make you depart. This is one of the last messages in the Bible from God to this earth. This is one of the last attempts from our Father to get us back home. We cannot overlook the importance of this message.

### ***Something is about to happen***

And speaking of this message, let's read it again... "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Rev. 14:7.

We've addressed the "loud voice" part of this verse and the "Fear God" part and the "give glory to Him" part. Now let's get to the next aspect of this verse... "... for ..." This is a very important word here. We are given the reason for all of the things that the angel has been bidden to say, in a loud voice. When the Bible says here

in this verse, "for" it means "because". In other words, we are being told why to do what we have been told to do.

"Do this" because "this is about to happen". God tells us what to do in this message and then He tells us why. Why do we need to "fear God?" Why do we need to "give glory to Him?" And we are given the answer. For, or because, the "hour of His judgment is come". What in the world does that mean? It means that Jesus is soon to return.

### ***A judgment has to have taken place before Jesus comes again***

But where do we get that out of this part of the verse? When Jesus returns to this earth to take the saints, or the ones who really know Him, home, what has to have happened? A judgment has had to occur... right? I mean, how does Jesus know who gets to go with Him and who doesn't?

As we read what Jesus said before, not everyone who says they are Christians, really are Christians. Many of them are imposters. Many are liars, and the Bible is clear that liars will not go to heaven. "... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone..." Rev. 21:8. So, there has to be a judgment to determine who is a true Christian and who is not.

Jesus said in Revelation 22:12, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." When Jesus comes back, He Himself said His



reward is with Him, so, the hour of His judgment has to come *before* He returns with His reward.

Paul knew that Jesus would judge and would give him his reward one day...“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Tim. 4:8. Paul was going to get a crown of righteousness at “that day”. What “day” was that? He says what day in the same sentence...The day of His appearing. Paul knew that when Jesus appeared again here on this earth, He would bring His reward with Him. And Paul knew Jesus would judge us to know what to give to whom.

Peter knew the same thing, and he told Cornelius and his family about it. “And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick (or alive) and dead.” Acts 10:42.

And Paul told the Athenians on Mars’ Hill the same thing...“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained...” Acts 17:31.

### ***A specific day of judgment***

There was a day appointed in which Jesus would begin to judge the world. There was a specific day, a day that had been set up before the world

was, in which Jesus would begin His judgment of the people on this earth. This first angel was sent to make sure the message was preached with a loud voice that this day had come. The appointed judgment day, where Jesus was to determine who was His and who knew Him, was here.

That day, October 22, 1844 had arrived and as the scripture said, it was loudly sounded. Historically, we know that the Adventists, as they were known back then, were mistaken as to the event. This judgment day, October 22, 1844, was thought to be the return of Jesus. Obviously, it was not. All the world was given the correct information regarding the time of the event. This was found in the Book of Daniel. “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8:14.

Using the Biblical principal in prophecy of a day equaling a year, William Miller realized that this prophecy pointed to October 22, 1844. It took him and others a while to get the date down, but they knew the start of this prophecy, and figured it out from there. Daniel was given this vision of the 2,300-day prophecy and when he realized how many more years it would be before it was finished, he was literally sick.

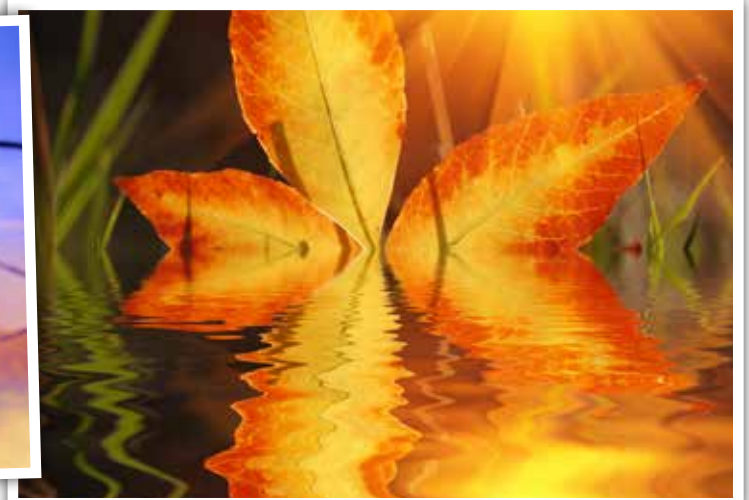
### ***2,300 more years!***

He wasn’t sure about what was going to happen, but he knew it was

a vision over 2,000 years in length. And that knowledge made him faint. “And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king’s business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.” Dan. 8:27.

Can you imagine being given a vision that it would be 2,300 more years before this world is judged and Jesus can return? He is asking himself if this could be true. He didn’t understand the prophecy, but the one part he did understand was its length. He understood that because the angel that talked to him in vision told him. “And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” Dan. 8:26. The angel answered the question in Daniel’s mind about the length of the vision. The angel said, “the vision is true...” And then he said to shut the vision up. There is no sense for everyone else getting sick and fainting. It doesn’t need to be addressed until it is time.

And sure enough, no one understood this vision for almost 2,300 years. And we can thank God for that. Can you imagine what most people would do if they knew that Jesus was not coming back for at least 2,300 more years? The devil would tempt people to say they have plenty of time, so do what you want for awhile. But now, the time had come, and the first angel of Revelation 14





begins to cry with a loud voice.

### ***Gabriel was sent to Daniel to explain the vision***

But getting back to Daniel... he had finally recovered from the knowledge he had been given about the vision, but he still didn't understand it. And God did not leave him in the dark about it. He sent His angel, Gabriel to give Daniel understanding regarding the vision. "And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding." Dan. 9:22.

Here is a picture of the love of God. Daniel was physically ill after

realizing how much more time was left before his Saviour was to appear. And he doesn't get it. What is going on here? What does all this time mean? And God loves him so much that as soon as Daniel begins to pray and ask what the vision meant, Gabriel was dispatched to tell him. "At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision." Dan.9:23.

And the angel begins to explain to him the 2,300-day prophecy: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people

and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Dan. 9:24.

Using the day for a year principle, Daniel is being told that the Jews, "thy people", and "thy city" had 490 more years to get right with God. The word, "determined" was the Hebrew word "chathak" and means "cut off". What the angel is saying is that of the 2,300 days, 490 of them, or 490 years, were cut off or separated or determined for the Jews themselves.

### ***What is the beginning of the time period?***

Okay. Daniel now knows that he and his people have 490 years to get right with God. But... when does the vision begin? I mean, even if you know how much time you have, unless you know when the time begins, how will you know when that time period ends? God does not leave Him in the dark about it. He knew what Daniel was wondering. And the angel tells him. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Dan. 9:25.

Gabriel says to "know and understand". Know that the time period will begin when there is a commandment to restore and build Jerusalem. Jerusalem had been





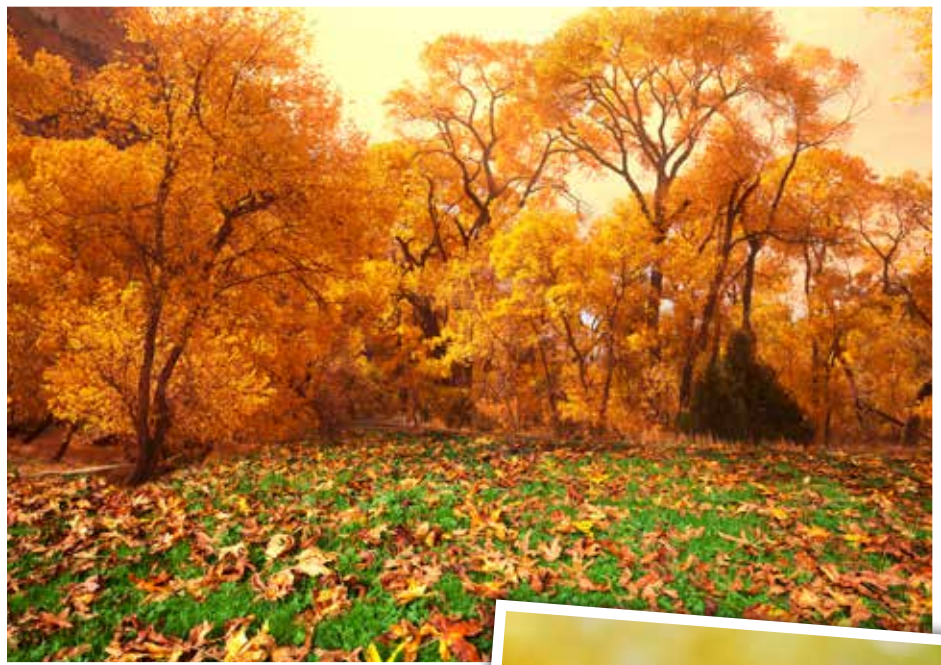
destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian army 70 years earlier. God had told Hezekiah the king of Judah at the time, that the people were to be punished for 70 years because of their sins. One of the reasons Daniel had been praying to God anyway was because he knew the 70-year period of punishment was almost over. "In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:" Dan. 9:2,3.

Daniel was one of the first people taken in the Babylonian war. He had been in Babylon for 70 years. He came when he was but a youth, and now he is an old man. And he knew the time had come for the Jews to be released. And God said, this 2,300-year time period would start when there is a commandment to restore and build Jerusalem. That decree was given in the year 457 B.C. by the Persian king Artaxerxes. We have the historical information of that decree, and it was given on October 22, 457 B.C.

### ***The cleansing of the sanctuary***

From 457 B.C., the Jews were to have "cut off" or, "determined" for them, of the 2,300-day prophecy, exactly 70 weeks, or 490 years. And Gabriel said that the 490 years would be given to do what? "...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Dan. 9:24. Now, what do we need in order to "finish transgression" and "make an end of sins" and to "make reconciliation for iniquity" and "bring in everlasting righteousness" and the rest? Who, or what, could accomplish that? Only Jesus Christ, our Saviour!

At exactly the right time, Jesus



came to this earth to live a holy life and to die for our sins. From the Fall of 457 B.C. (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) to the Spring of 34 A.D. was exactly 490 years. The 490 years that were "determined" or "cut off" for the Jews. That left 1,810 years in the 2,300-day prophecy. If we take 34 A.D. and add 1,810 years, we come up to 1844. Since the prophecy started on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, it ended on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. And what was to happen on that day? "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the







the sanctuary, or the “Holy Place”. Once a year, the High Priest took all of these “sins” and brought them into the “Most Holy Place”, or the second compartment of the sanctuary. Then all of these sins were taken and placed on a goat called a scapegoat and that goat was led into the wilderness to die. This goat, this “scapegoat”,

this time are those who have asked Jesus into their hearts.

### *It is all about worship*

The judgment of the wicked does not take place yet. Only those who have named the name of Jesus are being judged here. Jesus started with Adam and has been working His way through everyone who has called on Jesus as their Saviour. When Jesus finishes with the dead, He will pass on to the living. When He is done, He will throw the censer down and announce that the judgment is finished. When He is done, everyone’s case will have been decided. “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Rev. 22:11. And when God’s judgment of the first angel’s message is done, Jesus returns to bring His children home. “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Rev. 22:12. And finally, the last part of the first angel’s message... “...and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Rev. 14:7.

As you have heard me say numerous times, the entire great controversy has always been about worship. The message here is also about worship. Worship the Creator. Worship the One who made us, this world, the heavens and everything in them. Do not worship, or give your allegiance to, an imposter. The devil is a liar and has always been one. Don’t worship the deceiver... worship the Creator.



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sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8:14. The sanctuary was to be cleansed.

Where a lot of churches and people, and even Adventists, make a mistake, is thinking that Jesus came to forgive us and cleanse us and that’s it. It is not. These sins that we have committed and been forgiven for have not been destroyed. They have just been removed from us. Just like in the old temple services, which were an example of the true in heaven, the sinner brought a lamb to the sanctuary. The lamb, which represented Jesus, was killed for our sins. That lamb took our place. The blood of that lamb was taken by the priest (who also represented Jesus) and brought it into the first compartment of the sanctuary. This represented the sin we committed being transferred from us to the first compartment in

represents Satan. Satan has all of the sins of the redeemed put upon him and he is to suffer the guilt for all of these sins. He ultimately pays the penalty for what he has caused for 6,000 years.

The work that was done on that day was called the cleansing of the sanctuary. And the Bible says that at the end of the 2,300-day prophecy, the sanctuary would be cleansed. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1844, Jesus left the first compartment of the sanctuary, (or the Holy Place) and entered into the second compartment, (or the Most Holy Place) and began to remove all the sin from the sanctuary, or to cleanse it. In this “cleansing” a judgment has to take place. The judgment is to decide who truly gave their hearts to Jesus and who didn’t. And the only people being judged at





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#### GALANGAL

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#### GOLDENSEAL

Related to the buttercup and native to North America, goldenseal's primary benefit is its effect on the immune system, increasing the immune system's production of germ-fighting compounds. It has also long been used

against infections of the respiratory system, for it's ability to soothe inflamed mucous membranes and ease congestion.

#### THYME

Thyme clears the respiratory system and aids breathing. This herb helps to gently loosen and expel mucus, opening the sinuses and the lungs. It soothes irritated respiratory tissue, relieves congestion, reduces inflammation and fights foreign substances and invaders. Some of thyme's value comes from its volatile oils that provide antiseptic qualities (which help fight respiratory infections) and antispasmodic properties (that help relieve coughing).

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# What the Word of God Is to Us

By E. G. White

God has given us his Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Its teachings have a vital bearing on our prosperity in all the relations of life. Even in our temporal affairs it will be a wiser guide than any other counselor. Its divine instruction is the only way to success. There is no social position, no phase of human experience, for which the study of the Bible is not an essential preparation.

The Bible is the great standard of right and wrong, clearly defining sin and holiness. Its living principles, running through our lives like threads of gold, are our only safeguard in trial and temptation.

The Bible is a chart, showing us the waymarks of truth. Those who are acquainted with this chart will be enabled to tread with certainty in the path of duty, wherever they may be called to go.

## *Making us wise unto salvation*

The Bible contains a simple and complete system of theology and philosophy. It is the book that makes us wise unto salvation. It tells us how to reach the abode of eternal happiness. It tells us of the love of God as shown in the plan of redemption, imparting the knowledge essential for all,—the knowledge of Christ. He is the Sent of God; he is the Author of our salvation. But apart from the Word of God, we could have no knowledge that such a person as the Lord Jesus ever visited our world, nor any knowledge of his divinity, as indicated by his previous existence with the Father.

The Bible is not written for the scholar alone; on the contrary, it was designed for the common place. The great truths necessary for our salvation

are made as clear as noonday, and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God.

The Word of God strikes at every wrong trait of character, molding the whole man, internally and externally, abasing his pride and self-exaltation, leading him to bring the spirit of Christ into the smaller as well as the larger duties of life. It teaches him to be unswerving in his allegiance to justice and purity, and at the same time always to be kind and compassionate.

The appreciation of the Bible grows with its study. Whichever way the student may turn, he will find displayed the infinite wisdom and love of God. To him who is truly converted, the Word of God is the joy and consolation of the life. The Spirit of God speaks to him, and his heart becomes like a watered garden.

## *A strengthener of the intellect*

There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than a study of the Bible. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, that is rarely seen in these times.

## *Perfecting character fitted for eternity*

No knowledge is so firm, so consistent, so far-reaching, as that obtained from a study of the Word of God. If there were not another book in the wide world, the Word of God, lived out through the grace of Christ,





would make man perfect in this world, with a character fitted for the future, immortal life. Those who study the Word, taking it in faith as the truth, and receiving it into the character, will be complete in him who is all in all. Thank God for the possibilities set before humanity.

“Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” “Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.” “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever.” The time devoted to a study of God’s Word and to prayer will bring a hundredfold return.

The Word of God is the living seed, and as this seed is sown in the mind, the human agent must give diligent care to the successive stages of its growth. How is this to be done? -- After the Word has been prayerfully received, it is to be cherished, and practised in the daily life. It is to spring up and bear fruit, putting forth first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

### *The Spirit necessary*

It is not enough to study the Bible as other books are studied. In order for it to be understood savingly, the Holy Spirit must move on the heart of the searcher. The same Spirit that inspired the Word must inspire the reader of the Word. Then will be heard the voice of heaven. “Thy Word, O God, is truth”, will be the language of the soul.

The mere reading of the Word will not accomplish the result designed of heaven; it must be studied and cherished in the heart. The knowledge of God is not gained without mental effort. We should diligently study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand his Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell on the thought till it becomes our own, and we know “what saith the Lord”.



### *Fix its texts in your memory*

There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty, or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in mind.

The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in his Word. It was by his word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by his word he stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that his word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as he had spoken to all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. It is our source of power.

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God’s Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another mind.

Yes, the Word of God is the bread of life. Those who eat and digest this Word, making it a part of every action and of every attribute of character, grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience, and bringing joys that will abide forever.

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# The Three Beautiful Temples

By Patricia J. Smith



By refusing to study the Old Testament sanctuary service given by God Himself to Israel through His prophet Moses, millions of Christians have failed to obtain a fuller and richer understanding of the abiding, beautiful, precious, holy and righteous character of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit and their active participation in the plan of salvation from sin.

The prophet David declares, “Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?” Psalm

77:13. The Hebrew word translated as “God” in the first and last instances in Psalm 77:13 is the word “elohiym”, which is the plural of “eloahh– a deity or the Deity: God, god”. “Elohiym” means “gods in the ordinary sense”. The Hebrew word translated “God” in this text in the middle of the verse, is the word “el” and means “mighty, espec. the Almighty”. So, a rewrite of Psalm 77:13 can read– “Thy way, O Gods, is in the sanctuary: Who is so great an Almighty as our Gods?” Clearly the Godhead is referenced here.

## **The earthly sanctuary was patterned after the heavenly**

In this text, David referred to the earthly sanctuary and the services of God that were daily performed there. However, the earthly sanctuary, in the wilderness, or later at Shiloh and at Jerusalem, was not the first sanctuary or temple that existed in the Word of God. The earthly sanctuary that Moses was directed to oversee the construction of was patterned after the heavenly sanctuary “shown” Moses “in the mount”. (Exodus 25:40). The New Testament book of Hebrews speaks plainly regarding this heavenly sanctuary– “...the sanctuary, and the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” (Hebrews 8:2). Later, in this same chapter, Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, makes it even clearer that the earthly sanctuary or temple was only an example and shadow of the heavenly one. “...there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all





things according to the pattern shown to thee in the mount.” (vs. 4–5). So, the first sanctuary is the one in Heaven itself, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

**Both sanctuaries are designed by God**

The second tabernacle, the earthly sanctuary, its services, furniture and High Priest, resembled the heavenly sanctuary. The way of God – the plan of salvation and the work of the Godhead on behalf of the fallen human race – is revealed in both the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries, for both are designed by God. The earthly sanctuary was a type-an illustration-of the heavenly sanctuary and lasted only a limited time, until type met anti-type at the death of Christ on the cross. The veil of the earthly temple was then torn in two from the top to the bottom by supernatural hands, showing that the services in the earthly sanctuary were at an end. (See Matthew 27:51).

**Let us consider the holiness of the earthly sanctuary, which reflects the holy character of the heavenly one, and the holy and righteous character of the Godhead:**

- The Hebrew word for “sanctuary” in Psalm 77:13 is “qodesh” and means “a sacred place or thing; rarely abstr. sanctity: – consecrated (thing), dedicated



(thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (x most) holy, (x day, portion, thing), saint, sanctuary”.

- Exodus 31:10 – The priests’ garments were **holy**.
- Exodus 28:36-38; 39:30 – The high priest’s miter was engraved with the words– **HOLINESS TO THE LORD**.
- Exodus 26:31-33 – The two apartments of the sanctuary were the **Holy Place** and the **Most Holy Place**. The Holy Place was for the daily service of sacrifices and offerings, various animals being brought to the altar of burnt offering in the courtyard and killed by the sinner, that he/she may obtain forgiveness. Often the blood of the sin offering or burnt offering was carried into the Holy Place and sprinkled before the beautiful veil that separated the two apartments. The Most Holy Place was the 2nd room in the sanctuary proper and was entered in only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, by the high priest alone.
- Exodus 30:30-33, Leviticus 10:1, 6 – The oil used to anoint Aaron (the first high priest) and Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar (his sons and the first common priests) was a **holy anointing oil**, which was forbidden to be made or used for common purposes, on pain of death!
- Exodus 30:25-29 – The sanctuary itself, the ark of the testimony containing the Ten



Commandments (see Exodus 31:18; 25:16), the table of showbread with all of its vessels, the candlestick and all its vessels, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offerings with all its vessels, and the laver and its foot were also anointed with the holy oil as well, “**that they may be most holy**: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.” (Exodus 30:29).

- Leviticus 10:1; Numbers 3:2-4 – On the holy altars of the sanctuary, only **holy fire** was to be used. No strange or common fire was allowed, on pain of death! The tragic disobedience of two of the first priests, Nadab



and Abihu, and their being slain by the retributive judgment of God shows just how particular God is in His commands about how true worship should be conducted. Only worship that is according to His Holy Word is acceptable to Him!

- Numbers 18:20, 24; Leviticus 27:30 – The very tithes and offerings that the people and priests consecrated to the work of the Lord, and brought for atonement and forgiveness of sins to the sanctuary were also holy and not to be used for common purposes. The very best of the animals and produce were to be offered. “And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the Lord...ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut...**it shall be perfect to be accepted**; there shall be not blemish therein.” (Leviticus 22:24, 21, last part.)

### **Precious metals in the earthly sanctuary:**

#### **In the courtyard:**

- Exodus 27:1, 2, 6,7 – The altar of burnt offering was made of wood, overlaid with brass.
- Exodus 30:18 – The laver was made of brass.

#### **In the Holy Place:**

- Exodus 25:23, 24, 29 – The table of showbread was made of wood

and overlaid with pure gold. Its dishes, spoons, covers and bowls were also made of pure gold.

- Exodus 25:31-39 – The candlestick was made out of a talent of pure gold (approximately 75.38 lbs. in weight).
- Exodus 30:1-3 – The altar of incense was made of wood and overlaid with gold.

#### **In the Most Holy Place:**

- Exodus 25:10, 11, 12-14 – The ark of the testimony/covenant was made out of wood, and overlaid with pure gold. Two golden angels were on top of the ark, looking down toward the golden mercy seat which was the cover for the ark. The Holy Moral Law of Ten Commandments was inside the ark.
- Exodus 25:17, 22 – The mercy seat was made of pure gold and was the place God met with Moses, “above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony...”

### **The courtyard represents this earth, and the sanctuary represents Heaven**

Each of the pieces of furniture for the sanctuary, along with the actual sanctuary itself was portable, and traveled with the Israelites in all their journeyings in the

wilderness, illustrating the abiding presence of the Godhead being with us wherever we may go, in all circumstances of life. What a powerful, peaceful blessing of continued beauty and holiness in our lives is typified in the earthly sanctuary!

In the courtyard, the metal used was brass, whereas in the sanctuary itself, the metal used was pure gold. The courtyard represents this earth, and the sanctuary represents Heaven. We will see this truth clearer later in the study.

Now we can better understand these heartfelt desires expressed in scripture, having seen a description of the sanctuary:

“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the **beauty** of the Lord, and to inquire in his **temple**.” Psalm 27:4.

“And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the **beauty of holiness...**” 2 Chronicles 20:21. “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the **beauty of holiness**.” 1 Chronicles 16:29.

The sanctuary service shows that the beauty and holiness of true worship comes from the Godhead Themselves, and not from anything that the human worshippers bring to it. True worship is simply beautiful, when done according to the design of God in the Word of God. Ancient Israel worshipped God in the beauty of holiness, with the beautiful and holy golden sanctuary service.

### **The services of the earthly sanctuary demonstrated the work of Jesus, our Redeemer**

Once a year, on the tenth day of the seventh month, the earthly sanctuary was cleansed from all the sins of the people that had lodged



there during the year. This day was called Yom Kippur in Hebrew – The Day of Atonement. It was also a day of judgment for all Israel, for “whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.” (Leviticus 23:29, 30). The entire congregation and the sanctuary were cleansed from sin and made right with God through the atonement performed by the High Priest. Every Israelite was to fast, confess and forsake all known sin, afflicting their soul and do no work on that day in order to be included in the blessing of cleansing.

The way that God saves repentant sinners from sin and how sin will finally be eradicated from planet earth, making the entire universe at peace with God again is seen in the sanctuary service. The psalmist David was perturbed concerning “the ungodly, who prosper in the world”. (Psalm 73:12). It was in the sanctuary that David finally understood the tragic end of all unrepentant wicked people. In another psalm, he wrote about the end of the wicked that is illustrated in the sanctuary service. “But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.” Psalm 37:20.

The services of the earthly sanctuary especially typified the work that Jesus Christ would do as our Redeemer and High Priest. The work of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit in the plan of salvation were also foretold in the typical service.

### **Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost**

Just as the earthly sanctuary had the Holy Law of Ten Commandments

enshrined in its Most Holy Place, so the third temple, the temple of the Holy Ghost, is to have that same Holy Law in its command center, the mind. The Word tells us plainly that every believer in Christ is to be the temple of the Holy Ghost: “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). We are warned by God against defiling the soul temple, lest like Nadab and Abihu we are destroyed by righteous judgments. (See 1 Corinthians 3:17). The soul temple is wonderfully made by God as was the earthly sanctuary. (See Psalm 139:14).

In the mind of every true Christian, the Most Holy Place of the soul temple, the Law of God is placed by God Himself under the New Covenant. “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.” Hebrews 8:10.

### **Christians are the true church of God**

Dear reader, this know, that in the New Testament from the time that the Jews had closed their probation at the end of the 490 years given to them

(See Daniel 9:24) when Stephen was stoned as the first Christian martyr, they were no longer the chosen nation, the special people of God. Now the true Jews, the spiritual house of Israel, are the true believers in Christ. (See Galatians 3:28, 29). So, “house of Israel” in Hebrews 8:10, means the true church of God – Christians.

The standard of God for the body temple is not lower than the standard of holiness for the earthly sanctuary. Of course, it is only through “Christ which strengtheneth me” that a believer can reach this high and holy standard. (Philippians 4:13).

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15, 16. The Greek word translated here as “conversation” is “anastrophe” and means “behavior”.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48.

Because the holy, righteous Ten Commandment Law of God is in the mind of the believer, every unrighteous, unholy and sinful deed which is out of harmony with that divine law must be cast out of the soul temple, by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Location in Sanctuary Layout	Item, Person, or Animal	Proof Texts	Matching Truths in God's Plan of Salvation
Courtyard	Altar of Burnt Offerings	Lev. 4:10, 12 Heb. 13: 11-13	The cross on which Jesus died as the Lamb of God.
Courtyard	Laver	Ex. 30:17-21 Mark 16:16 John 3:5	Baptism of water and of the Holy Spirit
Holy Place	Table of Showbread	Ex. 25:23-30 Lev. 24:5-9 John 6:33, 35, 48, 51, 53, 63 1 Cor. 2:12, 13 John 1:1-3, 14	Jesus, the Word of God, is the True Bread of Life, and by studying His Word, we eat His flesh and drink His blood, His life becomes ours.
Holy Place	Golden Candlestick	Ex. 25:31, 37 Ex. 27:20, 21 Matt. 5:14 John 8:12	The witness of both Jesus and His commandment-keeping church.
Holy Place	Altar of Incense	Ex. 30:1, 7, 8 Rom. 8:26, 27 Rev. 8:4	The prayers of the saints and the intercession of the Holy Spirit.
Most Holy Place	Ark of the Covenant with God's Ten Commandments inside	Ex. 25:11-16 Ex. 31:18 Ps. 111:7, 8 Ps. 119:35, 44, 60, 66, 77, 97, 115, 142, 151, 165, 172 Heb. 8:10	The mind of the true believer in Christ where the Law of God is written. God's Law is cheerfully obeyed by the power of the Indwelling Christ.
Most Holy Place	Golden Mercy Seat Above the Ark	Ex. 25:17-22 Ex. 34:6, 7 Hosea 6:6 Matt. 9:11-13 2 Peter 3:9	The Godhead delights in mercy, not willing that any should perish.
The Sanctuary and Courtyard	The High Priest	Ex. 29:5-7 Lev. 21:10 Heb. 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 5:5-10; 6:20; 7:24-26	Jesus, our High Priest, is interceding for us and is making the final atonement for believers right now.
Courtyard	The lamb and other sacrificial animals; the lamb eaten at Passover	Lev. 1:10 Ex. 12:5-11 Isa. 53:6, 7 John 1:29 1 Cor. 5:7	Jesus is our Passover Lamb, our willing, young, innocent, and perfect sacrificial Lamb of God on the cross of Calvary.





### **All false doctrine must be abandoned**

Everything that is against any one of the Ten Commandments must be forsaken, for if we break one commandment, we break them all. (See James 2:10,11). Every doctrine that is allowed in the Most Holy Place of the soul temple and is believed and lived in the life must be founded on the Word of God. All false doctrines are “by the sleight of men, and cunning

craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:14) must be given up, cast out of the mind, for they are teachings of the enemy of all souls, the original sinner, the Devil. Among these false doctrines are these teachings – worship of graven images, belief in the natural immortality of the soul, praying to dead “saints”, “holy” water, sprinkling as baptism, infant baptism, speaking in babbling “tongues” as a gift of the Holy Spirit, believing that the Ten Commandments are nailed to the cross and are no longer valid for the Christian today, Sunday worship and sacredness in place of worshipping on God’s sacred and holy Sabbath, which is Saturday, believing one can indulge in known sin until the Second Advent of Christ and yet be saved, believing that only the New Testament is relevant for the Christian, rejecting the Bible truth that a true Christian can be made perfectly obedient to the moral law of God through the power of God, accepting women as pastors, elders, deacons and bishops, etc., etc. All false doctrine that fails the test of the Word of God must be roundly and decidedly rejected.

### **There was no sin found in Him, and there must be no sin found in us**

“Now, while our great High Priest

is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptation assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: “the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me”. (John 14:30). Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father’s commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.” The Great Controversy 623.

“There must be a purifying of the soul here upon the earth in harmony with Christ’s cleansing of the sanctuary in heaven. God’s people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where...our great High Priest...is interceding for His people.” Maranatha 249.



### **Notice what deeds and sinful people are roundly condemned in these scriptures:**

- 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 – fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners
- Galatians 5:19-21 – adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings and the like
- Rev. 22:15 – dogs (a figure for a vile, shameless person), sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, whosoever loveth and maketh a lie



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# GREAT TRIBULATION

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**‘For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there would no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.’ Matthew 24:21, 22.**

Following the destruction of Jerusalem, the elect were to pass through a period of terrible persecution. The elect are the true followers of Christ. For their sake the days of tribulation were to be shortened, for if they were not shortened, the elect would all be destroyed.

This cannot refer to the destruction of Jerusalem; for none of the elect were in that city at its fall. All of Christ’s followers had left the city and fled “into the mountains”, as the Saviour had told them to do. Verse 16. The Jews had utterly rejected Christ, and so were no longer the elect of God.

This can not refer to the overthrow of the single city of Jerusalem, or the country of Judea; for this tribulation was to be more terrible than any that had been experienced “since the beginning of the world”, and nothing so severe would ever come again. More severe calamities had over taken cities and countries before the overthrow of Jerusalem, others more terrible have occurred since, and prophecy tells of greater desolations for the future. Therefore this “great tribulation” can refer only to a period of terrible persecution to come upon the true church of God.

## THE 1260 YEARS

In Daniel 7:21 a power is mentioned that “made war with the saints, and prevailed against them”. In verse 25 the prophet says that this same power shall “wear out the saints of the Most High”, and that “they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time”.

In Daniel 4:16, 25, a “time” is spoken of as a year. Josephus records that the “seven times” that passed over Nebuchadnezzar, when he was driven from men, were seven years—a year for a “time”. A Jewish year was 360 days. So the period as recorded in Daniel 7:25, when footed up, gives us 1260 days.

All commentators agree that these “days” represented prophetic time—a day for a year. Hence there were to be 1260 years in which the true church was to be given into the hands of a persecuting power.

John, the apostle-prophet, speaking of the church as a woman, and of the persecuting power as a dragon and a serpent, says: “When the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which





brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.” Revelation 12:13, 14.

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they would feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” Verse 6. In figures, this would read 1260 prophetic days, or literally, years. It will be seen that the time corresponds in all the foregoing quotations. Thus the length of this period of persecution is shown to be 1260 years by both Daniel and John.

## THE PERSECUTING POWER OF CATHOLIC ROME

The care that was taken of the “woman” in the wilderness represents the care that God has for His church, even though afflicted and trodden under foot by this terrible power.



There has been but one persecuting power since the time of Christ which has fulfilled all the conditions of these prophecies. In A.D. 538 Catholic Rome became a persecuting power. The bishop, or pope, of Rome was then made absolute head of all the churches, and was given power to correct heretics.

Then followed what is aptly called the “Dark Ages”. The Roman Catholic Church was a corruption of the true church of Jesus Christ. Their religion was a compromise between Christianity and paganism. The Christians who would not accept this false religion were branded as heretics, and were given over to the tormentors.

Paul’s description of the persecutions of the ancient church, as given in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, applies accurately to the papal persecutions of the Christian Church, only aggravated many fold. He says:

“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheep-skins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented.” Hebrews 11:36, 37.

Did this power “wear out the saints of the Most High,” as Daniel declared it would do? Scott’s “Church History” says: “No computation can reach the numbers who have been put to death, in different ways, on account of their maintaining the profession of the gospel, and opposing the corruption of the Church of Rome. A million poor Waldenses perished in France; nine hundred thousand orthodox Christians were slain in less than thirty years after the institution of the order of the Jesuits.

## IN 1798 BERTHIER TOOK THE POPE PRISONER

“The Duke of Alva boasted of having put to death, in the Netherlands, thirty six thousand by the hand of the common executioner during the space of a few years. The Inquisition destroyed by various tortures one hundred and fifty thousand within thirty years. These are a few specimens, and but a few, of those which history has recorded. But the total amount will never be known till the earth shall disclose her blood, and no more cover her slain.”

Pagan Rome put to death over three million Christians during the first five hundred years after





Revelation 13:3. “And his deadly wound was healed.” Napoleon wished to be crowned emperor of France, and this had to be done by a pope. So an election was held, and a new pope chosen March 14, 1800, and thus the papacy was re-established, but without its former power.

### **ROME’S POLICIES NEVER CHANGE**

During the one hundred years that have passed since that time (editor’s note—over 200 years now), Catholicism has worked and waited intrigued and plotted, until it has become an important factor in many of the governments of the world, and her intention is to seize the reins of government and again rule the nations. The policy of Rome never changes; she only waits until her grasp is sufficiently strong, and then she will re-enact, so far as possible, the scenes of the centuries of the past.

But the fiat has gone forth, and when this power has seemingly reached the end sought, “the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.” Daniel 7:26, 27.



Christ. Catholic Rome, which professed to accept Christ, but was heathen in practice, put to death about fifty million Christians during the 1260 years that followed. When a false Christian church obtains temporal power, it is tenfold worse in the cruelty of its persecutions than the worst of heathen powers.



As before stated, papal Rome became a persecuting power in A.D. 538. It was to continue 1260 years. This brings us to 1798. If the periods as given by Daniel and John are correct, some serious calamity to come upon papal Rome was to be looked for at that time.

John, in speaking of this power, says he saw it “wounded to death”. Revelation 13:3. History records that a French general, Berthier, entered Rome in 1798, and took the Pope prisoner, and that he died in exile at Valence, France, the following year. Thus do we see the word of God accurately fulfilled.

### **THE DAYS OF PERSECUTION WERE SHORTENED**

Christ says: “But for the elect’s sake those days (the 1260 years of papal persecution) shall be shortened.” Matthew 24:22. Roman Catholic persecution practically ceased about 1773, or twenty-five years before the power of the papacy was fully broken. This was brought about by the Reformation which gave the Bible and the gospel to the people. Through the influence of the preaching and writings of Luther and the other Reformers, kings, princes, and men of influence and power took their stand for the Bible. Ignorance, superstition, and cruelty fled before the clear light of God’s word, and the Inquisition went with them.

But we cannot leave Catholicism without calling attention to another feature in the symbol given in



# PATIENCE

By Elizabeth Rosser

My Lord was placed before his false accusers,  
And they upon him railed by Satan stirred;  
No railing he returned to those abusers—  
He answered not a word.

In purple then, they robed him, thus to mock him;  
They placed a crown of thorns upon my Lord;  
Upon his pallid cheek with rods they struck him—  
He answered not a word.

And when upon the cross my Saviour languished,  
The mocking soldiers' cruel jests he heard,—  
O love and patience! though his soul was anguished,  
He answered not a word.

And am I better than my loving Master?  
O may my heart by such a love be stirred;  
To trials, though they come full fast and faster,  
I'll answer not a word.





# Health Gem

## EYEBRIGHT

By Diane Styles

Eyebright (scientific name *Euphrasia Officinalis*), is a herbaceous flowering plant which belongs to a plant family containing about 450 species. Eyebright grows well, but has a semi-parasitic reliance for growth on grasses and other plants. Many species are found in alpine or sub-alpine meadows where snow is common, and they grow mainly in meadows and grassy places of Britain and Europe. The most common flower colours are purple, blue-white, and violet. Some species have yellow markings on the lower petal to act as a guide to pollinating

the respiratory tract, and then of the mucous structures of the throat and bronchial tubes of the chest and lungs.

Ellingwood found the herb was more immediately effective when the mucous discharge was thin and watery. He highly recommended Eyebright for the sniffles children have when they suffer from coughs, colds, congested sinuses or irritated eyes, and then found that the herb was curative in adults as well as children. He reported that where there was watery discharge from the mucous membranes, where there was earache, or headache, and

call Eyebright *Augentröst* (meaning, “consolation of the eyes”) and the French call it *Casse-lunette* (meaning, “break your glasses”!).

Markham (*Countrie Farm*, 1616) said: ‘Drinke everie morning a small draught of Eyebright wine.’ In the eighteenth century Eyebright tea was used, and in Queen Elizabeth’s time there was a kind of ale called ‘Eyebright Ale.’ Historically also, eyebright was used in British Herbal Tobacco, which was then smoked for ongoing lung conditions and colds.

Modern herbalists recommend



insects. It is an elegant little plant, an annual, usually growing only between 2 to 8 inches high, and flowering from July to September.

Beginning in the fourteenth century, Eyebright was supposed to cure ‘all evils of the eye’ and is described as the source of ‘a precious water to clear a man’s sight’.

*Doctorschar.com* states that in his report made in the year 1919, Dr. Finley Ellingwood, noted medical authority, described Eyebright in his findings as being particularly effective upon irritating and mucous-producing ailments - first, of the upper portion of

especially where there was “distress” or pain across the eyes in acute mucous-producing ailments, that Eyebright had a direct influence upon the “lachrymal apparatus”, (the “lachrymal apparatus” being the lachrymal gland above each eye that produces our tears) and in reducing the amount of nasal and chest mucous discharge especially.

Eyebright was regarded as a specific help in diseases of the eyes by the great herbalists of the sixteenth century, Tragus, Fuchsius, Dodoens, etc., and has been a popular remedy in most countries. The Germans

the use of Eyebright for eye problems particularly, combining it often with Goldenseal in a lotion stated to be excellent for general disorders of the eyes.

### Why has Eyebright always been highly regarded and recommended?

As its name suggests, Eyebright is considered the single best herb for the eyes. It contains distinctive flavonoids, carotenoids, and antioxidants known to naturally nourish and protect the delicate cellular tissue of the eyes. The vitamins B, C, E, beta carotene,





plus the copper and selenium found in Eyebright have been shown to improve clarity of eyesight, by one or more lines on the eye chart, over a 6 month period.

The main active ingredient, however, appears to be the tannins it contains, which are thought to decrease inflammation, thereby especially helping with various eye problems, including bloodshot eyes. Eyebright relieves discomfort from eyestrain and minor eye irritation, it is helpful in cases of over-sensitivity to light and both acute and chronic eye inflammation. When used as an eye wash or made into a compress, it soothes inflamed, itchy, stinging and weeping eyes, hastens recovery from styes, assists in maintaining healthy vision, and has a

taken as an oral supplement it was found to boost the recovery from these eye conditions and as well provide relief for stuffy nasal passages, blocked and painful sinuses, irritable sneezing, inflammation and irritation to the throat and lungs caused by pollens or other external seasonal agents, and to help fight coughs and colds, due to especially its effective agents against mucous production. It is now believed that the natural astringent-tannins in the herb act to reduce mucous discharge during colds and flu by tightening the mucous membranes.

Eyebright additionally not only helps calm irritating coughs, hoarseness and sore throat, it also has been described as a mild stimulating astringent and a vaso-constrictor (blood vessel constrictor)

Eyebright, and by adding some water, make a paste for application to the affected areas.

Additionally, the flavonoids and beta-carotene in Eyebright herb is thought to help improve cognitive performance and strengthen bad memory, something I think would indeed be welcomed by most of us in our stress-filled and distracting lives today!

### What does Eyebright actually contain?

Vitamins A, B-Complex, C, D, and E; the minerals iron, silicon, selenium, iodine, copper, and zinc; and other valuable components such as tannins, iridoid glycosides such as aucubin, flavonoids such as rutin and quercetin, essential fatty acids, caffeic



cooling and detoxifying property that makes it especially useful in combating irritation and inflammation of the eyes.

Eyebright has even been reported to slow down progressive vision weakness due to age – so every one of us needs to take Eyebright as a restorative and preventative as we advance in years!

However, the combination of anti-inflammatory and astringent properties of the Eyebright plant in fact make it relevant in many conditions. It has been used since the Middle Ages in Europe to not only support and strengthen the eyes when used as a wash or poultice, but when

to vessels in the nasal and conjunctival membranes (the mucous membrane covering the external surface of the ball of the eye and the inner surface of our eyelids). It is therefore an excellent remedy for problems associated with all of these membranes.

Natural astringent and antibacterial agents in Eyebright are known to be also effective in tightening the porous oily skin and helping to heal acne and irritated skin. Therefore, a simple remedy for acne is to apply Eyebright poultice, cold Eyebright tea or its tincture onto the affected skin, or break open some capsules of

and ferulic acids, sterols, and choline, defensive compounds and volatile oils.

Zinc, copper, and selenium work as antioxidants to help protect and maintain the health of the eyes. Zinc is vital for normal lens function, night vision, and for maintaining healthy retinas. It is a fact that there is a higher concentration of zinc in the retina than in any other organ of our bodies!

The aucuboside found in Eyebright has an anti-inflammatory action which may account for its well-known reputation for soothing tired and inflamed eyes as well as improving weak eyesight.

Rutin is known to offer nutritional support to the circulatory systems including the capillaries in eyes, helping to nourish and strengthen them.

Several iridoid glycosides isolated from Eyebright, particularly aucubin, possess anti-inflammatory properties comparable to those of a commonly-prescribed anti-inflammatory product.

### What can deficiencies in these essential properties cause?

Major eye problems have shown to be slowed by as much as 70% by using the Vitamins A, C, E and selenium, all of which are found in Eyebright, so if you have eye problems, or your family has a history of eye issues, you

develop as well as itching, burning, and bloodshot or watery eyes.

Many people do not know that nearsightedness can actually result from stress, and the B-vitamins found in Eyebright can help protect the nerves from damage that is due to stress. In addition to helping reduce stress, vitamin B-1 (thiamin) is important for intracellular eye metabolism and vitamin B-2 (riboflavin) deficiency has been linked to major eye problems. Both of these B-vitamins are found in Eyebright and contribute to its remarkable effects on the eyes.

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pharmacist, or other health care provider.

The overall health of your eyes is important to help retain your healthy vision. For Health's Eyebright provides a safe, unique, synergistic blend of valuable micronutrients that work together to sustain overall eye health. As stated above, this herb is believed, and has been reported, to not only greatly assist with eye issues, but also to help improve cognitive performance and strengthen bad memory, reduce allergic responsiveness, ease itchy, hoarse and sore throats, provide relief for stuffy nasal passages, blocked and painful sinuses, ease headaches, earaches, and

irritable sneezing and assist the body in its fight against coughs and colds, due especially to its potent anti-inflammatory abilities and restrictive action on production of mucous.

Eyebright is also a supportive herb that can help preserve healthy vision into and throughout your golden years! Try it and see the difference Eyebright can make!

You can view more benefits of Eyebright together with further details and ordering methods in Hope for Health's online store at [www.hopeforhealthusastore.com](http://www.hopeforhealthusastore.com). You can also obtain a copy of our informative and educational product catalog by calling 1-800-468-7884 for free.

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might want to take a close look at this herb (no pun intended!)

These antioxidant vitamins and beta carotene in Eyebright help to nourish and strengthen the eyes and help prevent future eye problems. Even a slight deficiency of vitamin A can cause tired eyes, sensitivity to light, dry eyes, and susceptibility to infection. Vitamin A is crucial to the formation of "visual purple" for darkness adaptation, which is why Eyebright can help with night vision as well. A severe deficiency in vitamin A can even cause ulceration and distortion of the cornea and result in blindness.

When the body is deficient in B-vitamins, eye muscles may become paralyzed, light sensitivity may

### Are there any Side Effects from use of the Eyebright herb?

Eyebright herb in moderate doses does not have any known side effects when used internally.

If you are taking any medication, or are pregnant or breastfeeding, consult with your physician before the *external* therapeutic use of Eyebright herb to the eyes.

As there is no information yet available regarding the use of Eyebright by children, do not give any herbal/health supplement to a child without first talking to the child's doctor.

### How should I use Eyebright?

Use Eyebright as directed on the package or as directed by your doctor,



# Hope for Health



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## Eyebright

### Eyebright for congestion/ inflammation/secretions:

Although Eyebright is best known for its use in conditions of the eye, it is also very helpful for respiratory conditions including allergies, colds, and inflammation of the lungs and sinuses. Eyebright contains astringent compounds known as tannins that may help to tighten the top layers of mucous membranes reducing mucus secretion, which in turn relieves irritation and improves tissue firmness. Consequently, many believe that Eyebright can help relieve the numerous symptoms associated with allergies.

- The tannins act as astringents to help dry up secretions and relieve inflammation of the mucous membranes. This is helpful when dealing with allergies and inflammation of the eyes, sinuses, and nasal passages. The tannins, along with quercetin, a flavonoid found in Eyebright, are also believed to reduce allergic responsiveness by inhibiting the release of histamines.
- The aucubin found in Eyebright has an anti-inflammatory action which is useful when there is a cough, hoarseness, or sore throat.
- What the doctors are saying: 'It's a very good herb for relieving runny eyes, especially when they're caused by allergies,' confirms Claire Gibson, N.D., a naturopathic physician based in Oakland, CA.

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### Extremely high in nutrients,

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**Minerals:** Iron, silicon, selenium, iodine, copper, and zinc.

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**Price:** 90 capsules.....\$8.99

### Suggested Adult Usage:

- 2-4 capsules, three times a day on an empty stomach (otherwise with food if not tolerated well).

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# News Watch

Shares Worthless  
Crash!  
Interest rates  
liquidity  
RECESSION FORECAST

## **Time Magazine, October 14, 2013—Pop-Up Island, page 9**

Pakistan—The 7.7-magnitude earthquake that struck Balochistan—killing at least 515 people—shifted enough mud and rock to create a new island in the Arabian Sea, off the port city of Gwadar. The land mass, seen in the accompanying photo shot by the Pleiades satellite, is reportedly about 250 feet long and roughly 60 feet high.



Villagers in Teertaj turned away soldiers when they arrived after the quake with tents and food supplies. PHOTO: WWW.BBC.CO.UK

### **End Time Perspective:**

“The time is at hand when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn. Disasters by sea and by land follow one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of disorganized, unregulated forces of nature, wholly beyond the control of man; but in them all, God’s purpose may be read. They are among the agencies by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.” PK 277.

***The above end time perspective can also be applied to the recent fires and floods that have occurred throughout the United States in California, Colorado and other states.***



A Forestry fire fighter fights a wall of fire during an out of control wildfire, May 2, 2013 in Camarillo, California  
PHOTO: ABCNEWSGO.COM



A wall clings to the remnants of a house in Jamestown, Colorado after a flash flood destroyed much of the town.  
PHOTO: RICK WILKING/REUTERS, WASHINGTONPOST.COM



# SPEECH

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough  
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough;  
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,  
And speak of those to rest the weary ear  
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain  
Of human discontent and grief and pain.

Talk faith. The world is better off without  
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.  
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,  
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf  
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come;  
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

Talk health. The dreary, never changing tale  
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.  
You can not charm, nor interest, nor please,  
By harping on that minor chord, disease.  
Say you are well, or all is well with you;  
And God shall hear your words, and make them true.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox



# Ellen White's *Vision*

## *Mark of the Beast*

By E. G. White

In a view given June 27, 1850, my accompanying angel said, "Time is almost finished. Do you reflect the lovely image of Jesus as you should?" Then I was pointed to the earth and saw that there would have to be a getting ready among those who have of late embraced the third angel's message. Said the angel, "Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died." I saw that there was a great work to do for them and but little time in which to do it.

### *Search the Word carefully to know how to escape the plagues*

Then I saw that the seven last plagues were soon to be poured out upon those who have no shelter; yet the world regarded them no more than they would so many drops of water that were about to fall. I was then made capable of enduring the awful sight of the seven last plagues, the wrath of God. I saw that His anger was dreadful and terrible, and if He should stretch forth His hand, or lift it in anger, the inhabitants of the world would be as though they had never been, or would suffer from incurable sores and withering plagues that would come upon them, and they would find no deliverance, but be destroyed by them. Terror seized me, and I fell upon my face before the angel and begged of him to cause the sight to be removed, to hide it from me, for it was too dreadful. Then I realized, as never before, the importance of searching the Word of

God carefully, to know how to escape the plagues which that Word declares shall come on all the ungodly who shall worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in their foreheads or in their hands. It was a great wonder for me that any could transgress the law of God and tread down His holy Sabbath, when such awful threatenings and denunciations were against them.

### *The Lord is unchangeable, His law immutable*

The pope has changed the day of rest from the seventh to the first day. He has thought to change the very commandment that was given to cause man to remember his Creator. He has thought to change the greatest commandment in the Decalogue and thus make himself equal with God, or even exalt himself above God. The Lord is unchangeable, therefore His law is immutable; but the pope has exalted himself above God, in seeking to change His immutable precepts of holiness, justice, and goodness. He has trampled underfoot God's sanctified day, and, on his own authority, put in its place one of the six laboring days. The whole nation has followed after the beast, and every week they rob God of His holy time. The pope has made a breach in the holy law of God, but I saw that the time had fully come for this breach to be made up by the people of God and the waste places built up.

I pleaded before the angel for God to save His people who had gone astray, to save them for His mercy's sake. When the plagues begin to fall, those who continue to break the holy Sabbath will not open their mouths to plead those excuses that they now make to get rid of keeping it. Their mouths will be closed while the plagues are falling, and the great Lawgiver is requiring justice of those who have had His holy law in derision and have called it "a curse to man", "miserable", and "rickety". When such feel the iron grasp of this law taking hold of them, these expressions will appear before them in living characters, and they will then realize the sin of having that law in derision which the Word of God calls "holy, just, and good".

Then I was pointed to the glory of heaven, to the treasure laid up for the faithful. Everything was lovely and glorious. The angels would sing a lovely song, then they would cease singing and take their crowns from their heads and cast them glittering at the feet of the lovely Jesus, and with





melodious voices cry, "Glory, Alleluia!" I joined with them in their songs of praise and honor to the Lamb, and every time I opened my mouth to praise Him, I felt an unutterable sense of the glory that surrounded me. It was a far more, an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Said the angel, "The little remnant who love God and keep His commandments and are faithful to the end will enjoy this glory and ever be in the presence of Jesus and sing with the holy angels."

### *A greater preparation necessary*

Then my eyes were taken from the glory, and I was pointed to the remnant on the earth. The angel said to them, "Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that God has prepared for those who love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar--self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory. Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where no thief can approach or rust corrupt. Ye must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here if ye would be partakers with Him of His glory hereafter."

### *Die to self daily*

Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering. We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view. I saw that those who of late have embraced the truth would have to know what it is to suffer for Christ's sake, that they would have trials to pass through that would be keen and cutting, in order that they may be purified and fitted through suffering to receive the seal of the living God, pass through the time of trouble, see the King in His beauty, and dwell in the presence of God and of pure, holy angels.

### *Decide now not to receive the mark of the beast*

As I saw what we must be in order to inherit glory, and then saw how much Jesus had suffered to obtain for us so rich an inheritance, I prayed that we might be baptized into Christ's sufferings, that we might not shrink at trials, but bear them with patience and joy, knowing what Jesus had suffered that we through His poverty and sufferings might be made rich. Said the angel, "Deny self; ye must step fast." Some of us have had time to get the truth and to advance step by step, and every step we have taken has given us strength to take the next. But now time is almost finished, and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months. They will also have much to unlearn and much to learn again. Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image when the decree goes forth, must have decision now to say, Nay, we will not regard the institution of the beast.



EW 64~67



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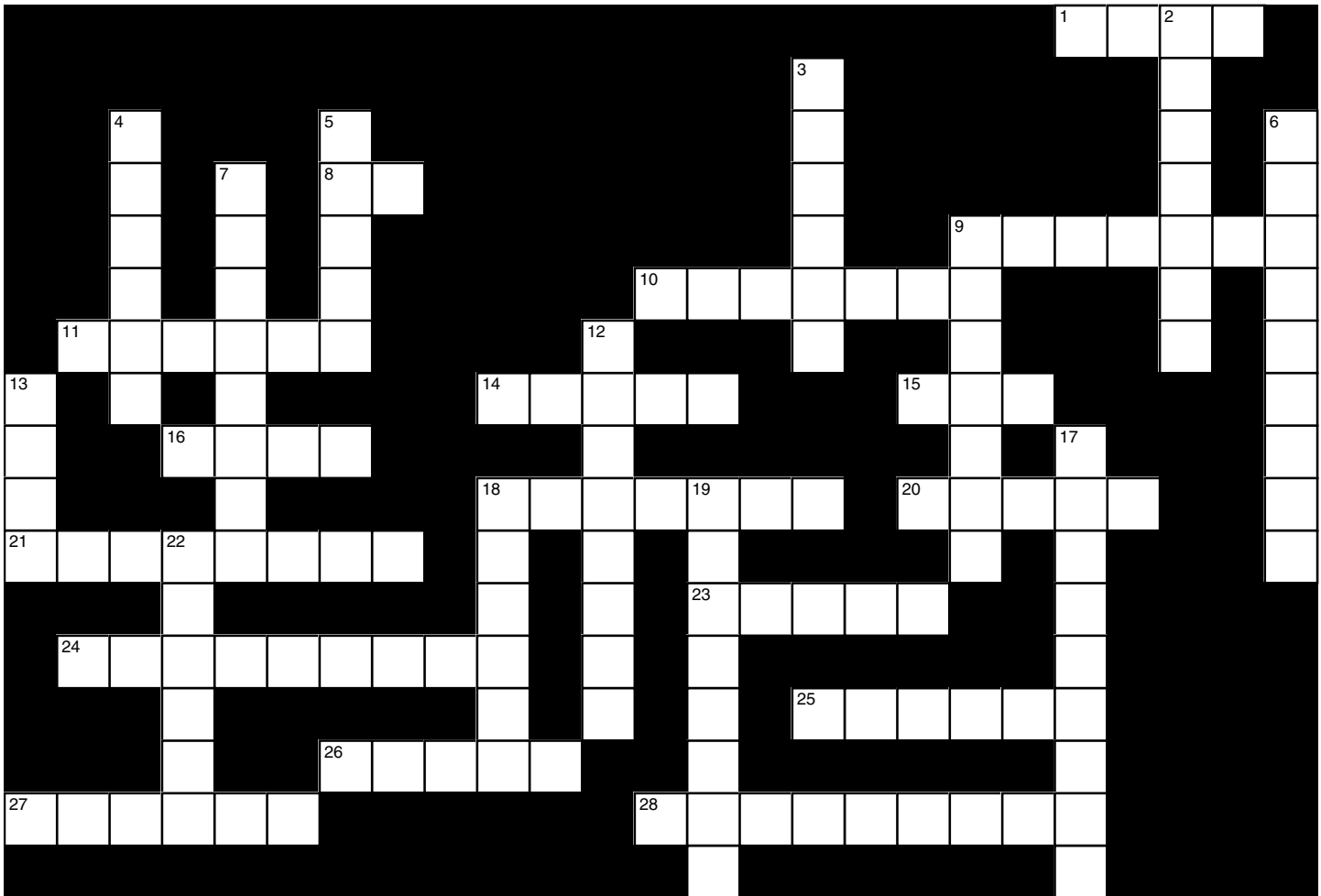
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# Christian Crossword



## ACROSS

1. Naomi was this lady's Mother-in-law
8. The land in which Job lived
9. The name of a pagan god given to Barnabas
10. James and John were the sons of \_\_\_\_
11. The father of Samson
14. The king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon
15. Pharaoh's dream involved which animal?
16. The husband of Ruth
18. The family name of Pilate
20. Who was hanged as Joseph foretold?
21. The son of Hachaliah
23. The king of Persia when the 70 years of captivity ended
24. The wife of Aquila, a friend of Paul
25. A captain of the host of the king of Syria
26. Father of Enoch
27. The servant of Elisha
28. The Egyptian father-in-law of Joseph

## DOWN

2. Paul called this young man "My dearly beloved son"
3. Who was Jacob's second wife?
4. The king that died the year of Isaiah's vision of the Lord
5. The 4th son of Leah
6. The name of a pagan god given to Paul
7. Who reigned after Solomon?
9. The son of Ahab that reigned over Israel

12. High priest in the time of Moses—son of Eleazar
13. "Blow ye the trumpet in \_\_\_\_"
17. A prophet who was the son of Cushi the son of Gedaliah
18. The fifth Roman procurator
19. The last name of the traitor disciple
22. The prophet that gave advice to Naaman

## Answers from Christian Crossword published in the October 2013 issue of Our Firm Foundation

