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### On the Cover:

Luray adjusting LEDs so they shine at the right spots. We put 144 LEDs in our kitchen. We are running them off of two 12 volt batteries hooked in series (24-volt) that are charged by solar panels. They use about 8 watts of power

and make about as much light as a 75-watt light bulb. Because the LEDs are spread out over the whole room, the light is more even in some ways but in other ways it's more uneven. We have a problem with the voltage not being even enough. We either have to put a voltage-limiting device in to keep the voltage from going too high while the batteries are charging or get a DC voltage converter to regulate the voltage. We figure the LEDs will pay themselves off in 2 years even if we ran them off the grid. I think it will be a good idea once we have all the bugs worked out of it.



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# Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

Lately I've been working at rebuilding Daniel's skid loader engine. Last summer we blew a hydraulic hose. The hydraulic hose was lined up for the air intake of the engine, and it put about 4 gallons of hydraulic oil in the engine. Oil doesn't compress. Therefore when it got in the combustion chambers, it tried to lock the engine up. Being the engine was running at a high RPM, it couldn't stop that fast, and it bent 2 of the connecting rods and pushed the one sleeve down. Now I have to do an almost complete rebuild to it. That was an expensive hydraulic hose leak.

As you can see in this issue, we have a different view of prophecy than main line Christianity does. Because of our stand for what we see the Bible teaching, we have

gotten a lot of flack from some of the more "spiritual" Christians over the years. While our belief on prophecy is what triggers people's hostility toward us, I really think the root of the problem lies in those people's own lack of being who they should be. Thankfully there are many who are noble and wise enough to treat us like fellow Christians anyway.

Many of the people that hold to a futuristic view of prophecy are trying to live (or wish to live) a self-sufficient lifestyle so they can be prepared for when the hard times come, (that is the more zealous ones). While I don't see that the hard times ahead are connected with Bible prophecy, I do see that this world is in for some hard times. I think that we should be prepared to be able to live and function if the

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## Behind The Boys' Bugle:

The Boys' Bugle and Heart and Home Harmony is a ministry of the Martin family: Luke and Rachel, Timothy (30), Joy (25), Melvin (23), Luray (21), Nathaniel (18), Larisa (16), and Jonathan (14) plus a few of the married children, and their spouses, Daniel and Mendy Martin and Luke and Dawn Rosenbarker.

We are a home-schooling, home-churching, nearly home-everything Christian family. We live in the country and manage a number of projects such as: organic produce, honey, maple syrup, orchard, sawmill, black-smithing, sheep, dogs, cows, chickens, horse-

logging, earth-moving, fryer-oil for diesel fuel, carpentry, printing, always something to keep us busy!

Melvin is the main editor of The Boys' Bugle, but the rest of the family helps with proofreading, copying, writing, making suggestions and mailing. TBB was started in 2001 to help fill the need for Christian boys magazines.

Any comments, suggestions, or ideas you may have are greatly appreciated.

If you are ever in the area, we would be delighted for you to stop in for a visit.



# The Kingdom Where Love And Truth Reign

## Has the Kingdom of God come to earth?

John the Baptist said: **“Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** (Matthew 3:2) **“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** (Matthew 4:17) Here the Greek word for “at hand” is “eggizo,” which means to bring; or approach. This word is used in Matthew 21:1, **“And when they drew nigh (eggizo) unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,”** Also in verse 34, **“And when the time of the fruit drew near, (eggizo) he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.”** Another verse that uses this word is found in Mark 14:42, **“Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.”** (eggizo) We can see by these examples that the Kingdom of Heaven was approaching and was being brought near.

John the Baptist declared that the kingdom was approaching (or at hand), but the apostle Paul in writing to the Colossians, about 30 years later, says in Colossians 1:12-13, **“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”** So we understand that the kingdom of which Jesus is king of has arrived.

This is the same kingdom spoken of by the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33, **“... and shalt call his name**

**JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”**

The prophets also spoke of this in Isaiah 9:6-7, **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”**

Daniel 2:44, **“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”**

Paul in writing to the Colossians says that they were in the Kingdom of Jesus. But in 2 Timothy 4:1, he declares that Jesus will judge the quick (living) and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom, referring to Jesus' statement in Matthew 16:27-28, **“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here,**

**which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”**

The allegory in Galatians 4:21-31 shows an overlap in the existence of the old and new covenants. “**Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the free-woman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.” This shows us that the son of promise (Isaac) could not receive the promise till the son of bondage was cast out (Ishmael). In this transitional period, (from the Old to the New Covenant) the Kingdom came to maturity.**

The Old Covenant had to pass away. Hebrews 8:6-13, “**But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 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: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.”**

Notice also Hebrews 10:9-10. “**Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.”**

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This He says in reference to establishing the second or New Covenant. We can see Jesus teaching this in Luke 21:29b-32, **“Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”** Here the words "nigh at hand" are the Greek word "eggus" which means "in the vicinity or here." Other scriptures using this word are Matthew 24:32-33, Matthew 26:18, Mark 13:28-29, Ephesians 2:13. Also Revelations 1:3, **“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”** And Revelations 22:10, **“And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.”** This was written in approximately A.D. 65-66.

In Luke 21:30-32 Jesus is speaking of the destruction of the temple which would occur in the generation he was speaking to; thus bringing to an end the old sacrificial system. Verse 31 says, **“the kingdom of God is nigh at hand”** (eggus) meaning it was not approaching (eggizo) but will have arrived. This occurred in the summer of A.D.70. Since that time there have been no high priests offering sacrifices in the Temple. The last days of the Old Covenant system had come! Now the Kingdom was fully established in Jesus Christ, the new High Priest and King.

## **What is the nature of the Kingdom of God?**

In Luke 4:16-21 Jesus states what his mission is:

**To preach the gospel to the poor.** James 2:5 **“Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom?”** Also in Matthew 5:3 he says **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”**

**To heal the brokenhearted.** Matthew 11:28-29 **“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”**

**To preach deliverance to the captives.** Romans 6:16-23, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

**But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the**

wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

The recovering of sight to the blind. John 9:1-41 especially verses 39-41, “**And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.**”

To set at liberty them that are bruised. Ephesians 2:11-17 “**Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.”**

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. This is speaking of the year of Jubilee when everything was forgiven, land restored, and slaves set free. This typifies the work of Christ in giving new life.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew ch. 5, 6, & 7) Christ teaches the rules for living in His kingdom. He instructs his disciples, to be meek, to be hungry for righteousness, to be pure in heart, to be peacemakers, to love their enemies, to bless them that curse them, about purity with the opposite sex, about lifelong marriages, and not to swear (that is not take oath). He teaches to give to the needy, but not for show; to pray to God and that, not to be seen of men. He teaches about forgiveness, the danger of materialism, the importance of always having God first, and the Golden Rule of doing to others what you would have them do to you. He warns of false prophets and finally says a wise man will keep His sayings.

By this we can see that the Kingdom of God is occupied by people who love God with all their heart, soul, and mind, because of His great love in redeeming them to himself through Jesus. They are filled with his Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23. “**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**” So then, Christ helps us to be peaceful, have great marriages, to not dress in a wanton way, to be honest, kind, gentle and help the needy.

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# The Calling of:

John Hoover

Christian greetings from the Finger Lakes area.

My name is John Hoover. I am seventeen years old. I live with my family on a small farm just out of Waterloo, N.Y.

My family consists of my Mom, (Ellen). My Dad (David) died in a farm accident when I was just three years old. (See the story in *Heart and Home Harmony*.) My oldest sister, Martha is 23. She teaches grades 1 to 3 at Fayette Mennonite School. Lorraine-21 teaches special-ed at Lake View School. Then it's my three brothers. Nathan -20, Paul-18, me and Samuel -14. Paul works for an electrician. Samuel works at home helping Mom with raising the calves we have on our farm.

Nathan and I own a tube-line bale wrapper and do custom work. We work for a dairy farmer who also does custom work with a chopper and big square baler.

This summer when I was running the baler one time, I went to re-thread the baler. The knotter tripped and I was squashed in there. I had a broken arm, jaw, ribs, and punctured lung. I also had a cut that nearly severed my ear. I was air lifted to the Rochester Hospital. After a 7-hour operation and a weeks stay in the hospital, I was home again. I am pretty well, all healed up now, thanks to God's healing power. I will need another small operation to remove scar tissue from my ear. All this has given me lots of time to think about how short life really is and who I want to serve. I was baptized this fall and now am a member of Fayette Mennonite Church.





# Alone

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

“No man stood with me, but all men forsook me,” wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wandered and worshipped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames. Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.

And of the lonely way His disciples should walk, He said, “Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way,

He said, “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” The church in the wilderness praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. The church of the kings praised Moses and persecuted the prophets.

The church of Caiaphas praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus. The church of the popes praised the Saviour and persecuted the saints. And multitudes now, both in the church and the world, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness the same faithfulness to truth today.

Wanted, today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at the cost of fortune and friends and life itself.

“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.” Hebrews 13:12-13



# Questions and Answers

## Question #1 from the last issue:

How should you respond if the person you're selling a vehicle to wants you to write less on the bill than what they paid in order to save on taxes?

### Answer:

Would it be honest for you to write less on the bill than what he actually paid for the car? I don't think so. You could say, "No, I can't do that. It wouldn't be honest."

What do the scriptures say? Obviously, it doesn't directly deal with selling cars, but it does have something to say about honesty and taxes.

**"Provide things honest in the sight of all men."** Romans 12:17b

**"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. ...Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."** Romans 13:1, 5-7

**"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."** Ephesians 4:25

And that isn't all!

**"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."** Colossians 3:17

**"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."** 1 Corinthians 10:31

Joy Martin

## Question #2 from the last issue:

In 2 Peter 3:9 Peter says, "The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is **long-suffering toward us, not purposing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance." Then in verse 15 and 16 he says, "And think of the **long-suffering of our Lord as salvation** (as our beloved brother Paul also has written to you according to the wisdom given to him as **also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things**; in which are some things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction)." Peter says this in the context of his discussion on the end of the old heaven and the old earth. Somehow Peter makes a connection between God's salvation, his not being willing that anyone perish, and the end of the old heaven and the old earth. Peter also says that Paul talks of these things in all of his epistles. **Where, in each one of Paul's epistles, does Paul speak of these things?**

### Answer:

In answer to the question about things hard to be understood which Paul talked about in all his epistles.

Did Peter only mean the part about the longsuffering of the Lord is salvation, or is the whole subject he was discussing, hard to believe and to understand?

Where did Paul speak of these

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things in all of his epistles? His epistles are, Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon.

Peter starts out in his first book in chapter one, and verse 5; saying this salvation is to be revealed in the last time! We know the inspired apostle John wrote that they were in the last time, I John 2:18. Take note that he said that they, that is, not us today, but they, back in the first century were in the last time.

Peter also states in II Peter 3:1&2; that he is reminding them of things spoken of by the Holy Prophets and the Apostles of Jesus Christ. I believe it is clear that Peter is speaking of the subject of Jesus' coming in his kingdom and judgment. Many of Peter's expressions, describing this glorious appearing, are used by the prophets and the other apostles in their writings. For a few examples compare: New Heavens and New Earth wherein dwells righteousness, 2 Peter 3:13, with Isaiah 65:17-18. A thief in the night, with Revelations 3:3. And the heavens passing away with Revelations 6:13-17; Hebrews 12:26-29 and Isaiah 34:4. It is my belief that a student of the Bible needs to be familiar with its contents, so that he can compare words, themes, expressions, prophecy said to be fulfilled by Jesus and the Apostles, and any other scripture. That is, compare scripture with scripture, letting the scriptures explain themselves. Also be sure to notice to whom and when it was written in order to not wrest, but to properly apply God's truths.

When we analyze what Peter is saying, by studying words, and phrases, and ideas expressed, it becomes clear why he says Paul speaks of these things in all of his epistles. He is not speaking of the destruction of the planet earth, even though he speaks of the elements (rudiments) melting with fervent heat. We do understand that he is speaking

of the change from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

The New heaven and the New Earth wherein dwells righteousness is, where the New Jerusalem (the bride, the Church) is found. In it is Jesus (the light of the city), and we find that none of the defiled are found in it, Rev. 22:14 & 15. Only they whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life are found in this city! Praise the Lord for his glorious redemption. May you so believe and live that you will find yourself there.

Luke Martin

### **Question for the next issue:**

In Matthew 8:12 it says, "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Who are the children of the kingdom that will be cast into outer darkness?**

### **Is this good Logic?**

If one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day to the Lord, could the thousand year reign of Christ be a day long? Or does God mean what he says when he makes a time statement?

# The Olivet Discourse and Epistles to Thessalonica Compared

CONCEPT	OLIVET DISCOURSE	THESSALONIANS
Lord's Coming (parousia) #3952	Matt. 24:3,27,37,39	I Thess. 2:19;3:13;4:15;5:23 II Thess. 2:1,8&9
Deception	Matt. 24:4,5,11&24 Mark 13:5&6 Luke 21:8	II Thess. 2:3,8-11
Troubled Minds	Mark 13:7	II Thess. 2:2
Birth-pangs (sorrows)	Matt. 24:8 Mark 13:8	I Thess. 5:3
Persecution	Matt. 24:9 Mark 13:9,19 Luke 21:12	I Thess. 1:6; 3:3,7
Gospel Proclaimed	Mark 13:10 Matt. 24:14	I Thess. 1:8
Holy Spirit Directing	Mark 13:11	I Thess. 4:8; 5:19
Falling away from the faith	Matt. 24:12	II Thess. 2:3
Endurance	Mark 13:13 Luke 21:19	I Thess. 1:3 II Thess. 1:4; 3:5
Kingdom of God	Matt. 24:14 Luke 21:31	I Thess. 2:12 II Thess. 1:5
Desolation of Jerusalem and its' Temple	Matt. 24:15 Luke 21:20	II Thess. 2:4
God's wrath and vengeance	Luke 21:22,23	I Thess. 2:16 II Thess. 1:6, 8

Election	Mark 13:20,22,27	I Thess. 1:4 ; 5:9
False Christs and prophets False miracles and signs	Mark 13:22	II Thess. 2:3-12
Jesus coming in the clouds with great power and glory	Matt. 24:27&30 Mark 13:26&36	I Thess. 1:10; 4:17 II Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8, 14
Angels	Matt. 24:31 Mark 13:27	II Thess. 1:7
Trumpet	Matt. 24:31	I Thess. 4:16
Elect gathered	Matt. 24:31 Mark 13:27	I Thess. 4:17 II Thess. 2:1
Unknown day and hour	Matt. 24:36 Mark 13:32 & 33	I Thess. 5:2
Watchfulness	Matt. 24:42 & 44 Mark 13:35 & 37	I Thess. 5:6
Suddenness	Mark 13:36	I Thess. 5:3
As a Thief	Matt. 24:43	I Thess. 5:2-4
Asleep and drunk	Matt. 24:49 Mark 13:36 Luke 21:34	I Thess. 5:6, 7
Fleeing , escaping	Matt. 24:20 Luke 21:36	I Thess. 5:3
Meeting the Lord	Matt. 25:6	I Thess. 4:17
Fire	Luke 17:29	II Thess. 1:8
Revelation of the Lord	Luke 17:30	II Thess. 1:7
That Generation	Matt. 24:34 Mark 13:30 Luke 21:32	I Thess. 4:17
Believers know and could watch	Matt. 24:32-33 Mark 13:29 Luke 21:28 & 36	I Thess. 5:4-6
Peace and safety and marrying	Matt. 24:37 & 38 Luke 17:27	I Thess. 5:3

# The Jetta

A Continuation of The Rabbit Wreck

By Melvin Martin

As you read in the last issue of *The Boys' Bugle*, my VW Rabbit got wrecked. So I didn't have a vehicle anymore. Luray, Nathaniel, and I were all driving Luray's suburban, which wasn't too bad because we were all working at Daniel's place at the time.

I realized pretty quickly that I need a vehicle to get around. I had a few choices. I could put my Ford Aerostar on the road. But that burns gas, and would get very expensive very quickly. I could put my bus on the road, but that's more of a vehicle than I need at this time and takes too much fuel, even though it would run on vegetable oil. My other choice was to fix my suspension wagon up and use one of dad's horses and go to horse and buggy. But that's too slow. I do hope to go to horse and buggy sometime in the future when I live at my own place and don't have to travel so much.

Then we learned that our neighbor had a 92' Gas Jetta with a 5 speed standard transmission for sale. It was in pretty good shape except that the gas engine didn't run right. After some thought, we decided to buy it and put a diesel engine from one of our junk Rabbits in it. Surprisingly, the 81' diesel out of a Rabbit fit nicely in the 92' gas Jetta. Many of the parts fit between the Rabbits and the Jettas. We had to use the original transmission because the transmission out of the Rabbit didn't fit in the Jetta, but we wanted the 5 speed anyway.

We converted the Jetta to a heated vegetable oil fuel system. We made a heated tank for vegetable oil and a heated fuel filter to put in the trunk.

We ran engine coolant hoses beside the fuel lines to the trunk, and have the coolant lines plumbed into the filter and the tank. We put regular ball valves in both the suction and the return, so we can run from or return to either tank. We put a sight glass in the return so we can see what kind of fuel is coming from the engine. With the sight glass, we can see if the engine is getting fuel or if there is air in the line.

Now I have my dream car. It's a VW with a diesel engine, overdrive standard transmission, good kind of automatic seatbelts, runs on vegetable oil, and overall in nice shape. The exceptions are the cruise control and the engine tack doesn't work, and it has an old indirect injection diesel in it.

As soon as we got finished fixing it, the very same hour, Joy, Luray, and Nathaniel left to go to North Carolina with it. So the very same people that were in my Rabbit when it got wrecked, went south with my car again.

On the way down the 81, going up a hill, the engine started to really smoke blue and wouldn't shut off, even when the key was turned off. It was running on it's own engine oil. Luray used the brakes to stall it off. After it cooled off, it ran fine again. The thing did a few more strange things on the trip. I'm suspicious that the head gasket is bad again. But what can we expect out of it, for the engine comes out of the Rabbit that earned the name of "the circus."

When Luray got back from

# The Everlasting Kingdom of Jesus

of which there are No Last Days.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:21

But this man, because he contin-

ueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:24-25

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:33

For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Isaiah 51:8-9

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. Luke 1:50



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North Carolina, he said that it gets air in the fuel when it's running on diesel if the tank is less than half full. The gas tank was almost empty when we bought the Jetta, so most likely all that was wrong with the engine was the gas tank isn't right.

I am thankful that God has given me a good car again.



# The Coming of Salvation to Mankind

Melvin Martin

In the Old Testament there are many prophecies that God would send his Son to redeem man from his sins and give him life. It's amazing how God foretold so many things of what would happen in Christ's life.

All the prophecies about Jesus have been fulfilled around the time that Jesus came to earth. For in Luke 21:22 it says, "These be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled." And in verse 32 it says, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."

The theme of the whole Bible is that God is sending his son to redeem man from their sins and give them life. That is why Jesus has come to earth. We can come boldly to God, (Heb. 4:16). We can now have life if we only believe and trust in Jesus, (John 3). We are no longer bound under the curse of the law, (Galatians 3:13), but are free in Jesus, (John 8:36). Oh, how great it is that we can have life with God.

I'm going to quote a few of these prophecies. I'm mainly going to quote the ones that are clearly a prophecy and clearly fulfilled. However, there are many of the prophecies that it is not so clear that they are a prophecy.

Many times where the writer of the New Testament says that this is the fulfillment of a prophecy, if you go look at the prophecy in the Old Testament, you could hardly say with authority that that was what the prophet was prophesying, except that the New Testament writer plainly said it is. How many more proph-

ecies are there in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in the New Testament that it does not plainly say are a prophecy?

In Micah 5:2 it's prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem and in Hosea 11:1 that Jesus would come out of Egypt.

In Isaiah 9:1-2 it prophesies that Jesus would go to Galilee and be a great light to them.

Jesus is God, Psalms 2:7; Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-5, 14.

Moses prophesied that Jesus would be a prophet like unto him, and we are to listen to Jesus instead of Moses, Deuteronomy 18:15-16.

It was prophesied that Jesus would talk to the people in parables, Psalms 78:2.

In Numbers 21:9 is an example of Christ dying on the cross; therefore, we can look on him and not die because of our sins but have everlasting life. We need to believe and trust in him to have life.

Psalms 22 has many prophecies of what Jesus' death would be like. Psalms 34:19-20 prophesied that none of Christ's bones would be broken. Even though God had forsaken Jesus in the time of his suffering, God still was watching over him.

It's because our Redeemer lives, that we will be resurrected from the dead and can be with God, Job 19:25-27.

Isaiah 40:11 says He is the good shepherd. He will take care of us, supply our needs, etc.

Jesus forgives us of our sins for his own sake, Isaiah 43:25.



The New Covenant was foretold in Jeremiah 31:31-34. In the New Covenant, the law of God is written in our hearts, and we are the people of God. We don't teach each other how to know God, but rather we know God because he has forgiven us of our sins and he lives in our hearts. And why did God make a new covenant? Because we couldn't keep the Old Covenant. And of this new kingdom there will be no end, Isaiah 9:7.

Jesus is our example, 1 Peter 2:18-25. It is a noble thing to do what is right and to suffer unjustly for it, like Jesus did. (John 15:25) Whatever they did to him, they probably will do to us, (Matt. 10:25). Remember that Jesus was a man like you and me and was tempted in all points like you and me are, Hebrews 4:15. He walked the road before us. We can follow his example.

The relationship that we have with Jesus is as Jesus being our husband and we (the church) as the wife, as in Ephesians 5:22-33, especially verse 32; Revelation 21.

Here are some verses to compare. I only listed some of the more clear ones.



Num. 21:9	John 3:14-18
Deut. 18:15-16	Acts 7:37; John 5:45-47
2 Sam. 7:12	Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16; Luke 1:32-33
Job 19:25-27	John 5:24-29; 14:19
Psalms 8:5-6	Heb. 2:9
Psalms 22:1	Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34
Psalms 22:7-8	Matt. 27:39-43
Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33
Psalms 22:18	John 19:23-24
Psalms 23:1, 3	John 10:11, 27-28
Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
Psalms 31:11	Mark 14:48-50
Psalms 31:13	John 11:53
Psalms 34:20	John 19:31, 36
Psalms 35:19; 69:4	John 15:25
Psalms 40:6-8	Heb. 10:7
Psalms 41:9; 55:12-14	John 13:18
Psalms 45:7	Heb. 1:9
Psalms 68:18	Eph. 4:8
Psalms 69:9	John 2:17
Psalms 69:25	Acts 1:20-23
Psalms 78:2	Matt. 13:34-35
Psalms 110:1	Matt. 22:41-45
Psalms 118:22	Matt. 21:42-43; Luke 20:17-19
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# Let's Face The Truth!

Lately I have taken the time to read a few of the more recent books written by dispensationalists. It seems that, in general with their books, the same as I also notice occurring on radio and TV. programs, these men state certain matters of belief about the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Anti-Christ, etc., and then proceed to develop their lines of teaching about these things AS THOUGH THOSE THINGS ARE ESTABLISHED FACTS. In other words, books are being written and sermons being preached, ASSUMING that these points are already believed by Christians, and then further teaching is developed on those ALREADY established points! But proof is not given concerning those points. Because many are doing this, and others have done so for years, the unsuspecting and unlearned Christian public pretty much swallows it all down—hook, line and sinker!

Christians need to study and learn some things for themselves. But how can many of them do so when all they ever hear and read is put out by men whose writings are pretty much the same along certain lines, but who never dare listen to any other point of view than these? Like the Jehovah's Witnesses, they close their eyes and ears and refuse to listen to anything other than the party-line.

Just for example, here are three questions I ask those who teach these things:

1. Where in the Bible does it say there will be seven years (or any other period for that matter) of Tribulation AFTER the Rapture?

2. Where in the Bible does it say that Anti-Christ will come AFTER the Rapture?

3. By what authority does anyone take Daniels 70th week prophecy and stretch it like a rubber-band away from the 69th week, and let it be extended for 2,000 years (more or less) until a time AFTER the Rapture? One author (Tim La Haye) wrote me that the word of God gave him that authority but he failed to give me the place in the Bible where he was so authorized.

Another one I might throw in for good measure is: Where in the Bible, AFTER the return of the Jews from Babylon and elsewhere, was there ever ANOTHER prophecy given concerning another return to the Land AFTER that?

No one has furnished any satisfactory answers to these questions.

If Bible preachers would seriously consider these four questions and eliminate from their thinking the things they have already been taught about them, they might soon come to see the fallacy of such teachings and understand what the Bible is trying to say. Their teachings on these matters are hypothetical and not factual, to say the least. Their teachings are based on false assumptions to begin with. No credible evidence can be produced showing legitimate exegetical proof of their assertions. Their assumptions are hypothetical, and take away that factor their teachings are diminished to just going around in circles and copying one another.

# Proverbs

## Chapter 5

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! I was almost in all evil in

the midst of the congregation and assembly.

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.



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Of major importance is the understanding of the time-frame of the prophecy of Jesus in Matthew 24 concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, the Tribulation period, and the coming of the Son of man. When Bible students begin to accept LITERALLY what Jesus said in Matthew 24:34, that ALL those things He had predicted would come to pass IN THAT GENERATION, then the prophesies of Jesus concerning those things will begin to make more sense than what is gener-

ally being taught today.

Thankfully, the tide is turning; and all across the country serious Bible students are giving a second look at some of these things, and are coming to some drastically changed positions on these matters.

—John L Bray

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nation where FAITH WORKS BY LOVE!

Written by a son of God  
By adoption though Jesus the  
Christ the Son of God.  
Luke M. Martin

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## Eschatology and Soteriology Are Connected

**“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”** Matthew 22:37-39

Then in verse 40 He goes on to say: **“On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

Many say that eschatology (study of end time prophesies) and soteriology (doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ) are not connected. There is no salvation without loving God first and our neighbor second. So according to Christ’s words (v.40) there are no correct views of prophesy that are sepa-

rated from our salvation, that do not hang on these two commandments. **“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”** Hebrews 9:26. The Weymouth translation puts it: **“In that case Christ would have needed to suffer many times, from the creation of the world onwards; but as a matter of fact He has appeared once for all, at the Close of the Ages, in order to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”** Hebrews 9:26 WNT



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times do get hard. And not only function, but also be able to help those that need help.

However, it takes more than the fear of the hard times ahead for us to be successful in living self-sufficiently. We need to realize that to live self-sufficiently is a very good, honorable way to live. We need to love living independently. As I once heard, Love is a much better motivator than fear is. Even if I didn't foresee hard times ahead, I'd continue to live in an independent, self-sufficient way just simply because I love that way of life.

And besides, didn't God make us for his glory? Isn't part of giving God the glory that he deserves using the talents that he has given us? If you haven't found it out yet, you'll find that to live self-sufficiently takes a lot more talents and knowledge and energy than to live the modern American lifestyle. I think God is pleased to see us live self-sufficiently.

The other day my brother Tim looked at the USDA's website at their plans for identifying all the farm animals in America. Their plan is that within 2 years (January 2008) all the animals and all the premises where there are animals are all to be registered with ID numbers. The purpose is so if any "foreign" disease breaks out, they can trace to all the animals that were in contact with the diseased animals within 48 hours. Then they can destroy all those possibly diseased animals. That way they can be very thorough and secure in controlling diseases.

The thing that I don't like at

all about it is that they can make or imagine a disease (either by accident or intentionally) (like they did in the past) and then make happen whatever they want to happen. They could destroy (whether by accident or intentionally) all the animals that us homesteading people rely on for a living, causing us great hardship. Also besides that, who would want a micro-chip in their beef. I can imagine someone going to work one morning, and after being scanned, (that is after they do it to people), the boss would say, "Oh, I see you ate some of your beef this morning for breakfast and forgot to take the micro-chip out." Also I wouldn't want a piece of plastic in all my animals.

If you want to see the USDA's website for yourself, go to [www.usda.gov/nais](http://www.usda.gov/nais) On the right side of the page under "What's New," click on "Draft Strategic Plan."

I don't have any ideas for a theme for the next issue yet. If you have any good ideas, I'd like to hear about them.

# The Economics and Ecology of Horse Logging

Many people own horses for pleasure, but horses can earn their keep too. Yes, your pleasure riding horse, with a little additional training and a harness, can get your firewood out of the woods for you and do other pulling jobs on the place.

I own a team of horses that I use for work. They pull wagons, rake the hay, cultivate the gardens, bring the maple sap to the sugar house, get firewood out of the woods and when I am cutting trees for logs to be cut into lumber, they will in a typical day skid 2000-5000 board feet. Cutting and skidding a couple of thousand feet of logs a day makes for a decent days wages.

It is a pleasure to become part of a unit that works together, learning to read each other's body language to the point of being like one. Money isn't the only reward you get from horse logging.

If your woodland is swampy, hilly, or rocky a team of horses is almost a necessity for harvesting your trees. Horses rarely get stuck or roll over on top of you, (like a tractor can). If they do go in up to their belly in your swamp, unhitch and they usually will walk right out. With a long chain or cable you can get your load out too. However, when I have a swamp to cross, I usually wait for freezing weather and then drive the horses through the snow making a track, without bringing much of a load, and then let it freeze overnight. The next day the track will allow bigger loads with no floundering.

It doesn't take much of a road to let a team of horses through. So then you can selectively cut your trees, just taking out the mature trees and leaving the younger, faster growing trees to continue to grow. By horse logging and selectively cutting over a period of time, I believe you can harvest more board feet of timber per acre, which translates into more profit.

With horses you don't get those skidder ruts or skinned trees on the corners. So using horses is softer on the environment and better for your pocketbook.

I use a cart with a seat on it for logging. By doing this, the front end of the log has lift on it and doesn't catch on stumps and stones so much and it is easier to ride than to walk.

Use a chain with a slip hook on it to go around the log. This holds the log tightly and is easy to take off.

Inspect your harness, eveners, and all your equipment periodically. Worn out and cracked equipment is an accident waiting to happen!

Stay out of the path of moving logs!

Know your horse, and don't take chances!

Don't overload your horse, or he will become a baulker. Feed him good when he is working, but be careful not to over feed when he is standing idle.

In working with horses stay calm, cool and collected for your own safety. If you get all worked up, it will only wind up your horse and make him dangerous!

A Bible verse in closing," The righteous man regards the life of his beast, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." Proverbs 12:10.

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# Millennial Error

There is no place in the Bible which says that Christ will reign **on the earth** for 1,000 years. The Bible does say that “of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:33). When He ascended up on high, He sat down at the right hand of God the Father, fulfilling the prediction that He would inherit the throne of David (Acts 2:30-36). This was the kingdom prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7 of the increase of which “there shall be no end.”

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but righteousness, and  
peace, and joy in the  
Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:17