

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read...” – Isaiah 34:16

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Introduction

As of the beginning of the drafting of this newsletter edition (April), we were “in the midst” of very suddenly strange times, wherein extreme actions are being taken to fight against a new pestilence that had spread around the world. While many unbelievers may have reason to fear, we that believe upon Jesus Christ and his written word can “rest in hope” – now while we are yet alive, or later when we are in the grave. If we go to the grave, that is ... depending upon when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. Quite often in my bedtime prayers I find myself praying according to the final prayer in God’s book ... “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20). The words “Even so” should cause us to ask “How so?” We find the answer in the very same verse, wherein Jesus saith “Surely I come quickly”. If we pray “Even so” then we are asking Jesus to come “quickly” – which is how and/or when Jesus will come...

How?

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (Matthew 24:27)

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye ...
(1 Corinthians 15:52)

When?

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
(Hosea 6:2)

...at the last trump... (1 Corinthians 15:52)

When I consider the verse from Hosea, I wonder also about the words of Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8...

... a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past... (Psalm 90:4)

... one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8)

We are now in our calendar year number 2020. We know that it is now after 2000 years since God sent forth his son (Galatians 4:4 – referring to the birth of Jesus Christ). But we also know that it is not yet a full 2000 years since Jesus was crucified and died and arose from the grave and ascended into heaven. However, we are certainly approaching the end of that second “thousand years” – that second “day” – and “in the third day” we should be... “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and

our Saviour Jesus Christ;” (Titus 2:13) ...when... “he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.” (Hosea 6:2)

Amen! (??)

Interestingly, the term “a thousand years” occurs in God’s book a perfect seven times.

I should point out that the term “rest in hope” (Psalm 16:9 and Acts 2:26) which I wrested out of its context and meaning in the opening paragraph, refers specifically to the body of our Lord Jesus Christ resting in the grave while his soul was in hell suffering travail for us. Out of curiosity, I looked *in God’s book* (the KJB) for the term “rest in peace” that is sometimes found on tombstones, and ... could not find it.

[Contrarily, I spot-checked a couple *modern versions* for the term “rest in hope” and ... could not find it.]

On my tombstone, I hope to have the words “rest in hope” written, so as to spark curiosity and possibly lead some people to God’s book where those words can be found, and to Jesus Christ himself – for salvation – so that they will not have to suffer travail of their own souls, which Jesus already suffered for them so that they wouldn’t have to suffer it themselves.

And, very interestingly (this should be reserved for the “Numbers” section of this newsletter, but...) the term “in the midst” (see the beginning of this introduction...) occurs 256 times in God’s book. Thinking from prior studies (and newsletters) about the number **4** relating to Jesus Christ, I found that eleven (11) occurrences of “in the midst” refer to Jesus Christ; the **4th** being...

Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. (John 19:18)

With 11 being a number related to “understanding,” maybe we should seek a deeper understanding. Regarding the 256 occurrences of “in the midst” in the volume of the book, I really thought it interesting (to say the least) that 256 equals **4x4x4x4** which is **4** raised to the **4th** power (powerful!). More to study!

The term “the midst” (not just “in” the midst) occurs a total of 364 times. Of course, you know that I’m going to see where the number 4 leads me, relative to the number 364... so, $364 \div 4 = 91$. Hmmm. The first thing I think of when I see the number 91 is ... Psalm 91. So, I went and read that, and ... to go full circle to the word “pestilence” in the first paragraph of this introduction:

Psalm 91

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome **pestilence**.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 Nor for the **pestilence** that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any **plague** come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Science Snippet

1 Timothy 6:20

1 Timothy 6:20 refers to “science falsely so called.” The March 1, 2020 newsletter included a very brief recap of the “science falsely so called” of carbon dating. As with carbon dating, so also with many other topics that are *pourtrayed* as science, but which are not science at all. When rightly understood, it becomes evident that carbon dating does not in any way at all contradict the true science (knowledge) of the history of creation as given by God’s word. Nor does radiometric dating in general contradict God’s word, once it is understood how the supposed millions of years calculated from it depends on the same sort of assumption/extrapolation as carbon dating. In fact, the same sort of assumption and extrapolation can be recognized in various facets of

evolutionary ideology in general. And, to lead into the Critics’ Corner next, the “science falsely so called” of textual criticism is also founded upon evolutionary ideology: the “doctors” with their “degrees” in philosophy – and theology – thinking they have higher knowledge than what God has given, in the King James Bible, to the English-speaking world in these last days. Let us that are of low degree renounce evolutionary ideology, in all of its various manifestations, and let God exalt us in his way and in his time as we simply trust in him and his written word.

Critics’ Corner

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

A person who has achieved a degree in a field of study might tend to be a critic (just generally-speaking). He might be prone to thinking highly of himself. He may tend to have a sense of pride in his accomplishment(s) and might be wont to use his degree as a means of intimidation – to get those not having a degree in that field to yield to his supposed authoritative knowledge. I’ve seen that happen, and I’ve personally experienced it as well. I have that very temptation myself, given that I have a master’s degree in a field of an applied science (mechanical engineering). Anyway, I’ve seen students “bullied” by their degreed professors into rejecting the bible and accepting the falsely so-called “science” of evolution. And personally, in a supposed “bible” study time at work, I made a very basic scientific statement refuting the false “science” of evolution, and another person in the room who had a master’s degree in biology immediately asserted his “degree” of authority in the field to try refuting what I had said. I’ll relate the specifics to anyone that asks, but it is too involved for this newsletter.

The point is this... people often use their degrees in their fields of study to exert intimidating “authority” to pressure others to believe their... (not “science” but...) philosophy. Evolutionists are the prime example. And please get this... biblical-text critics are evolutionists. We who may not have a “degree” in a field of study related to evolution might feel intimidated if we tried to counter the claims of evolutionists. Likewise, we who may not have a “degree” in a field of study related to textual criticism (aka, “theology”) might feel intimidated if we tried to counter the claims of biblical-text critics. What I want to impress upon us all (all those of us who believe the King James Bible) is... that we should ever and always believe the words of the KJB, and trust its Author to know infinitely more than the sum total of all

the supposed knowledge of all the evolutionists and all the text critics in all the world throughout all of time.

The word “degree” is used a perfect seven (7) times in the book of the LORD...

And with them their brethren of the second degree...
(1 Chronicles 15:18)

...thou hast...regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

(1 Chronicles 17:17)

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. (Psalm 62:9)

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. (Luke 1:52)

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

(1 Timothy 3:13)

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: (James 1:9)

Numbers

As noted in the introduction, the term “in the midst” occurs 256 times [$4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \dots 4$ to the 4th power (4^4)] in the volume of the book of the LORD. We find the exact words “Jesus in the midst” in John 19:18. We also find, referring to Jesus, that he said “in the volume of the book it is written of me” (Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7). We saw in prior studies how the number 4 so strongly points to Jesus. We also saw that Jesus is not only “in the midst” but that he is also “the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending” (Revelation 1:8). We saw the exact match in the numbers in the beginning and the ending – in Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 ... each verse having 44 letters, and of those 44 letters, each verse having 17 vowels (and thus 27 consonants). Then we saw these two beginning and ending numbers exactly summing to the number counts 1 John 5:7 ... $44 + 44 = 88$ letters, $17 + 17 = 34$ vowels (and thus $27 + 27 = 54$ consonants) ... wherein we find Jesus as the Word in the midst of the Father and the Holy Ghost, with the clear and unambiguous statement that “these three are one.” And that’s not even all: it is not only the letters, but the words as well... the number of words in the beginning and ending sum to the number of words in the midst: 10 (Genesis 1:1) + 12 (Revelation 22:21) = 22 (1 John 5:7). And finally, going back to Revelation 1:8 where we find Jesus saying “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending” ... we find that he also identifies himself as “the Almighty.” The term “the Almighty” occurs 44 times in God’s book (2 of those occurring as “the Almighty God”). Selah.

Quote to Note

On the last day of May, a day before the dating of this newsletter, I happened to be at Zephaniah Chapter 3 for my bedtime bible reading. In that chapter is one of the 256 occurrences of the term “in the midst” ...

The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

I memorized this verse when I was young, because we used to sing it as a “spiritual song” – and singing the scripture can be a very effective way to memorize it. We should note that...

- a true spiritual song is one that is directly from the written word of God; the book of the LORD: whose author is the Almighty, Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:8), who said:
... the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63);
- Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh (John 1:14), and all of the words of his book are his words, that he speaks unto us - from Genesis through Revelation;
- and we are exhorted to ...

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)

So, if you don’t know or don’t recall the Zephaniah 3:17 spiritual song, I will be happy to share the melody that I learned for it. Let us include in our walk with the Lord some singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19).

Recipe Share

My daughter made my absolute favorite pie in May (Strawberry Cream Pie), and gave me the last two uneaten slices (which I devoured in one sitting, in just two minutes). That was the first I had of it since before my mother died (i.e., before 2015). So, you guessed it... I looked to see if there was any KJB tie-in. Well, this time – not really. The word “straw” can be found, of course – sixteen (16) times ($16 = 4 \times 4$). As a verb, “strawed” can be found (5x), but always in the sense of scattering (of powder, branches, seeds). So, what about the word “berry”? By itself... no; but it can be found in the word “mulberry” (4x) and olive “berries” (2x).

So anyway, without further ado, here it is...

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Strawberry Cream Pie

Bake 9-inch pricked crust at 450° for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned.

Creamy filling: Oven – 350°

- 8 oz package cream cheese
(Philadelphia, preferably – Revelation 1:11)
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Soften cream cheese in small mixing bowl,
then beat until fluffy

Add 2 eggs (one at a time ... beat well after each)

Blend in sugar & lemon juice

Pour into pie shell

Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes (or until not “jiggly”)

Let cool until lukewarm

Strawberries:

If small, cut in halves... if large, cut in quarters or more
Arrange strawberries on top of filling, cut side down

Glaze:

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- ¾ cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon red food coloring

In a small sauce pan, combine sugar & corn starch

Add water, lemon juice, & food coloring

Cook over medium heat until thick & clear

(stir constantly – have patience)

Let cool until lukewarm

Spread over strawberries

Refrigerate – eat cold – ENJOY

Zephaniah 3:8-20

8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people **a pure language**, that they may **all call upon the name of the LORD**, to serve him with **one consent**.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away **out of the midst of thee** them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave **in the midst of thee** an afflicted and poor people, and **they** shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 The **remnant** of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for **they shall feed** and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

14 **Sing**, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD hath **taken away thy judgments**, he hath **cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee**; thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God **in the midst of thee** is mighty; **he will save**, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with **singing**.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will **undo all that afflict thee**: and **I will save** her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

Romans 11:26 And so **all Israel** shall be **saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Wrap-up

When we are born again, we are adopted into the family of Abraham the Friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7, James 2:23). We are cut out of a wild olive tree (the world) and “grafted” into a good olive tree (Israel) (Jeremiah 11:16) whose root and stem is Jesus Christ (Isaiah 11:10, Romans 15:12). In Zephaniah 3, wherein the above-mentioned scripture song is found, we see that there is singing because of the gladness and rejoicing in heart due to the LORD having taken away Israel’s (and thus by adoption, our) judgments, and having cast out our enemy; and now “the king of Israel, even the LORD, is **in the midst**” of us. To wrap up this edition of the kjvbiblestudy newsletter, let us allow the word of the LORD to speak for itself (himself):