





Newsletter

Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.
1 Chronicles 29:11

Peace to all the Brothers and Sisters of the Israel of God Bible Study Classes.

BULLETIN!

The I.O.G. Newsletter is now a quarterly newsletter. Below is the schedule for the newsletter release dates and the months that each will cover:

-  **April** (Covers months Jan. thru March)
-  **July** (Covers months April thru June)
-  **October** (Covers months July thru Sept.)
-  **January** (Covers months Oct. thru Dec.)

The **Deadline** for submitting information to go into the Newsletter will be the **20TH of March, June, September, and December.** If your information isn't received before the deadline dates it will have to wait for the next issue of the Newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit to the Newsletter or have important information that you would like to share with the class, please contact one of the editors or leave it in the mailbox in the office before the deadline date. Please include your phone number. **EVERYTHING MUST BE ON DISC (FLOPPY or CD) or in Printable Form to run as is, or Send it to the Newsletter Staff via email to NL@theisraelofgodrc.com** Thank you!

LATEST NEWS...



▶ New Moons For Feb-Apr...

- ❖ February 7th, 2008 at 5:45 AM.
- ❖ March 7th, 2008 at 7:15 PM.
- ❖ April 6th, 2008 at 5:56 AM.

▶ First Month High Days for 2008...

- ❖ Passover (April 19th, @ Sundown)
- ❖ Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - First Night (April 20th, @ Sundown)
 - Last Night (April 26th, @ Sundown)

▶ Matzo Shortages...

We have been hearing that it's getting harder to find Matzo's in the grocery stores. Please purchase your Matzo a week in advance so you won't be without them during Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

▶ Sabbath Lesson CD's and DVD's...

The price of the Sabbath Day Lesson CD's and DVD's has increased. CD's are now \$10.00 each and DVD's are now \$15.00 each.

▶ Birth Announcements...

Eric & Melissa Frazier gave birth to a baby boy, **Ethan Melchizedek Frazier**, 6 lbs. 3oz, Feb. 26, 2008.

William & Tiffany Turner gave birth to fraternal twins. **Emmanuel Turner**, 6 lbs. 4oz, and **Faith Turner**, 6 lbs. 5oz, March 24, 2008.

▶ Mayor Daley's Summer Job's Program...

This program is offering summer jobs for young people from the ages of 14-21. The deadline to register is April 25, 2008. For more information call their hotline number at 773-553-JOBS or visit www.chicagokidstart.org

▶ Newsletter News...

The IOG Newsletter has a new email address: NL@theisraelofgodrc.com Please send all correspondence to this address. The old one is no longer in use. Thank you!

▶ Feast Committee News...

Please sign up at the kitchen area to prepare food for the Lord's Feast of Unleavened Bread. See Sister Deborah for the 1st Class, and Sister Zeria for the 2nd Class.

▶ Prayer, Health and Spiritual Counseling Committee...

They are looking for members who are interested in joining this committee. Please see Bro. Norwood or Bro. Shackelford for more information.

▶ 2007 Economic Stimulus Payments...

This payment has been made available for Social Security, Veterans, and Persons with disabilities and other beneficiaries. In order to receive this payment you must file a 2008 tax return. You have until October 15, 2008 to file for this payment. For more information visit: www.irs.gov or Call the IRS Hotline at 866-234-2942

▶ PACE/PARA TRANSIT Update...

Effective March 28th, 2008, Pace will implement a new way to book your trips in the ADA service area. They have established 3 service areas (zones). One carrier is assigned to each zone. All three carriers will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Questions? 800-606-1282 Call the following carriers if your trip originates in the following service area:

- ❖ Service Area 1 (South-71st St. south to 147/Sibley)
Call--- 866-926-9631 (SCR)
- ❖ Service Area 2 (Central-between 71st St. & Fullerton)
Call ---866-926-9632 (CDT)
- ❖ Service Area 3 (North-Fullerton north to Central)
Call--- 866-926-9633 (MV)

Note: Arts will only provide service for overflow of rides and are assigned by Pace only. You can't schedule a trip with them anymore.

~HEALTH CORNER~

Editor's Note: This article is not meant to say that you as a consumer should not drink milk. It is to inform you about the processing of milk today, and that milk has changed from what it was, before technology was introduced to generate higher amounts of it and getting it to the public. Please be cautious with what you consume and make sure to supplement your diet with vitamins and minerals and green foods. As always consult your physician for more information. If someone has information to the contrary, please feel free to submit your article to us for inclusion in the next newsletter. Alternatives to Pasteurized/Homogenized milk are **Rice Milk**, **Almond Milk** and **Raw Milk**. Raw Milk can legally be sold in only 28 states in America. Here is a link to the statutes governing the sale of Raw Milk in various states: <http://www.realmilk.com/happening.html>



GOT MILK?

Submitted by Brother Ariel

Most of us are familiar with the slick "milk" mustache commercials, successfully promoting a fallacy to trusting consumers. Pasteurized and homogenized "milk" is being promoted as the near perfect food for humans, especially for children. Most parents have been conditioned to believe that the proper growth of their children's bones and general health is dependent on the consumption of processed cow's milk. Unfortunately, "milk" isn't milk anymore. There has been practically none available in the U.S. for about 50 years (except in some Health Food Store or directly from a farm). The only thing unprocessed real milk has in common with commercial milk is the white color.

The pasteurization process of milk alters the proteins and fats, reduces the vitamin content by over 50%, and lays waste to the enzymes. The enzyme "phosphates" – which is essential for the absorption of calcium - is completely destroyed. Thousands of blood tests have shown that those who drank 3 or 4 glasses of commercial milk a day had the lowest levels of blood calcium.

Raw milk contains beneficial bacteria such as lactobacillus acidophilus, which holds the putrefactive bacteria in check. This is why raw milk will curdle and sour if allowed to sit at room temperature. Pasteurization extends the shelf life of milk from 5 days to several weeks, and will eventually rot. It enables farmers to maintain low standards of

cleanliness. Calves fed pasteurized milk usually die within 60 days, as shown by numerous experiments.

Homogenized milk has been linked to the rise in arteriosclerosis and heart disease. The culprit is an enzyme called xanthine oxidase (XO), which partly survives pasteurization. When the cream in milk is in its natural state, the fat globules are too large to go through the intestinal wall and into the blood stream. Homogenization changes that by straining the fat molecules (reduced in size but greatly increased in number), which are now small enough to get through the intestinal wall and into the blood stream to do its damage.

Homogenization also destroys the enzyme "lipase" which is used for fat digestion, as well as "galactase" which is needed for sugar digestion. The Pathology Department of the University of Washington compared the incidents of heart attacks of ulcer patients who were on a homogenized "milk" diet as ulcer therapy with those who were not. They found a 3-fold number of heart attacks among those who had consumed homogenized "milk". The number was 6-fold in a similar English study. Millions believed that they are avoiding hardening of the arteries by drinking low fat or skim "milk". They may be getting the opposite effect. Autopsies revealed that commercial skim "milk" fed to animals had caused severe hardening of the arteries and calcification of the soft tissues. The use of genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rBGH) since 1994 further diminishes the value and safety of milk.

Many scientific studies and articles confirm that processed milk is not healthy. It has been linked to a wide range of disorders and diseases. They include asthma, allergies, acne, arthritis, anemia, arteriosclerosis, autoimmune diseases, cramps, constipation, colic, cataracts, cold & flu, diarrhea, diabetes, ear infection, heart disease, headache, iron deficiency, gastrointestinal bleeding, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, obesity, sinusitis, skin rashes, tooth decay, and other maladies.

Commercial milk is one of the most dangerous junk foods being peddled to the brainwashed American people as being "healthy". Got "milk"? Hopefully not! America, it's time to wipe off your "milk" mustache. You've been had!

Suggested Reading:

THE MILK BOOK by William Campbell Douglas
MILK- THE DEADLY POISON by Robert Cohen

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The Origin of April Fool's Day

By B. Jordan

The actual origin of April Fool's Day is unknown, it is presumed that this day began in 1582 after Pope Gregory declared the adoption of his Gregorian calendar to replace the

Julian Calendar with the date of the New Year officially being changed to January 1st, but it took time for this news to reach France who celebrated the New Year on April 1st. After finding out about the change many of the people chose to ignore the new calendar and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1st. By doing this they were thought to be "April fools" and were subjected to ridicule and practical jokes.

This ridicule continued and over time, into a tradition of prank playing on the first day of April. The tradition spread to England, Scotland and America and has developed into an international day of playing practical jokes on friends and family.

What does the word of God say on this subject?

Ephesians 5: ¹ Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; ² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; ⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor **jesting**, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Jeremiah 10: ¹ Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: ² Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. ³ For the customs of the people are vain:

References:

- <http://wilstar.com/holidays/aprilfool.htm>
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- Dictionary.com



The Circuit Breaker Grant...

By B. Jordan

The Illinois Department on Aging administers the...

- **Circuit Breaker** program that provides grants to senior citizens and disabled adults.
- **Pharmaceutical Assistance** program that provides prescription medicines for seniors and disabled adults.
- Enrolls individuals in the **SeniorCare** program that provides expanded prescription coverage to eligible seniors.

The Circuit Breaker is a cash grant for senior citizens and people with disabilities that is given out every year. To file for

2007 you may submit your application starting in February 2008. You have until December 31, 2008 to file for 2007. If you have filed a Circuit Breaker grant in the past you will receive your application in the mail. If this will be your first time filing, you will need the following information:

- Proof of Age
- Proof of Disability
 - Statement from your doctor
- Proof of Income
 - Income limits apply
- Proof of Residency
 - Rent Receipt or,
 - Proof of Property Tax

If you have filed an application in the past, you can now file your application online at the following address:

<http://www.cbrx.il.gov/>

For more information please visit the above website or call--- 800-252-8966.

APRIL 2008 EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 New Moon 1 st Month {Nisan/New Year}	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Passover
20 Feast of Unleav... Bread (1)	21	22	23	24	25	26 Feast of Unleav... Bread (7)
27	28	29	30			

The New Year begins on the New Moon of the 1st Month, which is Sunday, April 6th at 5:56 A.M. Jerusalem Time. The Feast Days begin at Sundown on the 19th, 20th, and 26th.

Research Committee News!



To view a complete list of updates please see the Product Updates Page on the Research Committee Website at: www.theisraelofgodrc.com

ATTENTION!!!!

The Research Committee is looking for 3 people to join the committee. If you are interested please contact us at theisraelofgod@yahoo.com or contact a member of the committee. Thank you!

UPDATES!**Del Monte**

Del Monte Fruit Chillers (All Varieties) are Unclean. They are unclean due to Carmine/Cross Contamination.

Tootsie Roll Co.

Tootsie Rolls are now being made with microbial whey. No pork-derived ingredient is used in this product anymore. They are designated Clean

Junior Mints are made with Gelatin derived from pork and are still designated Unclean.

Double Bubble Bubble Gum is now being made with ingredients that they cannot guarantee are not pork derived. The old stock dated prior to July 2007 is Clean, all stock after this date are designated Unclean.

Home Run Inn Pizza

The Home Run Inn Deep Dish Frozen Pizzas contain L-Cysteine and are designated Unclean.

Kellogg Update

All Kellogg Products containing marshmallow additives are made with **Type A (Pork) Gelatin**. The following items listed below are designated **Unclean**.

- ❖ Kellogg's Marshmallow Froot Loops Cereal
- ❖ Kellogg's Smorz Cereal
- ❖ Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats Squares (All Varieties)
- ❖ Kellogg's Special K Protein Snack Bars (All Varieties)

This also includes all new cereals on the market made by Kellogg's that contains marshmallows.

The following Kellogg Products contain **Type B (Beef) Gelatin**. The following items listed below are designated **Clean**.

- ❖ Kellogg's Frosted Pop-Tarts (All Varieties)
- ❖ Kellogg's Frosted Mini-Wheats Cereal
- ❖ Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats Cereal

All Kellogg Fruit Snacks containing gelatin, the source is beef.

Notes: Plain (unfrosted) Pop-Tarts do not contain gelatin. The pre-gelatinized wheat starch is derived from wheat and does not contain any gelatin.

**Would Jesus Keep Easter?**

Submitted by Sister Brenda Cashaw

Each spring the excitement of Easter fills the air. Many churches prepare special Easter programs about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At home mothers color Easter eggs, and parents hide the brightly colored eggs around the house and lawn so that, come Easter morning, their children can excitedly hunt for them. Stuffed Easter bunnies

and chocolate rabbits are seen everywhere in the weeks leading up to this major religious observance. Then there are the Easter sun rise services, where churchgoers gather to hear about Jesus' resurrection and honor that miraculous event by watching the sun come up in the east.

- Can we find any historical or biblical record of Jesus or his disciples keeping Easter?
- Did Jesus instruct any of his followers to meet to honor his resurrection at sunrise or Easter Sunday or at any other time, for that matter?
- What does Lent have to do with anything?
- What do colored eggs and rabbits have to do with Jesus & how did they come to be associated with the resurrection of Christ?
- If Easter were not sanctioned by Jesus or instituted by his apostles, then where did Easter come from?

Answers to these questions are readily available. Some take a little research, but they become clear when we look into history and the bible.

The Apostles' Record on Easter

As surprising as this may sound, nowhere in the New Testament can you find any reference to Easter. In the King James Version of the Bible (in Acts 12:4) you do find the word **Easter**, but it is a blatantly erroneous mistranslation that has been corrected in virtually every other Bible translation. The original Greek word is pascha, correctly translated simply means Passover and refers to the Passover originally instituted when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12:1-14).

The original apostles, from the inception of the New Testament church to near the end of the first century, when the apostle John died, left absolutely no record of keeping Easter or teaching others to do so. From Jesus to John not one of the apostles gave even the slightest hint of keeping or advocating the observance of what we know today as Easter Sunday. However, that doesn't mean the early Church did not hold to specific religious observances.

The apostle Paul, some 25 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, spoke plainly to members of the church at Corinth that they should continue to keep the Passover as Christ commanded. Paul wrote: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 11:23-27

The writings of Paul and Luke regularly mention keeping the weekly Sabbath day and the biblical festivals listed in Leviticus 23. But Easter is clearly absent (see 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; 16:8; Acts 2:1-4; 13:42, 44; 17:1-3; 18:4; 20:6, 16).

Since Easter Wasn't Introduced By Jesus Or The Apostles, Where Did It Come From, And How Did It Come To Be Such An Accepted Part Of Traditional Christianity?

It is not that difficult to trace the surprising origins of Easter and what it really represents. Many scholarly works show that Easter is a pre-Christian religious holiday, one that was created and developed long before Jesus' time and carried forward to the modern era through such empires as Babylon, Persia, Greece and finally Rome.

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words notes: "The term 'Easter' is not of Christian origin. It is another form of Astarte, one of the titles of the Chaldean [Babylonian] goddess, the queen of heaven. The festival of Pascha [Passover] held by Christians in post-apostolic times was a continuation of the Jewish feast ... From this Pasch the pagan festival of 'Easter' was quite distinct and was introduced into the apostate Western religion, as part of the attempt to adapt pagan festivals to Christianity" (W.E. Vine, 1985, "Easter").

The English word **Easter**, which parallels the German word *Ostern*, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter equinox—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism, this appears a rather dubious presumption. There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of **Easter** week as *in albis*, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of *alba* ("dawn") and became *eostarum* in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek *pascha* ("Passover") provides the root for *Pâques*, the French word for **Easter** (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2006).

Why Eggs And Rabbits?

"The egg has become a popular Easter symbol. Creation myths of many ancient peoples center in an egg from which the universe is born. In ancient Egypt and Persia friends exchanged decorated eggs at the spring equinox, the beginning of their New Year. These eggs were a symbol of fertility for them because the coming forth of a live creature from an egg was so surprising to people of ancient times.

Christians of the Near East adopted this tradition and the Easter egg became a religious symbol that represented the tomb from which Jesus came forth to new life" (Greg Dues,

Catholic Customs and Traditions, 1992, p. 101; emphasis added).

Like eggs, rabbits came to be linked with Easter because they were potent symbols associated with ancient fertility rites. "Little children are usually told that the Easter eggs are brought by the Easter Bunny. Rabbits are part of pre-Christian fertility symbolism because of their reputation to reproduce rapidly. The Easter Bunny has never had a religious meaning" (Dues, p. 102).

Jesus never sanctioned this pre-Christian holiday, nor did his apostles. Not until Emperor Constantine and the Council of Nicaea in 325 (almost three centuries after Jesus was killed and rose again) did Easter replace the Passover (the biblical ceremony Jesus and the apostle Paul told Christians to observe).

"A final settlement of the dispute [whether and when to keep Easter or Passover] was one among the other reasons which led Constantine to summon the council of Nicaea in 325 ... The decision of the council was unanimous that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world, and 'that none should hereafter follow the blindness of the Jews'" (Encyclopaedia Britannica: 11th edition, pp. 828-829, "Easter").

Constantine's decision was a turning point for those who remained faithful to the instruction of Jesus and the apostles would become outcasts, a small and persecuted minority (John 15:18-20).

Would Jesus keep Easter?

Since the pagan symbols of eggs and rabbits were adopted by the Catholic Church centuries after Christ's death, should Christians keep this holiday or encourage others to observe it? To answer that question let's go back to the title of this article, "Would Jesus Keep Easter?" He certainly could have told us to. So could the apostles, whose teaching and doctrine are preserved for us in the book of Acts and the epistles written by Paul, Peter, James, Jude and John. But nowhere do we find a hint of support for Easter or anything remotely resembling it. What we do find is clear instructions from Jesus and Paul to keep the Passover and other observances.

The holy scripture does not support this holiday and in fact condemns such celebrations, pagan practices, and the worship of false gods (Deuteronomy 12:29-32).

Jesus, in fact, is completely opposed to religious rituals that supposedly honor him but in reality are rooted in worship of false gods. He makes clear the difference between pleasing God and pleasing men: "He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the

washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:6-9).

Easter is a tradition of men, not a commandment of God. But it's more than that. It is a pagan tradition of men that, like other traditions involved in the worship of false gods, is abhorrent to the true God. Jesus and His apostles would never sanction its observance because it mingles paganism with supposedly Christian symbolism and ritual. It is rooted in ancient pre-Christian fertility rites that have nothing to do with Jesus.

In reality, most of the trappings associated with Easter reveal that the holiday is actually a fraud pawned off on unsuspecting and well-intentioned people. God wants us to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24), not to recycle ancient customs used to worship other gods.

Even the timing of the events used to justify celebrating Jesus' resurrection on a Sunday morning - that he was crucified on the afternoon of Good Friday and resurrected before dawn on Sunday morning - are demonstrably false, as an examination of the Scriptures shows: "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:39-40).

Try as some might, there is no way to calculate three days and three nights from Friday to Sunday morning before daylight.

If Jesus walked the dusty roads of Galilee today, would He keep Easter?, certainly not. He would be consistent because he does not change (Hebrews 13:8). For instance, He would keep the weekly Sabbath day, the annual Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, etc. in the same manner as he instructed his followers to keep it (see Leviticus 23).

Anyone who wants to be a servant of God will carefully examine his own beliefs and practices to see whether they agree with the Bible. Such a person will not try to honor God with ancient idolatrous practices, violating his explicit commands. Easter, as we have seen, is filled with idolatrous trappings. Simply claiming that something is Christian or is done to honor God doesn't make it acceptable to God. Easter doesn't represent a resurrected Jesus Christ. Rather it merely continues the practices pagans followed thousands of years ago to honor their nonexistent gods. God would much rather have us honor and obey him according to his instructions in his word.

Editor's Note: Due to space constraints this article was shortened. The section on 'Lent' was removed.



F.Y.I.

The Israel of God Class Times:

Wednesday----- 7:30 P.M.

(Question & Answer Night)

Friday----- 7:30 P.M.

(Friday Night Prayer Service: Dress code applies)

Saturday-----10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M

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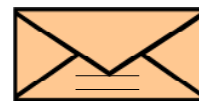
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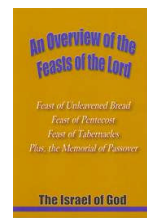


Tithes and Offerings are to be placed in the envelopes available by the usher's booth as you enter the building or you may mail them to the

address at the bottom of the page. **Please remember to fill the front and the back of them out completely.** Also, please put **your check number on the front lower right side of the envelopes.** Tithes are 10% of your Net Income. If you redeem your tithes, you must add an additional fifth (20%) of your tithes to it.



The Four Winds Of Heaven is an excellent book that deals with the Tribulation, The so-called 'Rapture', and other End-Time prophecies. Please check with the office to get further information about obtaining a copy.



An Overview of the Feasts of the Lord: is the latest book by the I.O.G. It looks at three of the feasts of the Lord, and explains each one, as well as giving an explanation of how to properly observe them. Visit the I.O.G. website to order a copy or purchase one from the office.

Special Notices:

■ **The Passover Fund** is an annual fundraiser. The goal is for each adult to contribute \$500.00 from one Passover to the next. This will give adults a whole year to raise their contribution. If this will be a hardship to you, and your family please contribute what you can. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank You!

■ **The Building Fund** is set up to raise money to build and/or purchase a larger facility for the class. The goal is for each adult to contribute \$10.00 every week, but if this is a hardship to you and your family please contribute what you can. Thank You!

■ **The T.V. Ministry Fund** is set up to help raise money for the T.V. Programs on C.A.N. TV in Chicago, as well as the Memphis and Atlanta programs. If you can contribute \$25.00 a week or whatever you can to this fund it would be greatly appreciated.

**NEXT BAPTISM...**

The next **Baptism** will be on **May 17, 2008**. If you are interested in being baptized please see Brother Cornell to have your name put on the list. All Baptisms will be after the second class.

Our Condolences

To Brother Ray Reuben (Harold Robinson) and Sister Jackie Ruffin, on the loss of their father, Richard Robinson

To Brother Kent Lawton and family, on the loss of his father, James Milsap

To Brother Errol Wright and Sister Leah Wright, on the loss of their sister, Sheila Wright

To Sister Tosha McMillan and family, on the loss of her father, Henry Smith

To Sister Yvonne King and family, on the loss of her husband, Bernard King

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**SABBATH DAY LESSONS FOR
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Inspiration!

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. ² The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. ³ Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. ⁴ The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. ⁸ Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Praise the name of JESUS!

POETRY CORNER



'MY EVERYTHING'

By: Leah A. Claiborne

All I need is the God that keeps his word
 He's there with me even through the heavens above
 You are my savior, Most High God and my true Friend
 You're the one who's been there with me through thick and thin
 Father, I'm here to say I'll love you even till my very last breathing day
 I am thankful that you are my God
 Even when you whoop me with your spiritual Rod
 There is this one special man in my life
 It's you God, the one who I pray to every night
 Yes you are the meaning of me
 Therefore you are My Everything

From The Editor's Desk!

Peace, Israel! We would like to thank all of you for supporting the IOG Newsletter. We do our best to try to keep it fresh and informative. We would like more of our young people to write articles, poetry and submit puzzles to us. If you're interested just send us an email at NL@theisraelofgodrc.com

Thank you!

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PEACE IN JESUS' NAME!



PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

SUBMITTED BY SHERRESE JORDAN

FILL IN THE BLANKS & FIND THE WORDS!

_____ (18) Thus saith the _____ GOD; In the _____ *month*, in the first _____ of the _____, thou shalt take a _____ without _____, and _____ the _____: (19) And the _____ shall take of the _____ of the _____ offering, and put *it* upon the _____ of the _____, and upon the _____ of the settle of the _____, and upon the _____ of the _____ of the _____ court. (20) And so thou shalt do the _____ *day* of the month for every one that _____, and for *him that is* _____: so shall ye _____ the house. (21) In the first *month*, in the _____ day of the month, ye shall have the _____, a _____ of _____ days; _____ shall be eaten. (22) And upon that day shall the _____ prepare for himself and for all the _____ of the _____ a bullock *for a sin offering*. (23) And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a _____ offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven _____ without blemish _____ the seven days; and a _____ of the _____ *daily for a sin offering*. (24) And he shall prepare a _____ offering of an _____ for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an _____ of _____ for an ephah.





Food Preparation Guidelines for the Feasts of The God of Israel...



- All foods must be cooked and prepared in accordance with the dietary law.
 - Leviticus 10: 8-11
 - Leviticus 11:12-47
 - Leviticus 15:1-28, 31-33
- Anyone preparing food must be a class member attending consistently for at least 1-6 months. (*[Special Instructions](#))
- All food dishes must come from the feast menu or be approved by the feast committee.
- Only fresh fruits and vegetables should be used (**[Few Exceptions Apply](#)).
- Only home baked (from scratch) cakes and desserts (cookies/brownies) will be accepted. (NO BOXED CAKE, COOKIE OR BROWNIE MIXES)!!!
- If you are making a pie, please consult the Clean/Unclean Pamphlet for the piecrusts that are Clean.
Note: Leavened bread products are to be avoided during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (**[See Leavening Agents below for more information](#)).
- All fruit must be properly washed (please avoid bringing overly ripe or bruised fruit).
- All food must be labeled and checked in by a member of the feast committee.
- All food for the feast is requested 45 minutes before the scheduled class time.
- The class will purchase all meat for the class from designated meat houses.
- All meat must be prepared and brought to class for the feast, you are not to keep any of it at home for you or your family; IT IS THE LORD'S FEAST!!!
- Anyone who signs up to prepare a dish for the feast is expected to do so. If you are unable to prepare your dish please contact a member of the feast committee in advance.

*** Special Instructions**

- A good suggestion is to have a back-up person (who is a member of class) to prepare your dish if you become unclean.
- Everyone preparing food for the feast should have heard and understood the Dietary Law,
- Have purchased and read the Clean and Unclean Food Products Pamphlet
- Preparing to Cook
 - Clean your kitchen before you prepare food for the feast
 - Wash all counter tops, pots, bowls, and utensils being used.
 - Clean your refrigerator and stove inside and out.
 - Mop your kitchen, especially under your refrigerator and stove.
 - Wear a headdress (scarf, bonnet, etc.) to prevent hair from getting into the food.
 - No one who is unclean should enter your kitchen once you have cleaned it.
 - If your spouse is a non-member and still eats pork, shrimp, catfish, etc. please make them aware of what you are trying to do so that your kitchen can be as clean as possible.

**** Exceptions**

- Can or Frozen Corn, Green Beans, or Peas are acceptable.
- Can or Jar Fruit Pie Fillings are acceptable. Please make sure that these products are free of unclean additives and/or colorants. Can Cranberry Sauce is permissible.
- Sweet Potatoes must be fresh, not from a can.

***** Leavening Agents**

- **Leaven** is an agent, such as yeast or baking powder, which causes batter or dough to rise, especially by fermentation.
- **Leavening** is the production or incorporation of gases in a baked product to increase volume by causing the baked product to rise.

Instructions About Leavened Products During The Feast of Unleavened Bread [Approved by Bro. Buie]

Many questions arise during this feast pertaining to leaven: leaven means “**puffed up**”. All “**BREAD**” products (*i.e. Breads, Waffles, Donuts, Cookies, Brownies, Croissants, Breaded Chicken/Fish, Pancakes, etc.*) that are leavened (Puffed Up) should be removed from your home before the end of Passover. You do not have to throw away your baking powder, baking soda or yeast during this feast because these products are in dry form and haven't been mixed with water, or other liquid and dry ingredients to activate them. **Dry mixes** (bread mix, cake mix, etc.) containing leavening agents do not have to be thrown out because they have not been leavened (puffed up). **Matzo (Matzah)** is the bread of choice for most people during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, but alternatives to Matzah are **Hot Water Corn Bread** or **Pita Bread** [to be safe don't use any leavening agents in them that could cause them to rise]. If you purchase Pita Bread make sure that it isn't puffed up.

CONTROVERSY OF ZION

ABRAHAM the Hebrew (Gen. 14:13)	
ISHMAEL (Son of Hagar, an Egyptian)	ISAAC (Son of Sarah, a Hebrew)
He will be a wild man , his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand will be against him; he will dwell in the presence of all his brethren. (Gen. 16:1-12)	And God said unto Abraham, in Isaac shall thy seed be called . (Gen. 21:1-13)
Ishmael's Blessing	Isaac's Blessing
Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful , and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. (Gen. 17)	The Lord gave to Abram and his seed all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession ; and I will be their God. And God said, I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant and with his seed after him. (Gen. 17)
Ishmael's History	Isaac's History
<u>Ishmael</u> =ARAB <u>Religion</u> =ISLAM <u>God</u> =ALLAH <u>Holy Book</u> =Qur'an/KORAN <u>Promise</u> : Islam teaches that the surest way to paradise is to die fighting in the cause of God.	<u>Isaac</u> =BLACK/NEGRO <u>Religion</u> =JUDAISM/CHRISTIANITY <u>God</u> =The God of Israel/YAHWEH/JESUS <u>Holy Book</u> =Holy Bible (KJV) <u>Promise</u> : There are 7 promises, which are 1, they all add up to, if you do what God says you will live forever and be in his kingdom in Jerusalem.

ISAAC and REBEKKAH	
Two nations are in they womb. They shall be separated from thy bowel, and the 1 people shall be stronger than the other people, and the elder shall serve the younger. (Gen. 25)	
ESAU (the elder)	JACOB (the younger)
A cunning hunter, a man of the field. His name was called Edom because of the red pottage that he bought from Jacob for his birthright. Esau sold his birthright to Jacob. Esau despised his birthright.	A plain man, dwelling in tents. Jacob sold pottage: Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.
Esau's Blessing	Jacob's Blessing
Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; and by thy sword shalt thou live, and shall serve thy brother: and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. Esau is a fighting man. (Gen. 27)	Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons, bow down to thee. Cursed be every one that curseth thee; and blessed be he that blesseth thee. (Gen. 27)
Esau's History	Jacob's History
<u>Esau</u> =EDOM/IDUMEAN/So Called JEW <u>Religion</u> =JUDAISM <u>God</u> =YAHWEH/G_d <u>Holy Book</u> =Torah/Tanach <u>Messiah</u> : They are still waiting for their Messiah/Christ to appear. <u>Present</u> : Since 70 A.D. Esau's children have been calling themselves Jews, after the land of Judah.	<u>Jacob</u> =BLACK/NEGRO/ISRAELITE <u>Religion</u> =JUDAISM/CHRISTIANITY <u>God</u> =The God of Israel/YAHWEH/JESUS <u>Holy Book</u> =Holy Bible (KJV) <u>Messiah</u> : Our Messiah/Christ came and died for all people and was resurrected and is now on the right hand of the Father. <u>Present</u> : Since 70 A.D. Jacob's children have been scattered to the 4 winds (nations) as slaves and have lost their identity.