

Newsletter

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

The **Deadline** for submitting information to go into next months Newsletter is **January 20TH, 2007**. If your information isn't received before the deadline date it will have to wait for the next issue of the Newsletter. **Out of Town Camps** need to submit their information **1 week prior** to the deadline date. Thank you!

BULLETIN!

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 newsletter@theisraelofgodrc.com** Thank you!

LATEST NEWS...

▶  **New Moon For January...**
❖ January 19th, 2007 at 6:01 AM.

▶ **Online Donations...**
It is now possible to make donations to the Israel of God Online. Visit the official website at www.theisraelofgod.com and make donations for Tithes, Feasts, Building Fund, Needy Fund, etc.

▶ **The Sabbath Day Live Broadcast...**
The Link to the Sabbath Day Live Broadcast has been changed to the following:
http://israelofg-israel.wm.llnwd.net/israelofg_israel

▶ **Prison Ministry...**
Brother Anthony Wright is looking for volunteers to join the Prison Ministry to teach, read and answer letters. If interested please see him ASAP.

▶ **Tithes Committee...**
Volunteers are needed to help with the Tithes, if you are interested please see Elder Will or Elder James.

▶ Welcome Committee...

The *Welcome Committee* would like to formerly welcome all newcomers *HOME*, please pick-up a Welcome flyer from a committee member standing by the Exit, fill it out and drop it in the Offering Box or return it to the committee member.

▶ WJYS TV...

Please send letters to the following address requesting that the Bible Speaks remain on WJYS TV in your area. You can also call them and make the same request, but it is preferred that you send a letter. Thank you!

WJYS TV

18600 S. Oak Park Ave.

Tinley Park, IL 60477

Ph. 708-633-0001

<http://www.wjystv62.net/home.htm>

▶ PARA TRANSIT FARE INCREASES

Effective **January 1st, 2007** the ADA fare for a single trip for ART'S, CDT and SCR will be \$2.25. Your companion will also have to pay this fare, but your personal care attendant rides for free. The TAP (Taxi Access Program) vouchers are now \$5.00 each. If you have questions please contact PACE at 847-364-7223.



Mental Health Corner...

An ongoing series submitted by Dr. Nefertiti L. Nowell

'HOPE'

One of the major complaints that patients often have is that they are experiencing a lack of hope. People complain that they feel like they do not have hope in their lives; and they often complain that there is nothing to live for. This is often a direct result of having a lack of goals and no common goal to work on in their lives or with their spouse if they are married. In other words people are going nowhere, and have not made plans to go anywhere. We often see this with man's new calendar year that people make New Year's goals and resolutions and try to "start the year off right." Goal setting then becomes one of the top priorities for treatment in the therapy office.

As believers however, we should know what our goals are, and not feel hopeless in our daily lives. We should not wonder aimlessly through life in the daily grind not having a broader focus and not being prepared to live the goals that we speak about. Ask yourself what you want your life to count for and seek counsel in the scriptures to confirm and justify those goals. As believers we have to be led by the principles and words of God, and not by the season or the fads and latest holiday crazes that are out. We must teach our children and those we mentor to also focus. Goal setting may not be easy; below are a few tips to help you begin to think about the long-term effects that your life may have on those you encounter, and what you want to achieve.

1. **What are your needs?** Often our goals must begin basic and meet our basic needs. If for example you have trouble paying your bills, a goal may be to be a better steward of your funds, add tithing to your financial routine, gain skills for better employment, seek employment etc.
2. **What are your gifts?** Many persons miss their goals because they are not clear about their gifts and talents; while setting goals be sure to take time out to make an honest assessment of what you do well, have training in, or are willing to learn about.
3. **What are you passionate about?** Is there something in your life that drives you, even when you are tired, even if you have a thousand other things to do, you treat this item as a priority.
4. **What pleases God?** Search the scriptures to find the things that please God and that also match the goals that you are trying to achieve.

More often than not our levels of hope and quality of life are dependant on our ability to discipline ourselves and live the lives that produce the results that we are looking for, instead of expecting that things will be given to us with out any effort of our own. Faith should be used to build your hope, not used as an excuse to fail and then blame God if things do not work out. Be careful to set both long and short-term goals, using your short-term goals as building blocks for the long-term goals that you hope to achieve.

Happy Goal Setting!!

Recommended reading on Basic or Advanced Goal Setting:

- **Success The Glenn Bland Way by Glenn Bland**
- **See You at the Top by Zig Ziglar**



ON THIS NOTE: 'The 12th Month'

By Abiel L. G. Israel; edited by Leslie Reese

What do you know about the 12th month of the year--the month we know as December? Did you know it was the tenth month of the year? *Decembris* is the Latin term for the number (10). From this you get the word *deci-mal*.

If you are not familiar with the Roman months, during the time of the Roman Empire there were only ten (10) months in their calendar year. But it caused confusion and complaints amongst the people of Rome, who kept count of the seasons, which began to change every year. So, **Julius Caesar**, who named the seventh (7th) month after himself (*July*), acted on the complaints of the people. **Julius Caesar** nominated **Sosigenes**--an Alexandrian astrologer--to determine the problem. **Sosigenes** placed another two (2) months to the Roman's ten (10) month calendar in the year 46 B.C.E, (*Before the Common/Christian Era = B.C.*) The two (2) months that were added were January which is *Janus*, a deity believed to be ruler of beginnings, protector of the doorways, gates and arches. Next was February, which is *Februa* a feminine idol. (*When January and February replaced March and April as the first and second months, respectively, the remaining months of the calendar year moved ahead twice*).

Before

1st month-March
2nd month-April
3rd month-May
4th month-June
5th month-July
6th month-Aug
7th month-Sept
8th month-Oct
9th month-Nov
10th month-Dec

After

1st month-January
2nd month-February
3rd month-March
4th month-April
5th month-May
6th month-June
7th month-July
8th month-August
9th month-Sept
10th month-October
11th month-Nov
12th month-Dec

Sosigenes also put forth the cycle of leap year, which gave another day to the month of February every four (4) years. The authority to declare new moons and change the system sojourned with **Julius Caesar**, who was considered to be the priest of *Janus*. He was that powerful!

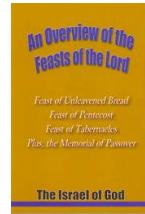
Sources:

Fossilized Customs: The Pagan Sources of Popular Customs
by Lew White
From Sabbath to Sunday by Carlyle B. Haynes

Research Committee News!



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.

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

Updates

No Updates this month

FYI

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.
(Sabbath Day Lesson)

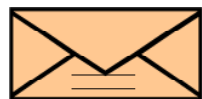
Live Broadcast: (Updated Link)
http://israelofg-israel.wm.llnwd.net/israelofg_israel



The Bible Speaks...
Chicago and Suburbs –

Chicago- Tuesday 7:00pm and Wednesday 9:00am Channel 36 on Comcast cable.

Memphis- Sunday 6:00am on UPN 30



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.

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 and WJYS. 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 **January 6th, 2007**. 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 Sister Vera Williams and family on the loss of her sister Kenya

To Elder Shackelford and family on the loss of his sister Rose

To the family of Brother Thowell Fryerson

POETRY CORNER

'From Which to Receive'

By The Servant of Jesus, April

*There is no other
Reliable source
From which to receive
Peace...
His body is not made of
Flimsy flesh and blood
His mind stretches
Beyond forever, over any sea
For His presence is omnipotent,
This Alpha Omega
There is no other from which to receive
Instruction...
His sameness, oneness
This, I am that I am
His awesomeness, all power
His tender mercy can't
Even be compared to anything else
There is no other
Reliable source
From which to receive
Strength...
His majesty and glory
His wonderful magnificence
His beauty and gift of grace
There is no other
Reliable source
From which to receive
Love...
There is no other
Reliable source
From which to receive...*



- A Pictorial History of the Italian Peoples
- Atlas of the Bible
- An Overview of the Feast of the Lord
- Grolier Encyclopedia
- King James Bible
- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
- The Four Winds Of Heaven
- The Last Two Million Years
- World Scope Encyclopedia
- Zondervan's Compact Bible Dictionary



Inspiration!

Psalm 80

¹⁴ Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; ¹⁵ And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. ¹⁶ It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. ¹⁷ Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. ¹⁸ So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. ¹⁹ Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Praise the name of JESUS!



SABBATH DAY LESSONS FOR DECEMBER...

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|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12-02-06 | *The Great Tribulation: 3 ½ Years Not 7 |
| 12-09-06 | *The Law and Prophets, Jesus Fulfilled His Part, Not Yours |
| 12-16-06 | *Behold, The Queen of Heaven |
| 12-23-06 | *The Big Switch |
| 12-30-06 | *Spiritual Awareness, or Rather Beware of Spirits |



Word of the Month

'Me·gid·do'

(mĭ-gĭd'ō)

Place of troops, originally one of the royal cities of the Canaanites (Josh. 12:21). It is an ancient city in Northern Israel, on the plain of Esdraelon: It was the site of many battles throughout early history, and will be the site where the Battle of Armageddon will take place.

Reference: Dictionary.com



Interesting Videos:

Christmas Unwrapped: Pagan Origins

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=7951618892821637153&q=salite+103&hl=en>

Mind Control

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSOOK3tocTk>

The Boondocks - Huey Explains Christmas to Granddad

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuS9_Cy9l3A&url=

Children of Men Movie Trailer

<http://www.childrenofmen.net/>



From the Editor's Desk

Did You Know...

That the age of consent for sexual intercourse in Illinois is 17? A male or female who engages in sexual activity with someone under this age can be charged with statutory rape. The age of consent varies around this nation as well as around the world. Here is a link that posts the ages of consent all around the world:

Map of the World Showing Ages of Consent

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ef/Age_of_Consent.png

Definition of a Minor:

A **minor** under the law is a person who is not yet a legal adult.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minor_%28law%29

Parental Rights Hijacked

http://kidjacked.com/legal/case_law.asp

Parental Rights and the Law

http://www.ancpr.org/parental_rights_and_the_law.htm

We know that people are not suppose to be engaging in sexual activity without the benefit of marriage and we also know that people will ignore this law and do it anyway. Please be careful and guard against evil.

Curfew Law...

Curfew is an order establishing a specific time in the evening after which certain regulations apply, especially that of a minor, requiring him or her to be home at a certain prescribed time. According to the Curfew Law in Chicago, Section 8-16-020 of the Municipal Code, children under the age of 17 must be at home before curfew unless accompanied by an adult, guardian, or other proper companion who is 21 years or older. If a juvenile is out after curfew, he or she will be issued a Curfew Violation, which may result in a fine of up to \$100. Last year, the Chicago Police Department issued more than 71,000 Curfew Violation reports.

Curfew for children under the age of 17 is 10:30 pm to 6 am on weekdays between Sunday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, the curfew is 11:30 pm to 6 am.

Under the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code, a person subject to curfew laws is considered driving on an invalid license during the curfew hours affecting his or her age group, and the car is subject to seizure. If the vehicle is impounded, the owner of the car could pay a \$500 administrative penalty for each charge, a \$105 towing fee, and a \$10 per day storage fee for the first 10 days. For more information, contact the Vehicle Impoundment Office at 312-747-6121 (TTY: 312-747-2975).

Reference:

<http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/home.do>

Type the word 'curfew' in the search box.

➡ The Newsletter Staff would like to send our thoughts and prayers to Brother Rodney "Big Danny" Thompson, Get Well Soon.

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PEACE IN JESUS' NAME!

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

SUBMITTED BY SHERRESE JORDAN

WORDS THAT START WITH THE LETTER "S"

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