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

The Deadline for submitting information to go into next month’s Newsletter is February 22nd, 2006. If your information isn’t received before the deadline date it will have to wait for the next issue of the Newsletter.

Articles Wanted!
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. Thank you!

LATEST NEWS...

The New Moons…
- February 28th, 2006 at 2:31 AM

Research Committee Website…
The Research Committee website has been updated. All of the Clean and Unclean Products Lists have been updated. We also added a drop down menu to the Research Committee Page to make the site easier to navigate. You can now print the entire list by clicking the link on the Clean and Unclean Products List page. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.0 or higher to view and print the list.

The Clean/Unclean Dietary Book…
The Clean and Unclean Dietary Book will be available from purchase this month. The book can be obtained from the office as well as from a member of the Research Committee. The Book costs $5.00, the date of availability will be announced in class soon.

Youth Council…
The Youth Council is a youth motivational club for Teens ages 13-19, to bring more interest of the word of God to them. They will participate in youth discussions and activities and will have a meeting Sunday, January 29th, 2006 at the Annex Bldg @ 1PM

THE ORIGIN OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH By B. Jordan
In 1915 Carter G. Woodson, (1875-1950) founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History that was later renamed ASALH (the Association for the Study of African American Life and History). He was born to parents who were former slaves and spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He later earned a Ph.D. from Harvard. Mr. Woodson was disturbed to find that history books for the most part ignored Black Americans and when we were mentioned it was in a negative light.

Black History month originally started as Black History Week on February 12, 1926. The second week of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976 it was expanded and became Black History Month. Since 1926 ASALH has established the national theme for Black History Month.

The 2006 Black History Theme is Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions. Hopefully one day the theme will be: The True Israelites, The So-Called African Americans and Black History will be an everyday event. Peace in Jesus’ name!

References:
Valentines got its name from the Roman festival of Lupercalia; this was a custom of name drawing by young boys and girls. On the eve of the festival, the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl’s name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year or even until marriage.

The good St. Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius. Claudius had difficulty in getting soldiers to join his military leagues because the men did not want to leave their families, so Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. St. Valentine and St. Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples. For doing this deed Saint Valentine was brought before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death and to have him beheaded. He suffered Martyrdom on the 14th day of February the Lupercalia, a feast in honor of a heathen god.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavored to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. As the Lupercalia began in the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine’s Day for the celebration of this new feast. Therefore it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.

Cupid did not come along until sometime later. “Cupid” means “to desire” {Encyclopedia Britannica}, and “the Roman god of love” {American Heritage Dictionary}. When Nimrod’s mother saw him, she desired him, she lusted after him that Nimrod became her Cupid. Her desired one, and later her Valentine! Inscribed on the monuments of ancient Egypt are inscriptions that Nimrod (called Osiris by the Egyptians) was the “husband of his mother.”

Valentine’s Day did not lose its punch as time went on. Today, candy makers engage in producing tons of heart-shaped red boxes of chocolate, which is supposed to be the candy of choice because of it’s aphrodisiac affect on women. While school children exchange valentine cards and hard candy, adults receive gifts of all sorts and women receive flowers, mostly red roses from their sweet-hearts. Lovers attend St. Valentine Day balls, or dinners. Florists consider February 14 as one of their busiest days of the year.

As fun as this may sound, Christians need to examine why they celebrate Valentine’s Day when it is not mentioned in the Bible as a practice. We need to talk to our children and teach them the true meaning behind these so-called holidays. Just because something looks good does not mean it is always good for you.
The Wailing Wall: Is it a part of the Second Temple?  By: B. Jordan

Most of us have heard and seen on TV, images of the Wailing (Western) Wall and have been told that this wall is a part of the second temple in Jerusalem, Israel that was built before the birth of Jesus Christ. The Romans destroyed this same temple in 70 AD. The Bible tells us that Jesus’ stated that not one stone would be left upon another that shall not be thrown down. Here are four references to this statement:

- **Matthew 24:2** - And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- **Mark 13:2** - And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- **Luke 19:44** - And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.
- **Luke 21:6** - As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

So where did this “wailing wall” come from? When we examine the history of this period of time, we learn that the Romans built a camp around the temple site to keep everyone in from getting out and prevent those who had escaped from getting back in. It was also a shelter for the Roman legions.

- **Luke 19:43** - For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, [trench-- A long narrow ditch embanked with its own soil and used for concealment and protection in warfare.]
- **Micah 1:6** - Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

Why would the Romans leave any part of the Temple for Israel to cling to? The answer simply is that they didn’t. The “wailing wall” is the same structure that the Romans built and is now being worshipped as part of the Temple. It is more than likely Fort Antonio [a Roman fortress in Jerusalem, at the north-west corner of the temple area.]

With all of the information I have read for and against the Wailing Wall being a part of the Temple, I choose to believe the Word of God. Therefore, the Wailing Wall is not a part of the Temple. With all thy getting, get UNDERSTANDING!

References:
The Temples Jerusalem Forgot
http://askelm.com/temple/t980504.htm
http://askelm.com/temple/t980504.htm
http://www.bibarch.com/
http://www.bibleprobe.com/templebomb.htm
EbibleTeacher.com
BiblePlaces.com

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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](http://www.theisraelofgodrc.com)

If you want to research products yourself please refer to the following for detailed information on how to do so: [http://theisraelofgodrc.com/RCinformation/index.html](http://theisraelofgodrc.com/RCinformation/index.html)

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UPDATES

**Aldi’s Update**

The following products do not contain pork, the enzymes are beef/calf:

- Clancy's Cheese Flavored Crunchy’s
- Casa Mamita Nacho Cheese Flavored Tortilla Chips
- Casa Mamita Ranch Chips
- Casa Mamita Tortilla Chips

*Note:* Wyandot makes Nacho Cheese Flavored Tortilla Chips for Casa Mamita, Kroger, Myers and Albertson’s (Jews); they are all clean.

**Dominick's/Safeway Update**

Dominick’s/Safeway Pre-packaged Breads, Bagels, Muffins, Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns are designated Clean. The Mono-diglycerides and enzymes are vegetable and/or cow sourced. The French bread contains L-Cysteine and is designated Unclean.
Kellogg Update

The Kellogg Company makes ABC Girl Scout Cookies; they are certified kosher by the OU (Orthodox Union) and are free of L-Cysteine. They are designated Clean.

Pinnacle Foods Update

Vlasic pickles, relish, and peppers are free of animal content and are designated Clean.

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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:  
http://prog.videorelay.com/israelite/israel_live.asx

The Bible Speaks…  
Chicago and Suburbs - On WJYS, Saturday’s at 6:30 AM Channel 62 on TV and Dish networks:  
Channel 47 on Comcast cable.

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

Memphis- Sunday 6:00am on UPN 30

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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.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed to help with the Tithes, if you are interested please see Elder Will Turner.

The Four Winds Of Heaven is an excellent book dealing 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.

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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 a fund 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 a fund 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.

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NEXT BAPTISM

The next Baptism will be on February 4th, 2006. 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.

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From The Editor’s Desk!

If you have anything you want to submit to the Newsletter or want to place an ad please submit it to Bridgette or Yvonne before the deadline date. Please submit your information on a floppy disc if possible along with your payment. Your ad will run as is unless you decide to pay an additional fee for a more creative presentation.

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Psalm 89

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.  
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.  
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,  
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.  
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.  
6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?  
7 And the heavens shall praise the name of JESUS!
Our Condolences

To Rosie Logwood on the loss of her husband, Brother Freddie “Barnabas” Logwood

To James and Ruth Porter on the loss of his sister, Dorothy Caldwell

To Katherine Canandy (Michigan Class) on the loss of her mother Eleanor Flakes

To Bertha and Watson Slater on the loss of their brother

To Joseph Hollingsworth on the loss of his wife Ursula Howard-Hollingsworth

Word of the Month

[The] Hague

Is the capital of the Netherlands, in the western part of the country near the North Sea. The Hague grew around a palace built in 1250 C.E. by William of Holland (1228-1256) and is today the seat of the country's legislature and supreme court and of the International Court of Justice. Population: 444,392. Ref: Dictionary.com

Interesting Books

- **Stolen Legacy** By George G.M. James ISBN: 0913543780
- **Historical Christianity African Centered** by James C. Anyike ISBN:0963154729
- **TIME for Kids** By time Inc. at timeforkids.com
- **The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot** by Ernest L. Martin ISBN: 0945657951

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Israel of God’s *Lost & Found* is located by the coat rack. Please check for your lost items. Unclaimed items will be discarded if not retrieved within a three-month period.

POEM OF THE MONTH

‘CONFINED’

By Poetified T. Spencer

In the beginning of ones youth, barely in their primes
Only known by few, for solitary spared not time
Alone, Confined

Words have passed through those that were exposed
For a locked away mind may never impose

In the net of capture
Struggling to gasp for to take hold on jubilee
A taunting feeling is imposed on thee

Without light in the mist of a dark room
Like a soldier in battle without shield nor sword

Obsolete of the word of God, voided from the mind
Abandoned, Bound, Confined

Loud cries replay a since of no faith
Pounding the head against a paved place
Within a corner alone, God has parted this time
Held, Restrained, Confined

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PEACE IN JESUS’ NAME!
Psalm 75:1-10 Unto thee, O _______, do we give _______, [unto thee] do we give thanks: for [that] thy _______ is _______ thy _______ works ___________. (2) When I shall _______ the _____________ I will judge ___________. (3) The _______ and all the _______ thereof are ________: I _______ up the _______ of it. Selah. (4) I said unto the _______, Deal not foolishly: and to the _______, Lift not up the _______: (5) Lift not up your horn on _______: _______ [not with] a _______ _______. (6) For _________ [cometh] neither from the ________, nor from the ________, nor from the _______. (7) But God [is] the ________: he putteth _______one, and setteth up ________. (8) For in the _______ of the _______ [there is] a _____, and the _______ is ____; it is full of ________; and he _______ out of the same: but the _______ thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall _______ [them] out, [and] _______ [them]. (9) But I will declare for ever; I will _______ ________ to the God of ________. (10) All the horns of the wicked also will I _______ off; [but] the horns of the _______ shall be ___________. [KJV]