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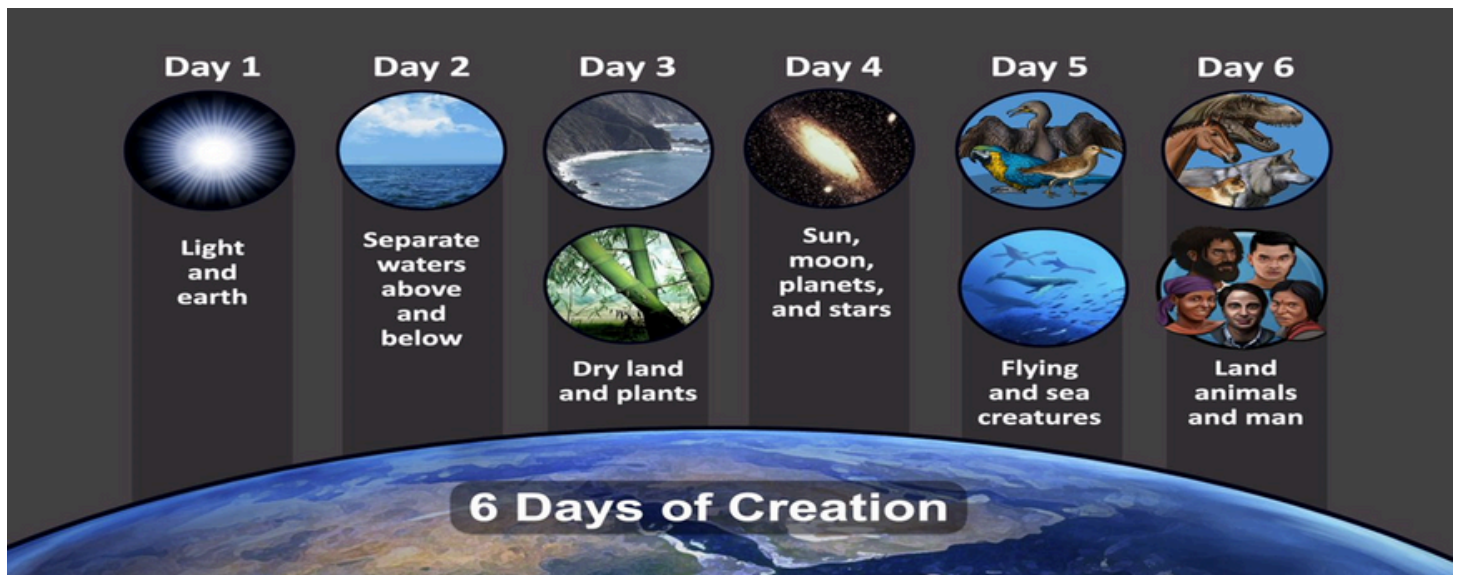
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FAITH OVER FEAR INVESTIGATES



[Literal 24-Hour Days ? – Bible and Science in Harmony.](#)

The opening words of the Bible set the stage for how we understand the universe and our place in it: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). For centuries, Christians have affirmed that God created everything in six days. Yet, in modern times, this truth has been challenged by evolutionary theories and the idea of vast geological ages

This article seeks to show from Scripture and science that the six days of creation were not long, indefinite ages, but six literal, consecutive 24-hour days.

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The Biblical Case for Six Literal Days

1.1 The Meaning of the Word “Day”

The Hebrew word for “day” in Genesis 1 is yom. While yom can mean an age in some contexts, the overwhelming majority of times in the Old Testament it refers to a normal day. Importantly, in Genesis 1 each day is accompanied by the phrase: “And there was evening and there was morning, the first day ... the second day ...”. This pattern is unmistakably that of a literal day-night cycle.



1.2 The Fourth Commandment

In Exodus 20:11, God gives the Ten Commandments and bases the Sabbath command directly on creation:

“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”

If the creation days were symbolic ages, this command would lose its meaning. God is not telling Israel to work for six vast ages and rest for another; He is establishing a literal weekly pattern.

1.3 The Genealogies and Jesus’ Words

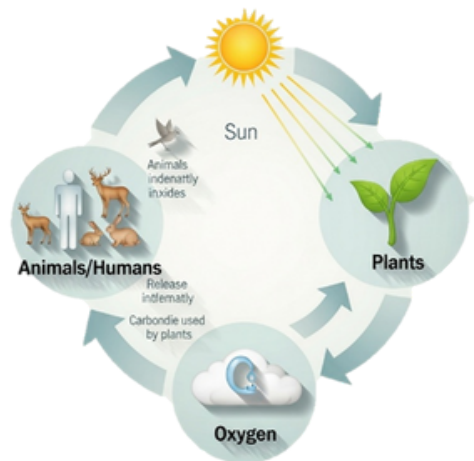
The genealogies from Adam to Christ (Genesis 5, Luke 3) confirm a historical, literal interpretation. Jesus Himself affirmed the creation order in Matthew 19:4–6: “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female?” He places Adam and Eve at the beginning of creation, not billions of years after.

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Scientific Evidence Supporting a Young Creation

The Order of Creation and the Energy Cycle

On Day 3, God created plants and vegetation. Plants need sunlight to photosynthesize, producing energy and oxygen to sustain life. However, the sun, moon, and stars were only created on Day 4. This may seem puzzling, but it highlights God's perfect design.



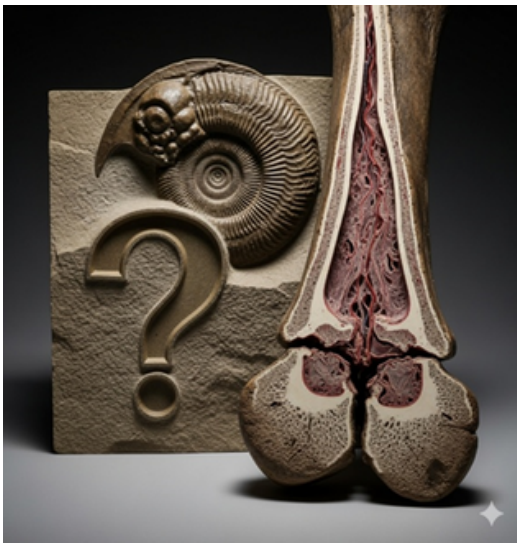
The fact that plants were created before the sun demonstrates that they could survive only a short period without the sun's energy. If each creation day had been a thousand years—or millions of years—plants would have withered and died long before the sun appeared.

By placing the creation of plants on Day 3 and the sun, moon, and stars on Day 4, God showed that He Himself is the source of life and energy (Revelation 22:5).

When the sun, moon, and stars were created, the energy cycle of the earth was fully established: plants producing oxygen, animals breathing it in, and a perfectly balanced system for sustaining life.

This natural order is not accidental—it is evidence of divine wisdom. Furthermore, the creation of the sun, moon, and stars also implies that the planets were ordered and mapped out only on Day 4, in perfect sequence and harmony.

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The Problem of Long Ages

Evolutionary theory claims the earth is about 4.5 billion years old and life developed gradually. However, this presents several problems:

The Fossil Record: Fossils show sudden appearance, complexity, and stasis (no gradual transitions).

Carbon-14 in Fossils: Even in supposed “millions of years old” fossils, measurable Carbon-14 is found, which should have decayed completely in less than 100,000 years.

Soft Tissue in Dinosaur Bones: Scientists have discovered blood vessels and proteins in dinosaur fossils, something impossible if they were tens of millions of years old.

Scientific Support for a Literal Creation

Magnetic Field Decay: The earth’s magnetic field is decaying rapidly. Extrapolating backwards, the earth could not be billions of years old.

Population Growth: Human population statistics align with a timeline of thousands, not millions, of years.

Geological Catastrophism: Events like the eruption of Mount St. Helens (1980) show that massive geological layers can form in hours or days—not millions of years.

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Astronomy and the Universe

While secular cosmology claims stars took billions of years to form, Scripture says God made the stars also (Genesis 1:16). Light-travel-time issues are often raised, but recent models in physics (such as gravitational time dilation theories) allow for starlight to reach earth in a young-universe framework.



Faith and Science in Agreement

The Authority of Scripture

The core question is not merely scientific—it is one of authority. Do we interpret the Bible by the theories of men, or do we interpret nature through the Word of God? Psalm 33:6,9 says:

“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made... For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.”

This language leaves no room for billions of years of trial and error.

The Character of God

If creation took billions of years filled with death and suffering, then death existed before sin. But Scripture says death is the result of sin (Romans 5:12). A literal six-day creation affirms God’s goodness and the original perfection of His world.

Witness to the Gospel

The creation account sets the foundation for the Gospel itself. If Adam was not a real man who sinned in real time, then why do we need a real Savior? Paul ties the historicity of Adam to the saving work of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:21–22).

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Conclusion

The six days of creation were six literal 24-hour days—not symbolic ages, not poetic allegory, not evolutionary eons. Both the Bible and observable science affirm this truth.

The Bible: through the plain reading of Genesis, the Sabbath command, genealogies, and the words of Jesus.

Science: through evidence of a young earth, catastrophic geology, the order of creation, and discoveries inconsistent with deep time.

Ultimately, belief in six literal days is not just a matter of science, but of faith in God’s Word. To accept creation as it is written is to affirm the authority, power, and glory of the Creator.

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God” (Hebrews 11:3).

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GERDA POTGIETER

Wayne Strauss discovered a profound sense of grace at the KwaSizabantu Mission, a journey that transformed his life in unexpected ways.

By Gerda Potgieter



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Wayne Strauss is among the numerous residents who have established a lasting home at the KwaSizabantu mission station, located in the Kranskop district of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). As a dedicated educator, he contributes his talents at the Domino Servite School of the Mission, which has gained recognition as an IQQA-approved institution under the umbrella of ISASA (The Independent Schools Association of SA) since 2018. This approval underscores the school's commitment to maintaining high educational standards and serving the diverse community in which it operates. Through his role, Wayne plays a vital part in shaping the minds of the students, fostering both academic growth and personal development within this nurturing environment.

For Wayne, grace is not only a badge to wear, it is an action that speaks volumes. He says, "Grace is about how we demonstrate it in our daily lives, not just about claiming it for ourselves. That is why the hymn 'Amazing Grace' resonates deeply for me, serving as my anthem of reverence. This powerful song embodies the profound grace that has brought me to freedom.

Each word reflects the divine intervention that has shaped my life to this moment. Wayne feels a firm conviction that it is only through the grace of God that he can share the extraordinary work of the Lord Jesus Christ within him. He strives to ignite hope and inspire others, inviting them into the richness of his story and highlighting the incredible power of redemption.

EARLY YEARS

Wayne, one of three children, was born in Kimberley, South Africa. Both his parents were teachers. His father was a functional alcoholic,

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and that impacted the family. Wayne says, “My father was a good man. Despite his alcohol problem, he could lead a relatively functional life.

My mother taught me that you cannot go to heaven by doing good deeds alone; you can only go by believing in the Lord Jesus and having a solid relationship with Him. “When I was in the first grade (six years old), I gave my life to the Lord. The same year, a friend showed me his father’s pornographic material. I was fascinated. I knew it was wrong because we did that behind closed doors. We did not do it openly. I knew I had to tell my mother, but I did not. Instead, I went back to the friend who shared those sexual images with me and asked him to show me more. That was the beginning of an addiction that almost ruined my life and those close to me”.

Unfortunately, Wayne was exposed to the wrong things that sharply contrasted with his Christian upbringing. He explained it to me in this way, “I was sexualised at a very young age, following the incident with my friend. My friend and I played sexual games with each other without our parents knowing. I also started reading the Huisgenoot (You) magazine and went straight to the gossip stories they are famous for – those scandalous tales about celebrities’ affairs and their constant drama.

“I used to go straight to the back pages as those stories about others who took the wrong path fascinated me. The next step on the road to destruction was that I became sly, keeping essential things from my parents. I also started to smoke at the age of only 14. Back then, children were allowed to buy a single cigarette from the shops. Nobody questioned that at the time. The road to destruction lasted for a very long time”.

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Wayne was a broken, downtrodden, and lost soul facing numerous challenges. For years, he was enslaved by immoral living, alcohol, and drugs. He tried two rehabilitation centres to deal with his addictions, but neither was able to help him. Unfortunately, he quickly returned to his harmful habits immediately after completing treatment. He even attempted to end his life on two occasions because he felt there was no escape from his addictions other than death.

FINDING HELP

In 2013, Wayne again decided to try to end his life and had even planned on which day he would commit suicide. However, God had a different plan for his life. Wayne explains, “My mother, a dear child of God, had never stopped praying for me throughout all the years. About a week before I could carry out the plan, she showed me a letter in a magazine written by someone who had received help with their addiction problem at CYPISA (KwaSizabantu’s restoration program, the Concerned Young People of SA).”

On 24 December 2013, the day he had planned to take his own life, Wayne arrived at KwaSizabantu and committed to the CYPISA programme. It changed everything for him. Once he committed to the programme, he worked hard to change his life, and slowly but surely, he got back on track. Wayne is adamant that you must do the hard work—it is not plain sailing. More than a decade has passed since Wayne first arrived at KwaSizabantu. In the past, when he was ensnared in a web of lies and deceit, he blamed his family and others for everything that went wrong in his life. He now takes full responsibility for all his decisions and the consequences.

“My new life began within a few days after I started with the CYPISA

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programme, and the Lord revealed to me that it was only by giving my life to Him, confessing my sins and bringing to the light all that I had done wrong, that I could indeed find redemption,” says Wayne. “By following His leading, my sins were forgiven, and I was set free. Since then, I’ve been blessed beyond what I deserve.”

Wayne is now employed in God’s work and returned to his teaching career in 2015. He shares the following message: “God’s grace has kept me all these years and continues to carry me. I was reminded of the beautiful song Amazing Grace: ‘I forever lift my eyes to Calvary, to view the cross where Jesus died for me. And how marvellous the grace that caught my falling soul; He looked beyond my faults and saw all my needs.’”

The consequences of a child being sexualized through exposure to pornography at a young age can be severe, long-lasting, and deeply damaging. This type of exposure is considered a form of child abuse and has been extensively linked to various psychological, emotional, behavioural, and social harms. If you suspect or know that a child has been exposed, contact local child protection services or law enforcement immediately. Do not attempt to investigate the



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situation yourself, as this could compromise the child's safety or an official investigation.



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Riaan has been teaching the Word for the past couple of decades. He has been a presenter (and also station manager) of numerous Gospel online radio stations and also on Osasogie TV to spread the truth of Jesus. He has written over 100 books to uplift, edify, prophetically guide and speak the Lord's will in the last of days. Lynette has been called for deliverance and has a heart to see the captives set free from the clutches of darkness. She is a survivor of the occult and now embraces the beauty of a loving and great God.

We present workshops and courses, focusing on the spiritual realm, spiritual warfare, deliverance, hauntings (there is no such thing as ghosts) and so much more. We are open to invites from small or big groups, be it a ministry, or a Church or a fellowship of believers. It is time to be empowered to know the truth. We are here to address the misconceptions, the strange ideas and the lies about deliverance, the

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spiritual realm and warfare by offering real and truthful solutions as led by the Spirit of the living Lord. All to the glory of Jesus.

The reality is, there is a darkness arising in this world. False altars and covenants are being erected. There are many 'thoughts', 'ideas' and narratives designed to counter God's truth. The spiritual war is real, and so many people are led astray and deceived by satanic notions, manipulations and suggestions. Just consider the rise of New Age teachings. It is time for God's Bride to arise in purity, truth, holiness and love in service to the true King of kings. May the world be awakened from the dark, from the cruelty and the malevolence to seek the eternal splendour of Adonai, the one and only God unto whom belongs all power, glory and dominion. Silence and ignorance is no longer an option. It is time to join the fight, set the captives free and make disciples according to Matthew 28.

The truth is that all disciples are called to do deliverance, and deliverance is usually the first step of discipleship. We are here to train, equip, guide, and facilitate so that the Body of Christ can again be empowered in setting the captives free. We are based in Boksburg, Gauteng, but are willing to travel. Costs of the courses or workshops will be worked out to only cover the cost of transport, and, where needed, the cost of accommodation.

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Dive Deeper into Discipleship and Faith with Riaan Engelbrecht

Riaan Engelbrecht is a Christian non-fiction Author, Pastor, and Founder of Avishua Ministries in South Africa. He began his professional journey in journalism—working as a newspaper editor, sub-editor, and journalist from 1995 onward. From 2002, he transitioned into ministry and is the founder of Avishua Ministries in South Africa. He also holds leadership roles as vice-president of Lighthouse Ministries International and was the station manager of Lighthouse Radio.

Since publishing his first book in 2002, Engelbrecht has authored 105 Christian non-fiction titles, deeply rooted in discipleship, prophecy, spiritual formation, and end-time themes. His writing is not driven by financial gain or fame but by what he describes as obedience to divine instruction—a calling to flood the world with God’s Word to counteract darkness and deception. Engelbrecht’s corpus includes numerous compelling titles that reflect a wide range of spiritual and theological concerns, such as:

The Last Stand of Faith (2021): Emphasizes spiritual warfare, apostasy, and the urgency of the church taking a firm stand.

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Discipleship Volume 3: Emmaus Walk with Jesus (2021): Portrays the believer's spiritual journey as an ongoing walk with Christ.

Bastion of Divine Truth (2021): A passionate call to return to the truths of Christ amidst contemporary heresy and apostasy.

Prophetic Unveiling: God's Move of Glory, Deliverance, Refinement (2022): Consolidates prophecies originally delivered between 2005 and 2020—exhorting people toward their divine purpose

Revival and Awakenings Volume One: The End-Time Harvest (2023): A prophetic vision asserting that the end times will bring successive, Spirit-led revivals globally.

Saturated in God's Love, Beauty and Freedom (2025): An omnibus collection celebrating God's love, beauty, and the liberation found in Christ.

Engelbrecht has a passion for teaching and sharing knowledge and wisdom, with his ministry focusing on the uncompromising truth of the Lord Jesus. He writes as he is instructed by the Lord, and his intention is to see people liberated from 'spiritual slavery.' He dedicates his work to Jesus and sees his writing as an act of obedience, love, and zeal for God. Engelbrecht offers a wealth of knowledge to guide you on your spiritual journey.

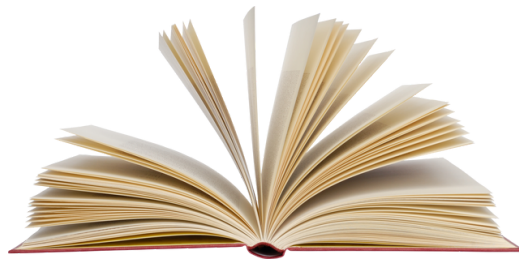
•Purchasing books

Engelbrecht has two printed books circulating in South Africa which can be purchased directly from the author. They are Discipleship Vol 1

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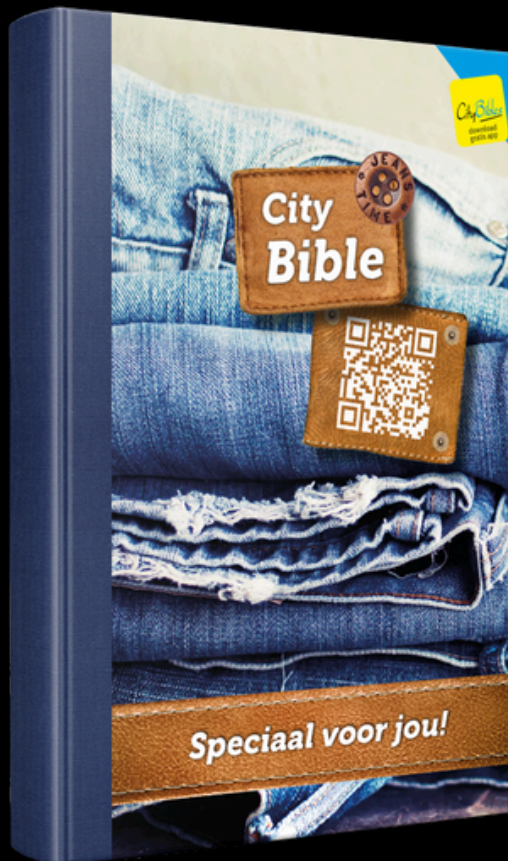
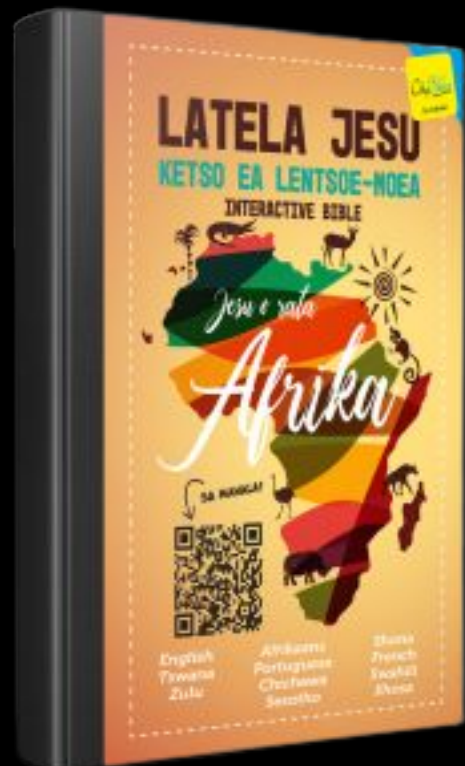
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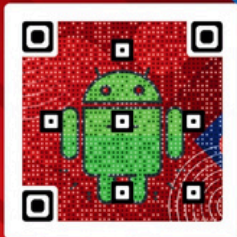
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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“Ancient Worlds Part Two”!

“Precious Holy Spirit, thank you for your constant presence in our lives; thank you for living within us. We are blessed to have you as a Partner in our lives.”

Holy Ghost, help us through the power of the Blood of Jesus to understand how the people of the ancient world lived, and to understand their traditions, etc. so that we can understand your Scriptures more cleared, and to how, and why the people did things in those times, thank you Holy Spirit. Amen.”

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Today we continue Part Two of our study regarding the Ancient Bibilcal times. I trust that you will enjoy these Teachings.

MONTHS OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR & OUR CALENDAR

The Jewish communities around the world use Jewish or Hebrew Calendars to determine dates of their religion traditions, celebrations, and everyday practices.

QUOTE (Konstantine Bikos): The Hebrew calendar is a comparatively imprecise system in terms of reflecting the duration of a solar year, which is the time it takes Earth to complete a full orbit around the Sun. In comparison with the timing of the astronomical seasons, it is off by 1 day every 216 years.

A Year in the Hebrew Calendar can be 353, 354, 355, 383, 384, or 385 days long; but regular years (“kesidrah”) are 12 months with a total of 354 days, and Leap Years (“cheserah”) have 13 months and are 384 days long. Months with uneven numbers have 30 days and months with even number have 29 days. Normal and leap years can be a day shorter with 353/383 days or a day longer with 355/385 days. A day can be added to the 8th month (Marcheshvan) or taken away from the 9th month (Kislev). These changes in the Calendar are to prevent Rosh Hashana and other Holidays to fall on certain days of the week. Dates of Passover changes each year because the date is set by the lunar-based Hebrew calendar, not by our Gregorian calendar. It always occurs during the Hebrew month of Nisan.

A New Year in Jewish Calendar being on Rosh Hoshana on Tishrei 1; however, for religious purposes, the Year begin on Nisan 1. Since 12

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Lunar months is about 11 days shorter than a Solar Year, a Leap Year is added every 2-3 years; or seven times in a 19-year sickle, to keep the Calendar in line with astronomical Seasons and to make sure religious practices are at the right time of year, as mentioned in the Torah. **(Credits: Konstantine Bikos - <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/jewish-calendar.html>).**

MONTHS OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR

Month Names	Number of Days
Nisan	30 days New Year for Kings; start of the Religious
Iyar	29
Sivan	30
Tammuz	29
Av	30
Elul	29
Tishri	30
Marcheshvan (Cheshvan)	29 or 30
Kislev	30 or 29
Tevet	29
Shevat	30
Adar	29

The Hebrew Calendar is Tishri, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tevet, Shevat, Adar, Nisan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, and Elul. In a leap year, Adar is replaced by Adar II (also called Adar Sheni or Veadar) and an extra month, Adar I (also called Adar Rishon), is inserted before Adar II.

Note the following interesting factors:

What is our Calendar called?

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The Gregorian Calendar - and we are in the Sixth Millennium according to Hebrew time calculations. The 12th century Jewish Philosopher Maimonides established the Hebrew Biblical date of Creation started in the Year 3761. Years in Jewish Calendars are identified as AM (Anno Mundi) in Latin “in the year of the world” to calculate the Year of the World according to the Bible. The Year 2021 in the Gregorian Calendar is the Year AM 5781 in the Jewish Calendar. According to Jewish and Rabbinic calculations, the exact month of Creation was October.

What is the most accurate Calendar?

The Gregorian Calendar (also called “New Style Calendar”) which we use today is regarded as the most accurate Calendar. It was first adopted by Pope Gregory XIII (as a reform of the Julian Calendar) in Italy, Poland Portugal, and Spain in 1582. Even though it has an error on 27seconds per year – which brings it to one full day every 3236 years.

Are there Countries in the world that does not use the Gregorian Calendar?

Most countries in the world use the Gregorian Calendar, but there are a few that does not use it - They are Afghanistan and Iran (using Solar Hijri calendar); Nepal (using Vikram Samvat; and Ethiopia (using the Ethiopian Calendar).

What is the exact date Jesus was born?

Mary was pregnant with Jesus, the Son of God, after nine months on the Winter Solstice (the time or date, twice a year, when the Sun reaches its maximum or minimum declination, marked by the shortest day in winter (21 June) and longest day in summer (22 December) – If this is correct, we should have celebrated His birth during June (winter). But from

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Rome Christ's birth celebration spread throughout the world and all over most Christian churches started celebrating the birth of Jesus on 25th December which has stuck till today.

Who was born in Year One?

A Monk called Dionysius Exiguus born in the sixth century invented the "Anno Domini" dating system most widely used in the Western world; and said the birth of Christ represented Year One. He believed Jesus was born 753 years after the foundation of Rome. Year One is therefore the beginning of the Christian/Common Era, the preceding year being 1bC (before Christ); there is no 0 in this numbering scheme.



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When did humans start keeping track of Years?

According to written records it was late in History – the first written record was more than 5000 years ago in Ancient Egypt and Sumer. When we look at this it is interesting because we realize that the Egyptians might have already counted Years when Moses (Moshe Rabbenu) and the Israelites left Egypt.

When did 365 days (or Twelve months) become a Year?

Originally, the Roman year only had ten months, and this Calendar was ascribed to the legendary first King, Romulus. According to history Romulus named the first month, Martius (“march”), after his father, mars, the god of war. However, during 45bC Julius Caesar used the best mathematicians and astronomers of that time and ordered a Calendar that had twelve months based on a solar Year. This Calendar had a cycle of three Years of 365 days (plus a few hours) that we take for granted today; followed by one more year of 366 days (called “Leap Year” today). Julius Caesar’s Calendar is known as the “Julian Calendar”, and he moved the beginning of the year from 1 March to 1 January. Today we still have twelve months and still call them by Roman Names.

The Egyptians invented a schematized public year of 365 days divided into Three different Seasons; each Season had 4 months, and each month has 30 days.

Who invented the Year?

When Pope Gregory XIII presented his Gregorian Calendar in 1582, Europe was using the Calendar of Julius Caesar (from 46bC). But the Romans system did not work – it miscalculated the length of a Solar year by 11 minutes, and since then the Julian Calendar was not synchronized with Seasons and has fallen away.

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Why does our Calendar have Twelve months?

A Lunar Cycle is the time that it takes the moon to revolve around the Earth and complete all its phases – it is 29.53 days. And a year has 365.25 days (the time it takes the Earth to revolve around the Sun). Therefore, there are twelve Full moons, and thus twelve months.

Who invented the Seven-Day week?

Babylonians living in modern day Iraq, were observers and interpreters of the Heavens and they established that our weeks are seven-days long. The reason they adopted number seven is because they observed seven celestial bodies – the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

During the 6th Century, the Babylonians were a dominant culture in the near East, and their good ideas, like the seven-day week, spread wide and far. Because the Jews were captives in Babylonia at that time, they seem to have adopted this seven-day system.



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Is Sunday the start or end of the week?

There had been many debates about this issue throughout the ages. According to the Hebrew calendar as well as others which includes Christian Calendars, Sunday is the first day of the week. But the International Standardization Organization (ISO) 8601, claim Sunday is the seventh day of the week. Which is why Sunday is the last column on our Calendar today.

Why is January the first month of the year?

The month of January is named after the Roman god of doors, Janus, because this month is the “door into the new Year.” Janus is also called the two-faced god. This so-called god represents all beginnings and possesses the ability to see the past and future. Well, according to my believe in Jesus and the Bodily Godhead, only God knows the future!

How did months get named?

The months of September, October, November, and December are named after Roman numbers 7,8,9, and 10 and were originally the 7,8,9,10th months of the Roman Year. Before July and August were renamed after Roman Rulers, they were called Quintilis and Sextilis, the fifth and sixth months.

What was December named after?

The Latin word “decem” means “ten,” and this is where December got its name. It was originally the tenth month of the year in the Romulus calendar - 750bC began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month.

What about January and February?

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Two months (January and February) were added at the end of the year (after December) to complete the cycle during winter. The intercalary month was known as “Mercedonius” also.

How did the days get their Names?

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday are named after the celestial bodies, Saturn, Sun, and Moon. But most of the other days from Tuesday to Friday are named after German gods: Tuesday (Tiw's day), Wednesday (Woden's day), Thursday (Thor's day) and Friday (Freya's day).

Why do our modern-day Banks use a 360-day Year Calendar?

Banks most commonly use the 365/360 calculation method for commercial loans to standardize the daily interest rates based on a day-to-day month, however, due to the numerator and denominator not matching, the 365/360 method has helped to increase the effective interest rate by 0.01389 in a non-leap year.

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