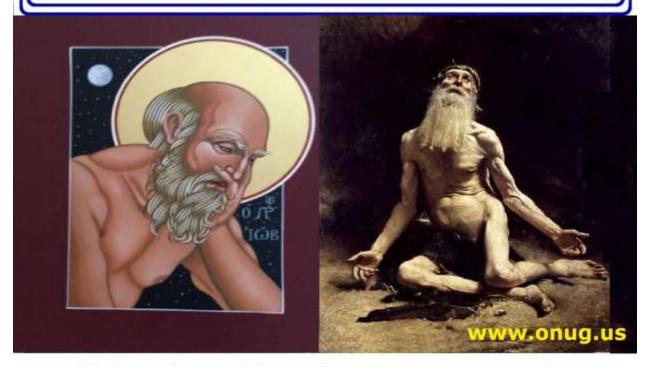
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Lessons We Can Learn From The **Book of Job**



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It Has Been In The Bible All Along! NOW, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO KNOW IT!!!

In one of the oldest books in The Bible, we find The Biblical Prophet, and The Hebrew Shepherd Appointed as an Egyptian King, named Job. In Part One of our Bible Study, we Learned from both Scripture and Ancient History, Job's other names; and that he was in fact, The King who built The Great Pyramid in Egypt!!!

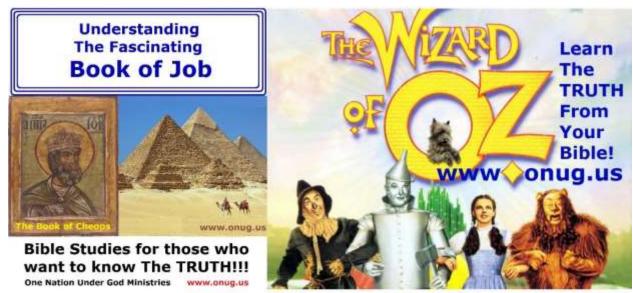
Job had it all: A large family, wealth, and blessings of every kind imaginable. Scripture Tells us Job had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East in ancient times!

Some Forgotten History and Bible Truths which have been HIDDEN from YOU - On Purpose!!! www.onug.us

Last Sabbath, if you followed our Bible Study - you Learned - FROM SCRIPTURE ALONE, that Job was a younger relative of the Vice Pharaoh, Joseph. After Joseph saved the land during the seven years of famine; Joseph moved his father, Jacob, and his younger nephew Job, into some of the choicest land, in all of Egypt!

It was here, in Goshen, Egypt; where Job would grow to become a very Powerful and very Wealthy King - who would build The Great White Pyramid, to celebrate, and Memorialize, what The "One True God" (Called "On" or "AMEN" in Ancient Egypt!!), did TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE, through His Faithful Servant, Joseph!!! WOW! History (His Story - God's Story) is AMAZING, when God

Gives us eyes that can REALLY SEE Biblical TRUTHS (Matthew 13:11-17)!!! www.onug.us



DID YOU KNOW?

Mount Seir was famous in history as the "Land of Uz" (Vol. III of "Clarke's Commentary", preface to Book of Job). Uz was a descendant of Seir the Horite (Gen. 36:28).

The Arabs preserve a corrupt record of Cheops of Mt. Seir or of The Land of Uz. They call him the "Wizard of Oz"; but you and I know of him, as "Job" of The Bible!!!

Job was The Shepherd who became a King in Egypt, and it was Job who Built The Great Pyramid, that still stands today!!!

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God **Bragged** to Satan about Job, "There is no one on earth like him; he is **Blameless** and **Upright**, a man who **Fears God** and **Shuns Evil**"!!! Then Satan replied, "Have you not put a hedge around him, and his household, and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land!!! **But now, stretch out Your Hand, and strike everything he has; and he will surely curse You, to Your Face!!!" (Job 1:1-11). Take note: we will come back to this highlighted phrase, in just a bit!**

Join Us Today, for Part Two of our Fascinating Bible Study on The Book of Job!!! www.onug.us

Let us ALL Learn some Important Lessons on WHY the Righteous are Allowed to Suffer! You will be getting an Education in Enduring, and in Overcoming Trials; One that God Wants ALL of His Saints to HAVE, and to MOST OF ALL - UNDERSTAND!!!

And, YES!!!; The Book of Job talks about Dinosaurs - in detail! They have ALWAYS lived among mankind - even today; they are just a whole lot smaller now - just like the people, who our Great God began to slowly SHRINK, after The Great Flood of Noah! So download and SHARE, a Really Awesome Bible Study - posted EVERY Saturday morning, at 9 am to Noon; Eastern Standard Time, in the U.S.A!!!

Just go to www.onug.us, Every Sabbath Morning! You and your children will be Exceedingly Glad that you did!

Bible Study Instructions: One Nation Under God Ministries (www.onug.us) publishes and distributes weekly Bible Studies, worldwide - FREE of charge, to anyone who requests them, in both printed and electronic formats. Our Studies are intended to be a simple and fun way to Learn The Scriptures, and are very easy to follow! We adhere to Jesus Christ's Biblical Instructions to Teach and Feed The Flock of God (John 10:16) portions of Meat in Due Season, on weekly Sabbaths, and on The Seven Annual Holy Days (Leviticus 23:1-44) throughout each calendar year (Luke 12:42 / Isaiah 28:9-10 / Matthew 13:52). Using both The Old and New Testaments, our Bible Studies are designed to present a premise, make a statement, or ask a question - followed by one or more Scriptural References. Just look up and read from your Bible The Scriptures listed. Comments following questions elaborate on The Scriptures you just read. Pray always BEFORE beginning any Study of God's Word, Asking God to OPEN both your eyes and your mind to His Truth (Matthew 7:7-8); then

Prove EVERYTHING you read, is in fact The Truth, by comparing it to The Word of God (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / 2 Timothy 3:15-17). Then use The Biblical System of Checks and Balances, and SEE if BOTH Jesus Christ, and The First Century Church of God Apostles – also **Did, Said,** and **Taught** These SAME THINGS (Galatians 1:1-12, 5:25 / 1 Peter 2:21, 25 / 1 John 2:3-6)! That's all there is to it! Our Bible Studies are based on The King James Version, unless otherwise stated. We will be Praying for your eyes to "SEE" (Matthew 13:11-17); and we are always available to answer any of your questions! Be Blessed, in Jesus' Name!

 One Nation Under God Ministries, and their FREE Online College of Biblical Knowledge, are Preparing The Brides of Christ (Matthew 25:1-13), and this world (Mark 16:15-20), for The Return of Jesus (John 10:16); One Bible Study (Matthew 11:28-30) At A Time! Join Them at www.onug.us JESUS IS LORD!!!

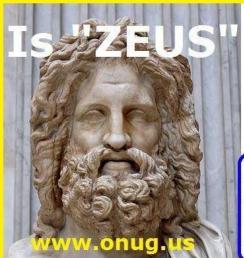
Today we continue on, with Part Two of our Study of the Book of Job. Last Sabbath, we went in History and into Scripture to show you WHO the man Job really was! We showed you that Job was also known as "Cheops" (the "Ch" being pronounced as an "h" sound in English and in Ancient Greek; and the "p" was pronounced as our modern day "b". So "Cheops" would be pronounced as "Heob" or "Hob")! The modern day, English letter "J" and sound, as we would use in the boy's name "Jay", did not evolve in the English language until sometime in the early 1600's A.D.

It was Sometime afterwards, that the letter "J's" arrived in words like "Iesvs" (the WORD "Jesus" in the 1560 Geneva Bible) became "JESVS", or "JESUS"; and the name of "Cheops" or "Cheop", simply became "Hoebs" or "Hoeb" – and with the arrival of the letter "J", "Hoeb" or "Hob" became "Job"!!!

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Remember, Isaiah 28:9-10! Concept or Precept, and Scripture or Line, are MORE IMPORTANT to God, than

"Pronunciation!" is!!! Revelation 7:1-17 Speaks of The Saints of The Most High God, who RECEIVED God's TRUTHS and Commandments (Revelation 1:1-3), and OBEYED THEM (Revelation 22:14-15)!!! They were NOT, and they are NOT, People who could just move their tongue and lips, to make certain sounds, or speak a particular language; which was mandated by human kings or religious leaders!



Zeus was considered to be the Father of Gods and of men by the ancient Greeks but not $A\Omega$

The Name JESUS?

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Iesvs Nazarenvs Rex Iudaeorvm
"JESUS OF NAZARETH KING OF THE JEWS"

"And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin" (John 19:19-20). See also Acts 9:4-5.

Historian Flavius Josephus was a Jew, born around 37 AD, who wrote about the end of the first century. His two most significant works were the 'Jewish War'

and the 'Antiquities of the Jews'. Josephus was a Pharisee, who later joined the zealots that rebelled against Rome; he lived through the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70!!! Captured, he was made Jewish affairs advisor to Rome. Josephus writes of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Herodians, Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, "Jesus Christ" (twice) and James, His brother! The 1560 Edition of the Geneva Bible used "Iesvs" ("I" became "J" in the 1600's), before the early 1611 KJV's first used "Yahshua" for the Hebrew word YHWH (or Messiah), sometimes pronounced, "Yehoshua" or "Yahweh". The Apostle Paul used "Iesus" (or Jesus) for the Son of God's Name; and we will too!!!

Learn MUCH MORE about what The Bible Says about speaking God's Many Names, in your native human language, in our Bible Study: "The Name of God"; which is ALWAYS available at www.onug.us

Last week, we Learned also, that Job lived in Joseph's time – coming to Egypt with Jacob, Joseph's father – after the great famine! Job lived in the generation after Esau, for one of his friends was Eliphaz the Temanite (Job 2:11). Eliphaz was the father of the Temanites (Genesis 36:11) and the son of Esau, Jacob's brother (Genesis 36:10). Eliphaz and Joseph were first

cousins!!! Job lived before the Mosaic law, which permitted only Levites to sacrifice. Notice that Job Sacrificed to God, for his family; as was customarily done in patriarchal times (Job 1:5; 42:8). This was exactly what Abraham is recorded as doing as well (Genesis 22:1-19)!



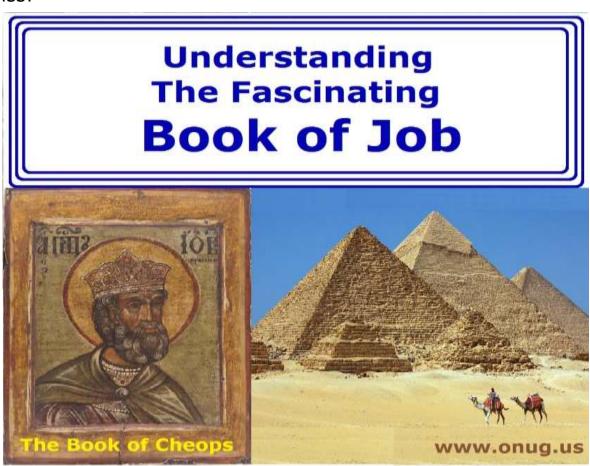
None of the conversation in the book of Job refers to the Exodus under Moses – which would happen some 400+ years later. But The Great, Worldwide Flood of Noah, was still VERY MUCH, Uppermost in the minds of all the people (Job 22:11-18)!!! www.onug.us

Cheops or Job came to the throne in 1726 B.C. That date is proven in World and Biblical History. Surprisingly, that is the year in which Jacob entered Egypt with his family. A coincidence? Consider this! Coming into Egypt with Jacob in 1726 B.C. was a grandson, named Job! "And these are the names of the children of Israel who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons ... And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Phuvah and JOB, and Shimron" (Genesis 46:8-13)!!!

If you missed last week's lesson, we invite you to go back to **www.onug.us** and read our Bible Study:

The Book of Job (Part One) - Who Was The Man We Call Job?

There is a lot of great information there that you will not want to miss!



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In the Book of Job, we see a man whom God Allows to be directly attacked by Satan. He is an Example of Faithfulness, as he loses everything important to him; yet remains Faithful to God (Hebrews 4:1-40). We SEE God's Purpose is to illustrate His Sovereignty and Faithfulness, during a time of Great Suffering!!!

Let's Take A Quick Review Of The Book of Job: www.onug.us

- In chapters 1-3, God tests Job's faithfulness through allowing Satan to attack him. God told Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him" (1:12). Through Job's trials, all is lost including his health, his wife even tells him to curse God and commit suicide, but he remains strong and faithful, "Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God." (1:22).
- From chapters 4-37, Job's friends give him plenty of bad advice, in rounds of discussion. They mistakenly blame his sufferings on his personal sins rather than God testing and growing Job. One of them was half-correct in that God wanted to humble him, but this was only a part of God's test.
- In chapters 38-42, God speaks to Job and restores him. God knows that Job has received incorrect guidance from his friends, "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?" God fittingly declares that humans do not know everything. Then He humbles Job by asking a series of questions that could never be answered by anyone other than Almighty God; for example, "Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this". God then brings him to an understanding that believers don't always know what God is doing in their lives.

In the end, Job answers God by saying, "I have declared that which I did not understand". God then Blessed Job with twice as much as he had, before his trials began!!!

You can break down the Book of Job like this:

A Great Bible Study technique, that we like, is to go over the Book of Job, by Chapter, and by topic! www.onug.us

Chapter 1:

Job's integrity and wealth (verses: 1-5)

Satan questions Job's motives (6-12)

Job loses his property and children (13-19)

Job does not blame God (20-22)

Chapter 2:

Satan again questions Job's motives (1-5)

Satan permitted to strike Job's body (6-8)

Job's wife: "Curse God and die!" (9, 10)

Job's three companions arrive (11-13)

Chapter 3:

Job laments his birth (1-26)

Asks why he is suffering (20, 21)

Chapter 4:

Eliphaz' first speech (1-21)

Ridicules Job's integrity (7, 8)

Relates a spirit's message (12-17)

'God has no faith in his servants' (18)

Chapter 5:

Eliphaz' first speech continues (1-27)

'God catches the wise in their cunning' (13)

'Job should not reject God's discipline' (17)

Chapter 6:

Job's reply (1-30)

Claims he is justified in crying out (2-6)

His comforters are treacherous (15-18)

"Honest words are not painful!" (25)

Chapter 7:

Job's reply continues (1-21)

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Life like compulsory labor (1, 2)
     "Why have you made me your target?" (20)
Chapter 8:
     Bildad's first speech (1-22)
      Implies that Job's sons have sinned (4)
      'If you were pure, God would protect you' (6)
      Implies that Job is godless (13)
Chapter 9:
     Job's reply (1-35)
     Mortal man cannot contend with God (2-4)
     'God does unsearchable things' (10)
     One cannot argue with God (32)
Chapter 10:
     Job's reply continues (1-22)
     'Why does God contend with me?' (2)
     God contrasted to mortal Job (4-12)
     'May I find some relief' (20)
Chapter 11:
     Zophar's first speech (1-20)
     Accuses Job of empty talk (2, 3)
     Tells Job to put away evil (14)
Chapter 12:
     Job's reply (1-25)
     "I am not inferior to you" (3)
     "I have become a laughingstock" (4)
     'Wisdom is with God' (13)
     God is above judges and kings (17, 18)
Chapter 13:
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     Job's reply continues (1-28)
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'I would rather speak to God' (3)
     "You are useless physicians" (4)
      "I know I am in the right" (18)
     Asks why God views him as an enemy (24)
Chapter 14:
     Job's reply continues (1-22)
     Man short-lived and with trouble (1)
      "There is hope even for a tree" (7)
      'O that you would conceal me in the Grave!' (13)
      "If a man dies, can he live again?" (14)
      God will long for the Work of His hands (15)
Chapter 15:
     Eliphaz' second speech (1-35)
     Claims that Job has no fear of God (4)
     Calls Job presumptuous (7-9)
     'God has no faith in his holy ones' (15)
     'One who suffers is wicked' (20-24)
Chapter 16:
     Job's reply (1-22)
     "You are troublesome comforters!" (2)
     Claims that God sets him up as his target (12)
Chapter 17:
     Job's reply continues (1-16)
     "Mockers surround me" (2)
     "He has made me an object of scorn" (6)
     "The Grave will become my home" (13)
Chapter 18:
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     Bildad's second speech (1-21)
     Depicts the lot of sinners (5-20)
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Implies that Job does not know God (21)
Chapter 19:
     Job's reply (1-29)
     Rejects rebukes from his "friends" (1-6)
     Says that he is abandoned (13-19)
     "My redeemer is alive" (25)
Chapter 20:
     Zophar's second speech (1-29)
     Feels insulted by Job (2, 3)
     Implies that Job is wicked (5)
    Claims that Job enjoys sin (12, 13)
Chapter 21:
     Job's reply (1-34)
     'Why do the wicked prosper?' (7-13)
     Exposes his "comforters" (27-34)
Chapter 22:
     Eliphaz' third speech (1-30)
     'Can a man benefit God?' (2, 3)
     Accuses Job of greed and injustice (9)
     'Return to God and be restored' (23)
Chapter 23:
     Job's reply (1-17)
     Wants to present his case before God (1-7)
     Says that he cannot find God (8, 9)
     'I kept to his way without deviating' (11)
Chapter 24:
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     Job's reply continues (1-25)
      'Why does God not set a time?' (1)
      Says that God permits wickedness (12)
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Sinners love darkness (13-17) **Chapter 25:** Bildad's third speech (1-6) 'How can man be innocent before God?' (4) Claims that man's integrity is in vain (5, 6) **Chapter 26:** Job's reply (1-14) 'How you have helped the powerless!' (1-4) 'God suspends the earth upon nothing' (7) 'Just the fringes of God's ways' (14) **Chapter 27:** Job determined to keep his integrity (1-23) "I will not renounce my integrity" (5) Godless without hope (8) 'Why are your speeches so empty?' (12) The wicked end up with nothing (13-23) **Chapter 28:** Job contrasts earth's treasures with wisdom (1-28) Man's mining efforts (1-11) Wisdom worth more than pearls (18) Fear of Jehovah is true wisdom (28) Chapter 29: Job recalls happy days before his trials (1-25) Respected in the city gate (7-10) His past course of justice (11-17) Everyone listened to his counsel (21-23) **Chapter 30:** www.onug.us

> Job describes his changed situation (1-31) Mocked by worthless ones (1-15)

No help from others (20, 21)

"My skin has blackened" (30)

Chapter 31:

Job defends his integrity (1-40)

"A covenant with my eyes" (1)

Asks to be weighed by God (6)

Not an adulterer (9-12)

Not a lover of money (24, 25)

Not an idolater (26-28)

Chapter 32:

Young Elihu enters the discussion (1-22)

Angry with Job and Job's companions (2, 3)

Waited respectfully before speaking (6, 7)

Age alone does not make one wise (9)

Elihu eager to speak (18-20)

Chapter 33:

Elihu reproves Job for his self-righteousness (1-33)

A ransom found (24)

Return to youthful vigor (25)

Chapter 34:

Elihu vindicates God's justice and ways (1-37)

Job said that God denied him justice (5)

The true God never acts wickedly (10)

Job is lacking knowledge (35)

Chapter 35:

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Elihu points out Job's faulty reasoning (1-16)

Job said he is more righteous than God (2)

God so high, not affected by sin (5, 6)

Job should wait for God (14)

Chapter 36:

Elihu extols God's unsearchable greatness (1-33)

Obedient prosper; godless rejected (11-13)

'What instructor is like God?' (22)

Job should Magnify God (24)

"God is Greater than we can know" (26)

God Controls rain and lightning (27-33)

Chapter 37:

Natural forces Reveal God's Greatness (1-24)

God can stop man's activities (7)

'Consider God's Wonderful Works' (14)

To Understand God is beyond the reach of humans (23)

No human should think he is wise (24)

Chapter 38:

Jehovah Gives a lesson in man's littleness (1-41)

'Where were you at earth's creation?' (4-6)

God's sons shouted in applause (7)

Questions about natural phenomena (8-32)

"Laws Governing the heavens" (33)

Chapter 39:

Animal creation shows man's ignorance (1-30)

Mountain goats and deer (1-4)

The wild donkey (5-8)

The wild bull (9-12)

The ostrich (13-18)

The horse (19-25)

The falcon and the eagle (26-30)

Chapter 40:

Further questions from God (1-24)

Job admits he has nothing to say (3-5) 'Will you question My Justice?' (8)

Dinosaurs and Humans in The Bible:

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"RUN, Forrest, RUN!!!"



A Knight Fights A Dragon in the Center of Town!

Dinosaurs and Humans:

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Haven't we all learned in bedtime stories, from the time of our youth? What must the handsome prince fight, in his effort to save the princess? A dragon, of course; and usually a Fire-Breathing One, at that!!!

What is one of the central symbols of eastern culture and found in every parade? A dragon! What animal do you find pictured in every Chinese food restaurant? A dragon! Prior to the discovery of dinosaur fossils, in the 18th century; these creatures were referred to in many cultures as "dragons".





An old Chinese Tapestry on silk: gold thread, showing a bearded Dragon with a snake-like body and fish like scales (representing The Emperor, Power, and China); and the Phoenix, with the head of a golden pheasant, the body of a mandarin duck, the beak of a parrot?, and the feathers of a peacock (representing The Empress who embodied the five virtues of Righteousness, Benevolence, Wisdom, Propriety, and Sincerity). This old tapestry from the collection of Pastor Bob Brown, is very similar to a silk painting discovered near Changsa, in the Hunan Province of China, in a tomb of a noble from the Warring States (circa 475-221 B.C.).

Did Some Dragons Really LOOK LIKE THIS? www.onug.us





Elephants & Dragons:

Pastor Bob Brown has been a collector of Old **Chinese Art Work and Weapons for many** years. In the photograph (at left) we can see Dragons (Dinosaurs) depicted, in a very old bronze piece from his family's collection. Marco Polo lived in China for 17 years. Around 1271 A.D., he reported that the Emperor was raising dragons, to pull his chariots in parades! In 1611 A.D., The Emperor appointed the post of "Roval Dragon Feeder": as many families raised dragons, using their blood as medicine, and highly prized their eggs!!! www.onug.us

We teach our children (Proverbs 22:6), that dinosaurs lived Millions of years ago, disregarding Jesus Christ's Word (John 17:17) and a Biblically "PROVEN TO BE" – Less than 6,000 year old earth; while at the same time lying to our children (Exodus 20:16), that the mystical Santa Claus, and Easter Bunny, enter our homes at night, like the Tooth Fairy does; to leave Presents, Toys, Candy, and Cash - for Good Little Boys and Girls!!! The TRUTH Is: God Made dragons with Adam, in The Garden of Eden; some could fly, some could swim, and they all could lay eggs - JUST LIKE THE Dinosaurs DID, and some STILL DO, Today!(Genesis 2:1-3) www.onug.us

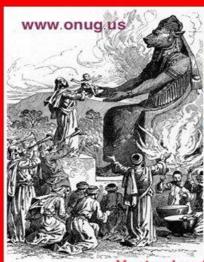
TRUTH and HISTORY:

"Full well ye Reject
The Commandment of God,
that ye may keep Your Own
Tradition!" (Mark 7:9).

The Transformation Of

MOLECH into SANTA

(Deuteronomy 12:1-4,28-32 / 1 Kings 11:1-11)





On The Same Day Each Winter:

"And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane The Name of thy God: I am The LORD!" (Leviticus 18:21).

Yesterday And Today: The Glowing, Red Hot Fire God on Christmas Day!

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"Making The Word of God of None Effect through Your

Tradition!" (Mark 7:13).

We have all been conditioned (on purpose!) to view dragons as mythical, when in reality, they are Very Real Cultural Memories of what we now call "Dinosaurs" (Revelation 12:9)!!! www.onug.us



The Ruins of Angkor Thom Temple in Cambodia, built around the end of the 12th Century A.D.; features a Stegosaurus prominently carved among figures of other animals and humans. www.onug.us

Today, MOST Dinosaurs are drastically smaller than they once were; with many having been hunted, by humans; to the point of extinction! It would be very hard to believe that so many people, from so many different places, throughout recorded history; could have come up with such similar stories, and would have preserved their memories, in such similar descriptions, carvings, and art work - IF dragons never, ever existed!!!

The Bible Is God's WORD; AND Is His TRUTH (John 17:17)!!!
The Bible SPEAKS of Dinosaurs as LIVING WITH MEN!!!

"It was (AND STILL IS) Impossible for God to LIE...!!!" (Hebrews 6:18). "Thou shalt NOT Bear False Witness against thy neighbor!" (Exodus 20:16).



The largest living species of Dragonflies (odonate) is Megaloprepus Caerulatus, with a wing span of 7.5 inches (19 cm) and body length of 4.7 Inches (12 cm). But Pre-Flood, fossil dragonflies have been found with wingspans, of up to two feet in length! EVERYTHING, INCLUDING PEOPLE, WERE BIGGER BEFORE THE FLOOD OF NOAH! www.onug.us



Here is a common Horned Toad Lizard, found everywhere in the Southwestern U.S.



This is what a Pre-Flood Horned Toad could have looked like, at 8-10 feet long! www.onug.us

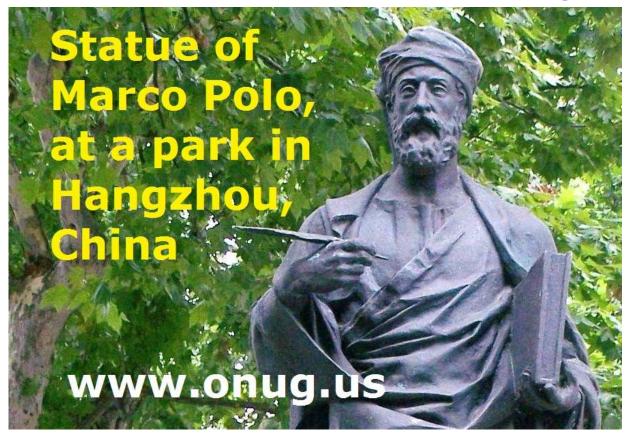


This is what a Male Jackson Chameleon (with horns) looks like today, found commonly in the jungles of East Africa.



This is what a Pre-Flood Jackson Chameleon could have looked like at 20 feet long and 8 feet high! EVERYTHING, INCLUDING PEOPLE, WERE BIGGER BEFORE THE FLOOD OF NOAH! www.onug.us

The Travels of Marco Polo And Dinosaurs! www.onug.us



Marco Polo was a trader and explorer who spent over 20 years traveling throughout Asia, Persia, China (17 years), and Indonesia. It was his journey which ultimately inspired other men, like Christopher Columbus, to explore the world. His travels took place from around 1271-1298 A.D. www.onug.us

In the book, "The Travels of Marco Polo", is the written record which chronicles the adventures and travels that Marco Polo experienced, while exploring the eastern world. In part 2, chapter 40, Marco Polo reports what he describes as "huge serpents". The descriptions given, sound in many ways, no different than descriptions given of dinosaurs in our text books!

The following is an excerpt from Marco Polo's book in which he describes a dinosaur:

"Leaving the city of Yachi, and traveling ten days in a westerly direction, you reach the province of Karazan, which is also the name of the chief city....Here are seen huge serpents, ten paces in length (about 30 feet), and ten spans (about 8 feet) girt of the

body. At the fore part, near the head, they have two short legs, having three claws like those of a tiger, with eyes larger than a forepenny loaf (pane da quattro denari) and very glaring."

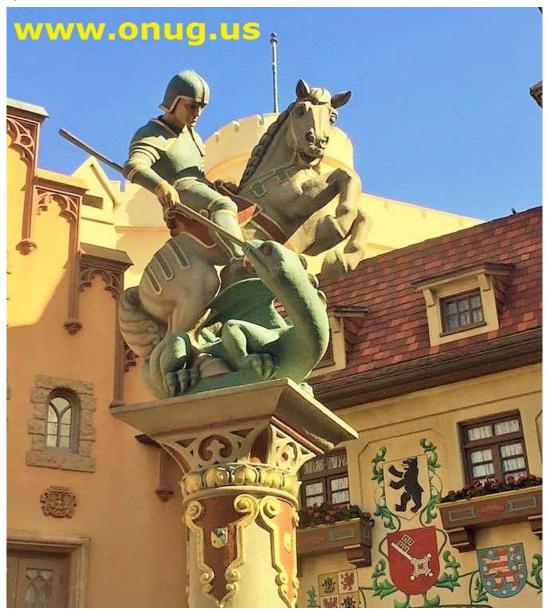


"The jaws are wide enough to swallow a man, the teeth are large and sharp, and their whole appearance is so formidable, that neither man, nor any kind of animal can approach them without terror. Others are met with of a smaller size, being eight, six, or 5 paces long; and the following method is used for taking them. In the day-time, by reason of great heat, they lurk in caverns, from whence, at night, they issue to seek their food, and whatever beast they meet with and can lay hold of, whether tiger, wolf, or any other, they devour!"

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"After which they drag themselves towards some lake, spring of water, or river, in order to drink. By their motion in this way along the shore, and their vast weight, they make a deep impression, as if a heavy beam had been drawn along the sands. Those whose employment is to hunt them observe the track by

which they are most frequently accustomed to go, and fix into the ground several pieces of wood, armed with sharp iron spikes, which they cover with sand in such a manner as not to be perceptible.



When therefore the animals make their way towards the places they usually haunt, they are wounded by these instruments, and speedily killed. The crows, as soon as they perceive them to be dead, set up to scream; and this serves as a signal to the hunters, who advance the spot, and proceed to separate the skin from the flesh, taking care immediately to secure the gall, which is most highly esteemed in medicine."

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"In cases of the bite of a mad dog, a penny weight of it, dissolved in wine, is administered. It is also useful in accelerating parturition, when the labor pains of women have come on. A small quantity of it being applied to carbuncles, pustules, or other eruptions on the body, they are presently dispersed; and it is efficacious in many other complaints.

The flesh also of the animal is sold at a dear rate, being thought to have a higher flavor than other kinds of meat, and by all persons it is esteemed a delicacy." (The Travels of Marco Polo, 1948, Book 2, Chapter XL, pg. 185-186).

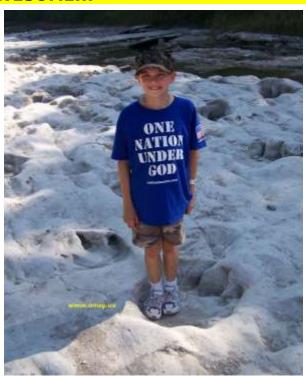


It is amazing that so many reports from across so many cultures, throughout the world, are ignored by the modern day science. The presupposition that dinosaurs died off millions of years ago, totally blinds them to the idea, that dinosaurs have always existed with man!

Behemoth:



How cool it must have been, to have been in The Garden of Eden, and on Noah's Ark; to have hung out with these Majestic Creatures! The World Tomorrow, when Jesus Returns, is going to be ABSOLUTELY AWESOME!!! www.onug.us



Bobby Brown IV stands inside a small, brontosaurus foot print. Living back then must have required a treehouse, just to keep from getting accidently "squished", by one of these Gentle Giants!

Leviathan:



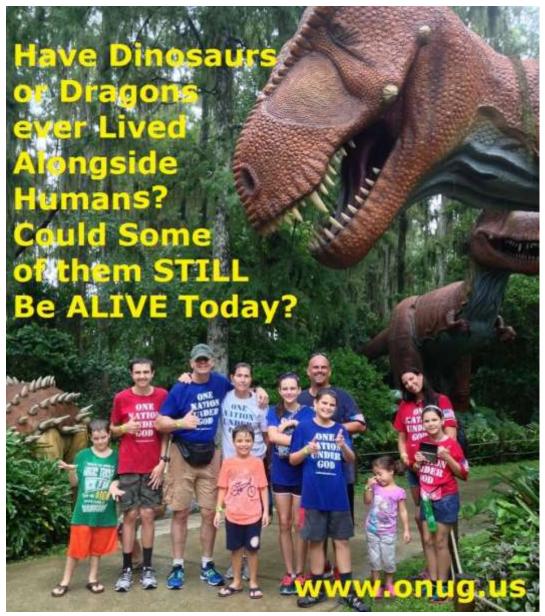
Creation Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, Texas. What a wonderful place to visit! The Education you will get there, will prepare you for the LIES, that you will hear at the state park, next door ("Millions and Millions of years ago" fairy tales). — with Loretta Edmisson and Pamela Edmisson.

The Bible Mentions TWO Dinosaurs, by name; and Describes them in Great Detail!





and "Leviathan" (Job 41:1-34)!



From the description found in Job, scientists have attempted to identify these animals. They believe "Behemoth" is a Hippo, and "Leviathan" is a Crocodile. But these scientists limited their choices to non-extinct species, and did NOT consider the possibility of dinosaurs, because "THEY INCORRECTLY BELEIVE", that man and dinosaur NEVER coexisted. Oh really? Even in my own personal Bible, a footnote suggests that these two animals, were a hippo and a crock!

But there are some Obvious Reasons WHY this conclusion is WRONG!!! www.onug.us

First, "Behemoth" CANNOT be a Hippo because of Job 40:17! "He bends his tail like a cedar". A hippo has a short tail like a pig. Behemoth, had a large tail shaped like a cedar tree (large and tapered)!!! I believe a better choice, is that Behemoth is a Brachiosaurus type of large land dwelling dinosaur. It fits the description perfectly!!!

Second, "Leviathan" CANNOT be a Crocodile; but is probably a Elasmosaurus type of large water-dwelling dinosaur, or T-Rex!!! Here is what Job 41 Says with my comments in brackets, Verse 9: "you be laid low even at the sight of him? (This was a large animal)". v10: "No one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him"; v25: "When he raises himself up, the mighty fear; (crocs don't raise up at all, but are always low)". "Because of the crashing they are bewildered"; v25: (This animal was large! This animal made seismic thunder as it walked. You know...that slow, low, terrifying thud that Jurassic park portrayed so well!!!). v26-29: The sword that reaches him cannot avail; (crocs are quite easy to kill with a good spear), Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin. (Croc wrestling is a sport, the croc usually loses!!!)". v31: "He makes the depths boil like a pot; He makes the sea like a jar of ointment. v32: Behind him he makes a wake to shine; (crocs make little wake, if any)". v34: "He looks on everything that is high" (again it was a TALL animal with a LONG neck!!!).

What is significant about this is, that if "Behemoth" and "Leviathan" are dinosaurs; then is it Crystal Clear that Job had either seen them personally, or there was a recent memory of them!

This of course flies in the face of current evolutionary theory, SO WE CANNOT TEACH IT IN OUR SCHOOLS – LEST OUR CHILDREN ACTUALLY BELIEVE IN GOD'S ACTUAL BIBLICAL ACCOUNT (John 17:17)!!! www.onug.us

The Paluxy River in Glen Rose, Texas - is the home of **Dinosaur National Park**, with hundreds of fossil dinosaur tracks. Right beside the dinosaur tracks, are three sets of human fossil

footprints, and a large cat track. The most famous track, is the Taylor Trail, which consists of a series of 14 footprints in a left-right pattern. The stride and foot length is consistent throughout. The evidence is so convincing, that several university students recently presented with all the data, accepted that the human footprints were real; but then doubted that the dinosaur footprints were real.

ALL of the fossil footprints in the Park, are GENUINE!!!

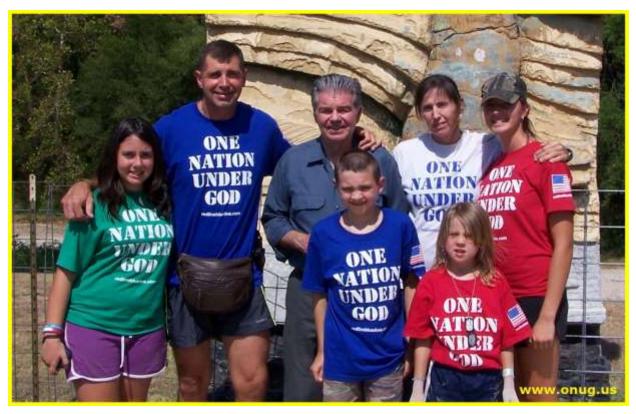


Here some of our ONUG KIDZ and adults, enjoyed walking the Dinosaurs footprints, left behind in the mud - now turned into limestone!

The MOST Fascinating part, was seeing Giant Human footprints, made alongside, over, and even under Dinosaur footprints!

YES; Humans and Dinosaurs have ALWAYS Lived TOGETHER!!!

No informed person would ever suggest that the human footprints were carved LATER, as was irresponsibly rumored, some 50 years ago!!! Belief in Evolution is a HINDERANCE to Good Science – Biblical Science!!! It is CLEAR that man and dinosaur have ALWAYS lived together, and co-existed, at the same time! With this; BOTH REAL SCIENCE, and The Bible - AGREE!!!



Dr. Carl Baugh, the Founder and Director of Creation Evidence Museum, in Glen Rose, Texas; invited Members of One Nation Under God Ministries to participate in a dinosaur fossil dig, in 2011! Dr. Baugh has discovered some of the world's largest complete dinosaurs fossils, and many human foot print fossils - right alongside dinosaur foot prints (Job 40:15)! — Pictured (L-R) are ONUG Members: Loretta Edmisson, Pastor Bob Brown, Dr. Carl Baugh, Robert Brown IV, Siw Brown, Kristina Brown, and Pamela Edmisson.

So the next time that you order your favorite Chinese food dish, take a second look at that mural of the dragon on the restaurant wall; or on their take out food container. Then go home, and re-read Your Bible (John 15:15)!!!

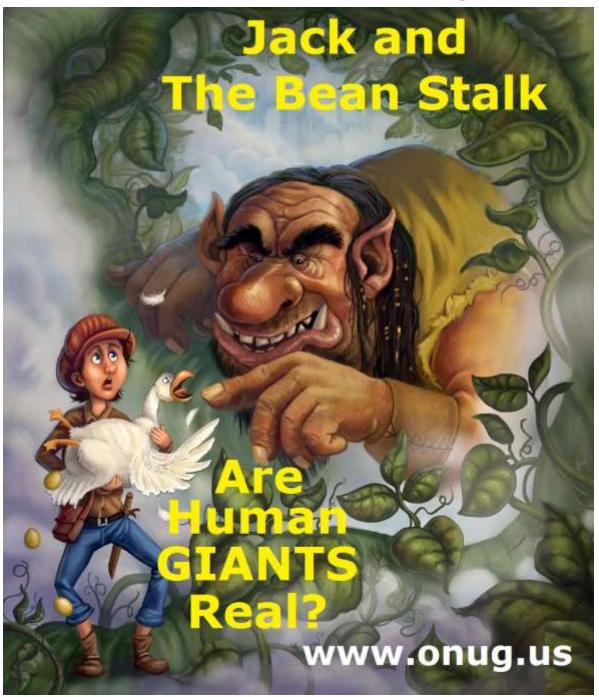
Dragons are mentioned specifically by name, 35 times in Scripture (22 times, in the Old Testament [17 of these are derived from the Hebrew word: tanniyn] / 13 times, in The New Testament we find the word "Dragon" [all of which are derived from the Greek word: drakon])!!!



Let's Read Some Dinosaur / Dragon Scriptures In God's Holy Bible: Job Chapters 40-41 / Deuteronomy 32:33 / Nehemiah 2:13 / Jeremiah 8:17, 9:11-16, 10:22-24 / Psalm 44:17-26 / Isaiah 11:8, 13:19-22, 14:29, 27:1, 30:6 / Revelation 12:1-17!!!

Dinosaurs, Cockatrices, and Dragons - ARE ALL THE SAME KIND OF CREATURES!!! They ARE NOT Mythical, and they WILL BE RE-CREATED, and RESTORED - In Abundance, worldwide; when Jesus Christ Returns to Claim this world, as His Own (Acts 3:19-21)!!! www.onug.us

"Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum; I Smell The Blood Of An Englishman!!!"



Are Human Giants REAL (1 Thessalonians 5:21)?

Giant Humans? God's Word Says, "YES, There Once Were, Giant People In This World!!!" (Genesis 6:1-8). www.onug.us



In the late 1950's, during road construction in the Euphrates Valley of south-east Turkey, many tombs containing the remains of giants were uncovered. At the sites, some of the leg bones were measured to be 120 cm (47.24 inches). Joe Taylor, Director of Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, was commissioned to sculpt the human femur (seen above), to be a replica of the actual human leg bone found in the Turkish tombs. This giant stood some 14-16 feet tall!!! Likely this was a skeleton of a pre-flood person, a time when human giants were known to live for several centuries! But even after The Great Flood, Genesis 6:4 claims: "There were giants in the earth in those days." Deuteronomy 3:11 states that the bed of Og, king of Bashan, was 9 cubits by 4 cubits (approximately 14 feet long, by 6 feet wide)! In Numbers 13:28-33, the Israelite spies investigated the land of Canaan in preparation for an invasion. They reported a race of giants that made them feel like mere grasshoppers! www.onug.us

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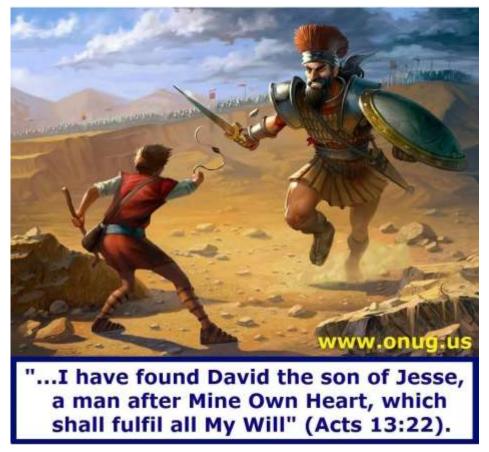


The tallest person in our recently recorded history, was Robert Wadlow of Alton, IL (seen above). Wadlow was born on February 22, 1918 and grew to be 2.72 m (just under 9 feet tall). He died in 1940 at just 22 years of age, and was buried in a 10-foot long, half-ton coffin that required twelve pall bearers! According to the Guinness record keepers, the tallest man alive today is Sultan Kösen of Turkey. He was born in 1982 and stood at 8 ft 3 in 2011.

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"All the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight!!!" (Numbers 13:32-33).

David Kills The Giant Goliath of Gath!!!



A 6'9" tall Goliath (2.057 Meters), would have been at least 20 centimeters taller than the heroes found in Iron Age Mycenaen tombs, and 30-40 centimeters taller than the average Iron Age man. This indicates that even the heroes of that time period, were only 10-15 centimeters taller than the average man; and a man 30 centimeters taller than these heroes (as Goliath was), would have been a real Post Flood Giant, on the shrinking scales of human sizes following the days of Noah! Goliath at 6'9" was almost 40 centimeters taller than the average man. King Saul needed not to have been more than 6 feet tall to be head and shoulders above all of Israel! Remember, King Saul is more concerned with Goliath's Fighting Ability and Experience; than with Goliath's Height (1 Samuel 17:31-40)! Neither David, nor

Saul, are overly concerned about Goliath's Height; and David having already watched Goliath in battle (1 Samuel 17:19-29), has already formulated a battle strategy to defeat him!!!

At 6"9", Goliath of Gath, was still a Big, Man; but it was Goliath's muscular girth, and fierceness, that dismayed most – but NOT David!!!

Goliath of Gath is often referred to in Bible Studies as a Giant; but he was far from being the biggest man, post flood! The REAL GIANTS of The Bible. Were our human ancestors, who lived from the time of Adam until The Great Flood of Noah! Everything was BIGGER before The Flood; including Humans! Yes; There Once were Giants who walked the earth; and they were the same animals and people whose descendants, yet smaller, are alive today!

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Returning to our review of The Book of Job...

Chapter 40 (continued):

God describes Behemoth's strength (verses: 15-24)



Chapter 41:

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God Describes The Amazing Leviathan (verses 1-34)



Chapter 42:

Job's reply to God (1-6)

The three companions condemned (7-9)

God restores Job (10-17)

Job's sons and daughters (13-15)

Just about everyone has heard of the suffering of Job in the Old Testament!!! You might have heard someone say, "They have the patience of Job." There is good reason for that saying. According to biblical scholars, The Book of Job is the oldest book in The Bible. If you were to fit it chronologically, it should be placed in the early chapters of Genesis. What can we Learn from The Book of Job? Is there an application for the believer's life today? Was sin involved in Job's suffering? Is there sin in all suffering? WHY Does God Allow Suffering?

The Accuser:

All was going well with Job. He had it all: A large family, wealth, and blessings of every kind imaginable. At that time, Job may have been the richest man on the face of the earth. Job 1:2-3 describes his wealth as "He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East." Clearly, Job had it all. This must have bothered Satan TREMENDOUSLY!!! What did God say to Satan about Job? God bragged on Job in 1:8, saying, "Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." Can you imagine the God of the Universe bragging on Job from heaven? Might He also brag about you and your righteousness found in Jesus Christ?

Satan was not convinced and said to God, "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face" (Job 1:9-11).

Face To Face, Intimate Garden Walks and Talks!!!

Notice: Exodus 33:11!!! Did YOU Know that the SAME Intimate Relationship God had with Moses; Job ALSO HAD? Otherwise a man could never curse God to His Face, as Christ only records several instances of Himself being that CLOSE to Humans (Genesis 3:8)! Now YOU KNOW WHY, Jesus ALWAYS walked through The Garden of Eden, and The Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of The Mount of Olives, with His Beloved Disciples!!! This is The SAME RELATIONSHIP Jesus will have, one day soon; with His Saints, in The Father's Coming Temple Garden (John 15:15-16 / Revelations 21:1-7, 22:1-5)!!! www.onug.us

Satan's name means "adversary" and he has been called the "accuser of the brethren" (Revelation 12:10). God sets out to prove to Satan that Job is not righteous just because he is being Blessed!!! God challenges the Devil, telling him, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger" (Job 1:12). Job lost just about everything; his sheep, his oxen, his camels, his servants, and all of his sons and daughters – but remarkably he did not lose his Faith in God. What was Job's response? "Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD Gave, and The LORD has Taken Away; Blessed be The Name of The LORD!!!' In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God with wrong" (Job 1:20-22)!!!

Here we can plainly see Job's reaction: He Worshiped God, he said that he came into this world with nothing and will return with nothing; The Lord had taken away all he had except his wife – and his wife told him to "curse God and die" – and Job also Blessed The Name of The Lord!!! In all of this, "Job did not sin, nor charge God with wrong!" He Blessed God's Name, he Worshiped God, and he did not sin. Satan must have been angry at Job's response. Job suffered unjustly, and yet he did not blame God or say, "why me?" (1 Peter 2:20)!!! www.onug.us

Job's Fair Weather Friends:

Job's friends tried to console him, but they soon started to blame him for his own troubles; inferring that he must have sinned in order for all these trials to come upon him. That is something that is far too easy for believers to do!!! When they see a Christian suffer, they unfairly assume that there must be sin in that believer's life. But suffering is not always a result of sin, as we see with Job. In many cases, those who are sinners suffer little, while those who are saints suffer much!!!

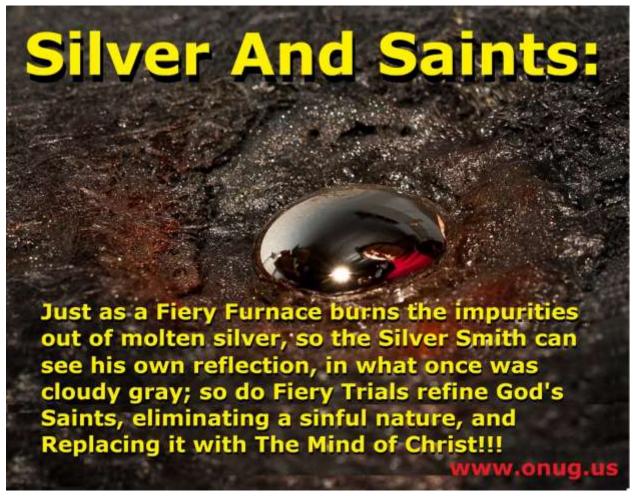
Many people see this as a stumbling block for Christianity, and ask, 'WHY God Allows human suffering?'.

Instead of Asking God "WHY" we are in the midst of a fiery trial; they (and we too) might be better off, by Asking "WHAT" Does God Want Us To Learn from this fiery trial???"

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Ask God: NOT "WHY"; But Rather "WHAT"? www.onug.us

- What is God up to?
- What is He Trying to Produce in us?



Like the refiners fire, God Often Uses Suffering to produce Righteous Character in Believers!!!

Sometimes He wants those who suffer, to be MORE Dependent upon Him!!! It may be that He is trying to Get Our Attention!!!

We might even be sinning; however, we cannot always equate suffering with sin in a believer's life, as we have seen with Job's experience!!!

At first Job's friends try to help Job, but they quickly turn to accusing him of some sort of hidden or unknown sin. Job knows that this is not the reason, and tries to justify himself against their accusations. But his justification quickly turns to self-righteousness, and THAT is Sin before God!!! www.onug.us

Job's friends say, "Is not your wickedness great? Are not your sins endless? You demanded security from your brothers for no reason; you stripped men of their clothing, leaving them naked. You gave no water to the weary and you withheld food from the hungry, though you were a powerful man, owning land – an honored man, living on it. And you sent widows away emptyhanded, and broke the strength of the fatherless. That is why snares are all around you, why sudden peril terrifies you" (Job 22:5-10). This brings God's Righteous Indignation upon Job's friends (Job 42:7-17)!!!

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU CRITICIZE THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING THROUGH TRIALS!!! ALMIGHTY GOD JUST MIGHT BE PERSONALLY WORKING ON THEM; PRODUCING A MASTERPIECE WORTHY OF ETERNAL GLORY (1 Peter 4:1-19)!!!

God Answers Job:

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Job is not guiltless, as no man is without sin (1 John 1:8 / Romans 3:23). Job becomes discouraged, partly because of the blame game played by his friends!!! Job begins to question God Himself; and this is when God Answers Job out of the whirlwind (tornado?), He Says, "Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me!!!

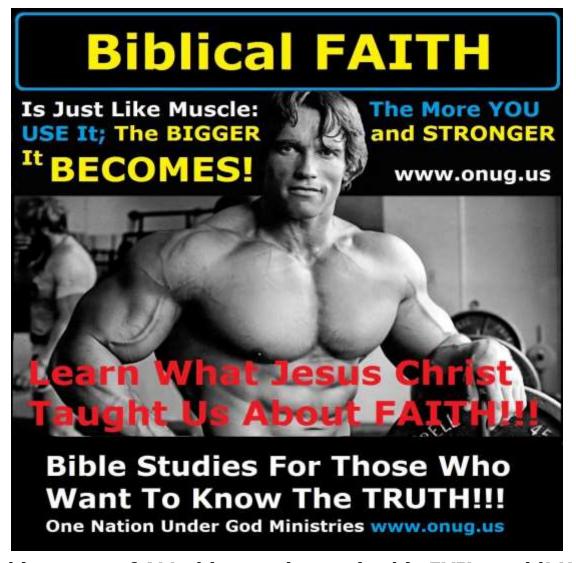
"Where were you when I Laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have Understanding" (Job 38:2-4).

God puts Job in his place, and in effect Tells Job, 'who are you to question The God of The Universe?' God never does answer Job's question on why He allows suffering!

God, in His sovereignty, sometimes Chooses NOT to Tell us everything! That is God's Prerogative! Remember What Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:12-19!!! See also Malachi 3:3 / Hebrews 12:1-29 / 2 Timothy 2:1-16!!! Christ wants us to KNOW ALL That God has Given Him, maybe NOT ALL the Exact Specifics; BUT CHRIST GIVES US ALL THE REASONS, AND ALL THE PURPOSES, FOR WHY WE SUFFER, REFINE, OVERCOME AND GROW (John 15:15 / Roman 8:28). We Know WHAT Christ IS DOING WITH US! www.onug.us

God Spoke to Job out of the "whirlwind", which is the terminology for a tornado, or great and destructive windstorm! God's Very Great Power, although it may seem destructive, at the moment; Produces Great Good - in the aftermath!!! Much like a Hurricane replenished ground water and water tables, in a way simple rain storms never could! Hurricanes always respond to dry areas, much like a magnet to replenish extremely low water tables! Did You Know that? God Can Allow fierce trials to Quickly Strengthen our weaknesses, and Better Prepare Us for even Much Greater Trials Ahead!

Trials in Faith, are like steroids to muscle; when worked hard, the growth is exponentially FASTER than normal!!!



God is aware of ALL things going on in this EVIL world! He is Sovereign, and nothing happens that is not within His Perfect Will!!! These things include natural disasters and calamities - God is NEVER caught off guard, or by surprise!!!

Someday, when we put off flesh and take on spirit bodies, God will make it CLEAR, if we have not yet seen WHY already; **WHY it was, that Christians suffered specifically so!!!** We will SEE WHY something terrible was allowed to happen to us; or WHY our child was allowed to die (John 16:23)!!! **www.onug.us**

It is as God once Said, in Isaiah 45:9,

"Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground!!! Does the clay say to The Potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands?' "

We CANNOT question God's Motives!!! His Ways are beyond human comprehension - but clearly He does have A Purpose in allowing "Purposeful Suffering"; and He DOES PROVIDE US WITH INSIGHT - Within our limited, but ever growing human understanding - IF WE ASK HIM (James 1:5)!!!

As God Tells Isaiah,

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My Ways Higher than your ways, and My Thoughts than your thoughts!!!" (Isaiah. 55:9).

God sometimes chooses NOT to reveal His Thoughts to believers; at least not in this life! But We MUST TRUST GOD STILL!!! The meaning, and the reasons will become CLEAR, eventually; BUT THE PURPOSE OF OUR SUFFERINGS, WILL BEAR IMMEDIATE FRUIT – AS JOB'S SUFFERINGS DID – IF WE SIMPLY TRUST IN GOD'S LOVE FOR US!!! www.onug.us

God Restores Job: The Promise of The Double!!!

If Job had known that God would have Restored to him, MORE (Double) than he had in the first place; would he have questioned God at all? God Rewarded Job for his Faithfulness, and for his Endurance through such suffering. This story has an incredible ending!!!

Job 42:10-17 "After Job had Prayed for his friends, The LORD RESTORED his prosperity, and DOUBLED his [previous] possessions!!! All his brothers, sisters, and former acquaintances came to his house and dined with him in his house. They offered him sympathy and comfort concerning all the adversity that The LORD had Brought on him. Each one gave him a qesitah (a piece of money) and a gold earring (verse:11).

So The LORD Blessed the latter part of Job's life MORE than the earlier!!! He owned 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named his first [daughter] Jemimah, his second Keziah, and his third Keren-happuch. No women as beautiful as Job's daughters could be found in all the land, and their father granted them an inheritance with their brothers. Job lived 140 years after this, and saw his children and their children, to the fourth generation. Then Job died, old and full of days."

So Job ended up much better off than he was in the beginning. He had considerably more than when he began his suffering, and even though God did not answer Job, "why" he was allowed to suffer so terribly. In the end, Job had MORE Blessings, than any other man, on the face of the earth at that time!!!

The application for Christians today, is that God will Bless those who endure to the end, and that someday, God will Reward us with Unbelievable Blessings which cannot compare with what we have today (Romans 8:18, 28)!!!

We will all suffer in this life. It is Appointed to mankind to suffer. This is a fallen world!!! We may not know the "why" today, but some day we Definitely Will!!!

FOCUS ON THE "WHAT" (WHAT is God Doing FOR ME in this trial); and then ALL of our suffering, and ALL of our trials, will all have been WORTH IT - IF WE ENDURE UNTIL THE END!!!

Instead of asking "why", we should ask "what". What is God up to? What is God trying to do in me? The "why" will have to wait for THE Resurrection!!! Until then, we cannot fully grasp The Purpose of God, but we know that He will NOT Allow us to suffer into Eternity (that fate is reserved solely for Satan and for his fallen angel – demons! Revelation 20:10)!

One thing that is important - is that Satan could not lay a finger on Job, nor can he lay a finger on us!!! God will NOT Allow this (Job 1:12 / 1 John 4:4 / 2 Chronicles 16:9)!!!

Remember too, that God will NEVER Allow us to endure a trail, or a temptation, that is TOO GREAT for us to bear (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)!!! www.onug.us



For those who reject God today, they may have suffering in this life; and in The Second Resurrection (Luke 16:22-31 / Daniel 12:2-3)! For those who Believe in Him today, who Follow and Obey Christ; and Trust in The Son of God; their suffering will be over someday SOON!!! They will have Eternal Joy and Fellowship with God!!! My Prayer for you is, that you can inherit this Eternal Joy - where there will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no more suffering, and no more death!!! The Word of God Tells us What is in store for the children of God, someday, in **Revelation 21:4**,

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old, former order of things has passed away!!!"

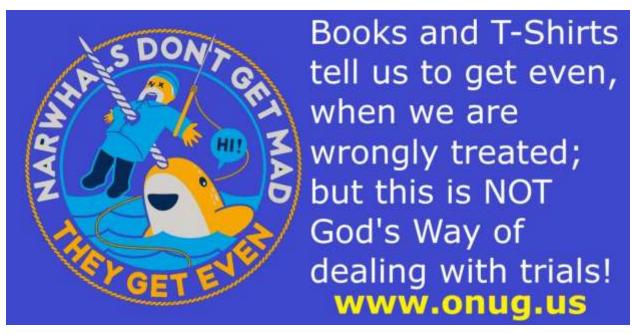
Learning The Lesson of Trials!!!

We all have them. Some of us even seem to have more than our share! The Apostle James tells us to count them all JOY, but, as we know, that is easier said than done (James 1:1-18). We must ask what many might think is a silly question: What exactly are trials and tests, anyway? Also, why must we face them and why should we be told to count them a joy? Is there a right way and a wrong way to approach our trials?

The Greek terms rendered "temptation," "trial", or "test" in the New Testament are all closely related. They are derived from peirazo, which means "to test," "try" or "put to the proof," and from peira, meaning "to attempt" or "to know by experience." Another word, dokime, meaning "to test the genuineness of something," is also used. This latter term is found in **1 Peter 1:7** where the testing of our faith is compared to assaying the quality and purity of gold!!!

The book of James tells us that "tests" (peirasmos, James 1:2-4) have a purpose!!! They are the process by which the genuineness of our faith is determined (dokime, v. 3). Throughout this process, the quality of Steadfast Character is developed!!!

We are not only told that we must undergo many tests throughout this life, as indeed all humans must, but we are also given a Pattern to Follow in handling them!!! Face it. It is hard enough to maintain a decent attitude when you are going through troubles - that you know you brought on yourself. But what about things that are patently unfair? Humanly, we all bristle at the idea of unfairness. If one does not seek to retaliate, and even the score; it seems almost, well, un-American!!! "Don't Get Angry; Get Even!!!" this world tells us!



Notice what the Apostle Peter tells us:

"For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth'; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:19–23).

The English word "example" in verse 21 is from upogrammos meaning "a writing copy." It was a term used for a child's copybook. The child, in copying every stroke of every letter, learned to reproduce the writing of the teacher. Christ is to be our pattern. We are to seek to reproduce His approach to life's difficulties as closely as possible!!! www.onug.us

Besides Christ's Example, **James 5:9–10** cites the prophets as worthy of consideration when it comes to handling trials. Most of the prophets of God suffered for their faithfulness. In addition to them, the Patriarch Job is pointed out in **verse 11** as an Outstanding Example of Steadfast Faith in the way he handled

severe trials. The book of Job is the story of a normal human being who is beset by misfortune and suffering.

Let's end today by looking at the Specific Lessons we can Learn about Responding to Trials from The Book of Job:

Lesson 1—God Knows!!!

One of the most overwhelming things about a severe trial can be the sense of isolation. We want to make sure that God knows because when He finds out, surely He'll do something about it! In Job, chapter 1; we are given a behind-the-scenes look at events of which Job was completely unaware.

God, however, was very much aware of Job and of the wholehearted obedience he sought to render. In fact, God Himself called Satan's attention to Job. Christ reminded His disciples in **Luke 12:6–7** that God, who even takes detailed note of the sparrows, is much more deeply interested in the affairs of His own children. The Father is aware of everything about us down to the smallest detail. Even the hairs of our head are all numbered!!!

When we are struck with personal tragedy or persecuted for obedience, we can be SURE that God KNOWS!!! This is Vitally Important to keep in mind, to counteract the sense of isolation and loneliness that will often beset us at such times. "No one understands what I'm going through," we think. But Jesus Christ DOES!!! We have a FAITHFULL High Priest who was tested in all ways like us, and is therefore able to Empathize, and Give Us the Much Needed Help (Hebrews 4:15–16)!!!

Though Job could not begin to understand why all of these things were happening to him, he knew God was aware of it. He did not react, as Satan had predicted, by cursing God. Rather, Job told his wife, "Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" (Job 2:10).

Lesson 2 - God Limits the Trial!!!

The story recounted in chapters 1 and 2 makes us privy to actual conversations between God and Satan! When we begin reading

the Book of Job we learn that, while God allowed Satan to afflict Job, He set limits beyond which the devil could not pass. From the start we know there are limits to Job's trial, and we know what those limits are.

- 1) Initially, God restricted Satan from harming Job's health.
- 2) Later, He allowed Job to be personally stricken, but insisted that his life be spared.

In all of this we have an advantage over Job. At the time he was going through adversity, Job knew nothing of the conversation between God and Satan. He knew nothing of any limits God had pre-imposed upon his trial. WE DO!!! www.onug.us

When we find ourselves in the midst of great adversity, we must always keep in mind that there may have been a similar "behind-the-scenes" conversation regarding us.

God has Established The Limits of our trial, but we just do not know what those limits are!!!

What we as Christians experience is not generally time and chance. The devil does not "sneak up" while God's back is turned. God is involved in every test that we undergo, and He has Established Preset LIMITS beyond which Satan cannot go. Neither the duration, nor the intensity of the trial, is completely open-ended. Ultimately, God is in Charge!!!

Lesson 3 - Seek Growth, Not Vindication!!!

This is perhaps one of the hardest lessons to keep in mind. Job wanted God to vindicate him in the eyes of his friends. People ridiculed him (**Job 30:1**, **9**) and that can be hard to take. When Elihu began to answer Job on behalf of God, in chapters 32 through 37, he pointed out that Job had been wrongly focused during much of his trial. In **Job 33:12–22**, Elihu explains that God instructs and chastens in various ways. God has His reasons for how He deals with us. And sometimes they are beyond our understanding.

Job was so certain of his innocence and of the injustice of his afflictions, that for a long time he was unable to see beyond that. He tried to defend himself from the false

conclusions of his friends, and in so doing, was unable to see areas of needed growth in his life.

Again, God has reasons for allowing whatever happens—though we are often at a loss to fathom what they are. In our trials and tests, James encourages us to Ask God for Wisdom (James 1:5). If we do so - in Faith, He will Surely Give It. Whatever the trial or test, there is always Growth that can be Achieved!!! Even Jesus Christ, Himself, Learned by the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:8). God Wants us to Grow. Therefore, we must undergo periodic Pruning, to Stimulate That Growth (John 15:2)!!!

Lesson 4 - The "Why" Often Proves Elusive!!!

Humanly, we like everything to be neatly pigeon holed. We want the world and the events in it to make sense. But in trying to give an explanation for everything, we sometimes miss the point. This is the way it was for Job's friends.

The first of Job's friends to speak was Eliphaz. He declared, "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off? Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same" (Job 4:7–8). Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, Job's three friends, were all sure that Job must have had some dirty secret at the root of his newfound troubles. They "knew" there had to be a reason. So, they badgered poor Job to confess this suspected secret sin.

Job knew there was no great hidden scandal in his life engendering his trials. He was defensive in the face of his accusers, but he also wondered "Why?" One of the difficult things for us to accept is that many of the sufferings we go through simply cannot be neatly categorized. The "why" is often elusive. Bad things do not only happen to bad people. Job recognized that many times the wicked live to reach old age and even appear to prosper (Job 21:7–13).

There are many whys that we will never know in this life. Acceptance that YOUR "why" may prove elusive, sets the stage for our fifth vital lesson, from the book of Job.

Lesson 5 - Trust in the Face of Anguish!!! www.onug.us

Job was in despair. His whole life had been turned upside down. He had lost his wealth and his loved ones in a series of sudden calamities. Now his health was gone too. Why? Job was deeply frustrated because he could not make sense out of his trials. Yet in the depths of perplexity and despair, he made one of the most profound declarations of faith recorded in the Bible: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!!!" (Job 13:15).

In Job 19 we read the words of anguish that poured from Job's lips. "Know that God has overthrown and put me in the wrong, and has closed His net about me.... He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and He has set darkness upon my paths.... My kinsfolk have failed me, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.... I am repulsive to my wife and loathsome to the children of my own mother" (Job 19: 6, 8, 14, 17 Amplified Bible). Yet even at this low point of anguish and bewilderment, Job declares his heartfelt trust in God. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.... I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself" (Job 19:25–27).

Job understood the truth of The Resurrection!!!

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asked. He went on to record the divinely inspired answer. "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come (Job 14:14). Job knew that God would call and that he would answer and come forth from the grave, because God would have a desire to the work of His hands (Job 14:15)!!!

It is relatively easy to trust God when things are going the way we like them. When the world around us makes sense it is fairly easy to believe God is in charge. But what about when things turn upside down and inside out? It is in the midst of such perplexity and anguish that faith in God is most needed!!! www.onug.us

One of the things Satan never understood about Job was his motive. Satan thought Job only served God because it was to his advantage here and now. He was convinced that if God removed blessings and protection, Job would curse and revile Him. But that was not true. Job loved God and served Him out of sincere

devotion. He trusted God even when he was feeling abandoned. This lesson of steadfast trust is one of the most important aspects of character we can gain from any trial!!!!

Lesson 6 - God Will Ultimately Reward both Good and Evil!!!

Life can often seem unfair. There are those who make no pretense of serving God and yet they seem to be doing well. There are others who are genuinely trying, but they are experiencing many difficulties and setbacks. What we have to keep in mind is that this life is temporary!!!

Job noticed that there were wicked men whose "houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. Their bull breeds without failure; their cow calves without miscarriage" (Job 21:9–10). Yet he realized that was not the end of the story. In verse 30 of the same chapter, Job said, "For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; they shall be brought out on the day of wrath." Even though it may seem that life is not fair, God is a God of justice.

Ultimately, it is in the resurrection that God will reward the righteous and punish the wicked. However, there are many times when even in this life events can make a sudden shift. The conclusion of the book of Job reveals, "Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning" (Job 42:12)!!!

In the long run, there are blessings for Obedience: Entrance into the Kingdom of God is the greatest of all blessings; and curses for disobedience!!!

Lesson 7—We Emerge From Our Trial, AFTER We Learn What God Is Wanting To Teach Us!!! www.onug.us

Many public schools in the United States promote and graduate students, regardless of what they've actually learned!!! But God does not operate that way. He is the great Teacher who is preparing us for a role in His Kingdom (**Revelation 5:9-10, 20:4-6**); and He insists that we learn our lessons properly!!!

It was only when Job began coming to grips with the Lessons that God wanted Him to Learn, that he began

emerging from his period of great trial!!! YOU AND I ARE NOT ANY DIFFERENT!!! www.onug.us

God Focuses on the bottom line. He wants us to become like Him. Job was an exemplary man but he had a flaw. The Scriptures Say Job's problem was that "he was righteous in his own eyes" and that "he justified himself rather than God" (Job 32:1–2)!!!

Ultimately Job emerged with a far deeper understanding of The Almighty, as well as a deeper understanding of himself and his own human nature. "Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes," Job told God (Job 42:6)!!!

A vital lesson that all of us must learn in order to please God and to begin emerging from a trial, is that of **Mercy** and **Forgiveness!!!**

Job's friends were miserable comforters. Regardless of their motives, they were a great part of Job's trial. Yet notice the turning point when Job began to emerge from his great adversity. "And The Lord RESTORED Job's losses WHEN he Prayed for his friends" (Job 42:10)!!! www.onug.us

Job came to Really Know God DEEPLY, not simply to know about Him!!! He became a far more Humble and Compassionate man as a result of what he went through. Learning these Lessons was THE KEY to his Emerging Out of the dark shadows of life, and into the Sunlight once again (John 1:4-5)!!!

Our trials can make us BITTER, or they can make us BETTER (James 1:1-12)!!! Which will "your" Trials, from this point on; DO For, or DO To YOU? www.onug.us

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2015	April 3	April 4-10	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Oct. 5
2016	April 22	April 23-29	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	April 10	April 11-17	June 4	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oat, 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	March 30	March 31-April 6	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24-30	Oat. 1
2019	April 19	April 20-26	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2020	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2021	March 27	March 28-April 3	May 16	Sept. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 21-27	Sept. 28
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2024	April 22	April 23-29	June 16	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
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2026	April 1	April 2-8	May 24	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Oct. 3

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:26-30).

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