

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Bible: An Endangered Species?

Quickly now! Who was King Jehoiakim? What outstanding facts are known about him? I suspect most of us would have to research that before answering with any confidence. But, here is another question: Who was Jeremiah? Ah, that one is easier, is it not? Almost everyone reading this article will at least have heard of Jeremiah, and many will know quite a lot about him and the Bible book bearing his name.

Why are we familiar with Jeremiah, but not so much with Jehoiakim? Did you know the two are associated? Wicked King Jehoiakim cut up the scroll of Jeremiah's prophecies and burned it! This arrogant, foolish king made quite a spectacle of his disdain for God's Word. You can almost hear the laughter in his court as, after only three or four columns of the scroll had been read, Jehoiakim took his pen knife, sliced the scroll to bits, and tossed them into the fire burning on his hearth (Jeremiah 26:23). Today, however, 2600+ years later, hardly anyone knows who Jehoiakim is; but millions know Jeremiah and have repeatedly read the very words that the haughty monarch tried to destroy!

In the 1700's the French atheist Voltaire pompously predicted the extinction of the Bible and of Christianity within 100 years. By the time 50 years were up, Voltaire himself was "extinct," and in the house where he had lived, the Geneva Bible Society was printing...you guessed it...Bibles!

Today, atheists and secular progressives of all stripes are in full-bore attack mode against God, the Bible, Christianity and anything related to these. Hostility pours forth from academicians, politicians, entertainers, journalists, and even religious leaders. Rest assured; however, God's Word is not an endangered species! "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35). Like Jehoiakim and Voltaire, the current crop of critics will pass into the dust bin of history, but the Bible will remain!

—Joe Slater

Response

Jordan and Amanda Zuniga came forward last Sunday confessing that they are guilty of stepping away from the church and want to make things right with God and return to the Lord's church. Keep Jordan and Amanda in your prayers that they become stronger in their faith.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Elaine Huntington**. Elaine passed away at her home on December 10th. She had dealt with serious health issues for a long time. Elaine made the good confession and was baptized into Christ by Allen on September 1st, 2021. She attended services when her health allowed her to. Elaine's burial service will take place in Australia. Keep her family in your prayers.

Dana Erwin passed from this life on Friday, December 16th at her home following a lengthy illness. A private family service was held on December 21st at the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Dana was Linda Tate's cousin and Haley Shook's grandmother. Keep her family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Mildred Lee was admitted into the hospital last Tuesday with the possibility of pneumonia.

Jaycee Sheridan, great niece of Loyce Driver, had an emergency C-section. Her baby was born premature and was taken to a hospital in Lubbock. Keep Jaycee and her baby in your prayers.

Saya Benavides was put in the hospital because of severe breathing problems. Her dad, Cesar fought the Covid virus last week.

Jr. Munoz was dealing with an “upper respiratory infection” last week. However, he was feeling better.

Concerns Update

Glenna Callendar is in Madison Medical Resort—Room #304-B. She is still in a weakened state, but can have visitors,

Yolanda Hernandez who had been in the hospital since the 6th was released to go home last Sunday.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Cesar Benavides; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Yolanda Hernandez; Lon & Lana Howard; Paula Jones; Chuck Keith; Mildred Lee; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Ken & Angie Orr, Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Bill Wood; John Wood; (baby) Sarah York;

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Thank You

Thank you so much, to all the ladies that took the time to bake all the delicious goodies for our Christmas Box. A special “Thank You” to Kallie Wesson for bringing my box to me and coming in and visiting for a while. It was a wonderful gift. May God bless all of you. With lots of love, Carolyn Wilkerson

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... “Look who said this”

Peter said, “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” (Acts 10:14)

Who Are Christians?

The descendants of Abraham were the chosen of God. God chose them because of His promise to Abraham and His love for them (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). But because of long and determined disobedience God gave them up. Now Christians are “a chosen generation.” They are Abraham’s spiritual seed, “*And if you (are) Christ’s then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise*” (Galatians 3:29).

Further, Christians are a “*royal priesthood,*” a “*holy nation,*” God’s “*own special people.*” They are all of this because they have obeyed the gospel and have been called “*out of darkness into God’s marvelous light*” (1 Peter 2:9). Though Christ was the Son of God (established by insurmountable proof), there was an evil element who without justifiable reason considered Him an imposter worthy of death. There is a similar evil element today who look with contempt on those who highly value godly conduct. It will turn out that “God’s special people,” are the ones

who will stand in the final judgment. “As I live says the Lord; every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then, each of us shall give account to God” (Romans 14:11-12).

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December 25, 2022

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Caleb York
Jr. Munoz
Scot Straw

P.M.

Larry May
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Isaiah Armendarez
Bill Ryan
Gary Loving

Lords Supper

Don Easlon

Craig Wesson
Gary Loving
Richard Siler

Tommy Garcia
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990— *Deacon:* Craig Wesson 934-4633— *Pulpit:* Jacob Carson 940-3775— *Table:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332— *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332

Sunday AM

“*Superior Power of Jesus’ Sacrifice*”
(*Hebrews 10:1-4*)

Sunday PM

“*His Crown of Thorns*”
(*John 19:1-6*)

Our Records

Bible Class... 69
Morning Worship... 95
Evening Worship ... 67
Wednesday... 72
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