

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 7, 2017***

### **WHEN WAS THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 1:23-44**

**Golden Text: Matthew 1:23**

1. To first understand the time lines we must establish when God's year starts. Exodus 12:1, 2
2. How do we know when this month is? Exodus 9:31, 32
3. Now that we know that God's year starts in the spring, when the grains are just starting to grow wheat etc. We will start to track the birth of Jesus. When was Zachariah in the Temple fulfilling his duties? Luke 1:5, 8
4. How do we know when this course or duty took place? 1 Chronicles 24:10, 18
5. We now know that each watch was two weeks long, and Zachariah's watch was the 8th following after his ancestor Abijah from scripture. Counting forward 8 watches from the middle of March when would Zachariah be in the Temple?
6. We now have the approximate time of Elisabeth's conception why is this important? Luke 1:21-26, 30, 31, 34-36
7. In verse 36 of Luke 1 the word "also" tells us what?
8. When we counted forward the 8 watches we would have come out about Middle of July to early August this was the time of Elisabeth's conception. The question now is when was Elisabeth's sixth month up?
9. We have now counted forward 6 months coming to early January and we have been told that Mary visits Elisabeth at this time and has just conceived herself. We can now know the approximate time of Jesus birth by counting forward 9 months from January. When was Jesus born?

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 14, 2017***

### **CLEAN AND UNCLEAR FOODS**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 11:1-47**

**Golden Text: Genesis 1:29**

1. When is the first dietary law given? Genesis 1:29
2. What was that law? Genesis 1:29
3. To keep it simple what is the criteria for the beast we can eat? Leviticus 11:3
4. What of the creatures of the sea? Leviticus 11:9

5. What of the fowl and insects? Leviticus 11:13-20; 21-23
6. Was there a knowledge of clean and unclean before these laws were given? Genesis 7:1-3
7. Many who want to pervert God's word bring us to 1 Timothy 4:3,4 and say see everything is good. What does 1 Timothy 4:5 say it must be sanctified by? So, what is Paul telling us?
8. What is another controversial example we have? Acts 10:9-15?
9. What can we conclude is in the sheet? Acts 10:12
10. In verse 13 Peter is told to kill and eat from that which is in the sheet. What is Peter's answer? Acts 10:14
11. What is God's answer to Peter? Does he speak to that which is unclean? Acts 10:15
12. We know that the thrust of this is that all mankind is clean, we cannot ignore the fact that God uses unclean and common beast to deliver this message never speaking directly of clean animals. Why didn't he just tell Peter to go to this gentile's home?

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 21, 2017***

### **DESTINY OF THE EARTH Part 1**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-31**

**Golden Text: Psalms 24:1**

1. How long was God creating the earth? Exodus 20:11
2. Why did God create the earth? Isaiah 45:18
3. From God's creation what did he give to mankind? Psalms 115:16
4. What are we told is the purpose of creation? Revelation 4:11
5. How has mankind managed God's gift to him, what is the state of man and the earth? Genesis 6:5, 12
6. What can we draw from Matthew 24:37?
7. Can we confirm what Jesus was speaking in Matthew 24:37? 2 Peter 3:6
8. What does the Bible tell us lies ahead for the earth at judgment? 2 Peter 3:7
9. What further are we told of this day of judgment? 2 Peter 3:10
10. Does Paul support this teaching of Peter? 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 28, 2017***

## **DESTINY OF THE EARTH Part 2**

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Golden Text: Isaiah 35:1**

1. What of Isaiah are we able to tie the Prophets with Jesus and his disciple's teachings? Isaiah 66:15, 16
2. What further information are we given of this great day of the Lord? Revelation 6:13-17
3. What other event are we told will take place at this time of the return of our Lord? Zechariah 14:2-5
4. Are we able to bring this event forward to the New testament? Revelation 16:14, 16
5. After this last great conflict what does Zechariah tell us? Zechariah 14:8, 9
6. Are we given any insight to the condition of the earth and mankind after these events? Isaiah 24:1, 3, 6
7. What are we to take from the description given us of the beginning of Christ's reign? Isaiah 24:21
8. Does the New Testament support this as well? Revelation 6:15-17
9. When will Jesus return? Acts 3:20, 21
10. What are we told of the state of the new earth notice the comparison of these prophets? Isaiah 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-8
11. What else does Isaiah tell us of this time under Jesus's rule? Isaiah 35:1, 2, 7, 10
12. What reassurance are we given about this creation of God's? Isaiah 45:18

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 4, 2017***

### **THE LAW OF GOD**

**Scripture Reading: Romans 7:1-25**

**Golden Text: Romans 3:31**

1. Has mankind always had a law? Genesis 2:16, 17
2. Did God have rules to live by before he wrote the law on stones, and Moses recorded the ordinances and statutes on parchment? Genesis 26:5
3. Are there references to the law, other than those which was written by the finger of God on tables of stone? 1 Corinthians 14:21; Galatians 5:3; Galatians 6:13; Ephesians 2:15; Titus 3:9 for just a few.
4. What does Jesus say about the ten commandments? Matthew 5:17, 18

5. Does Jesus indicate that the commandments will continue to be taught and that there is a consequence for how they are taught? Matthew 5:19
6. How do we know what commandments Jesus is speaking of? Matthew 5:21-28
7. If we look back to when the commandments were first written by the hand of God, can we see a separation of God's law and the ordinances given to Moses? Deuteronomy 17:18, 19; 31:24-26; Joshua 8:34

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 11, 2017***

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ephesians 4:22-30**

**Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:8**

1. What are we told is the source of the Holy Spirit? 1 Thessalonians 4:8; Ephesians 4:30
2. How should we interpret Ephesians 1:11-13
3. Do we know that God's Holy Spirit was with men of the Old Testament? Psalms 51:11; Isaiah 63:10, 11; Exodus 31:3
4. Whose spirit descends upon Jesus? Matthew 3:16
5. Let's compare some scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3 with 1 John 4:2, 3. Many speak the name of Jesus from these scriptures, how do we know who speaks by the spirit?
6. We have read that the Holy Spirit was with men of the Old Testament what are we told in the New Testament? John 7:39
7. Can we see any difference between the Old Testament Spirit and the Spirit of the New Testament? 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5, 6
8. Can we conclude that through the justification of Jesus the Christ we have this new Spirit? Acts 10:39-45

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 18, 2017***

### **SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:1-28**

**Golden text: James 2:18**

1. Why did Abraham give a tithe to Melchisedec? Hebrews 7:1, 2.
2. How are Jesus and Melchisedec compared? Hebrews 5:6.
3. When Jesus was chastising the scribes and Pharisees what did he say about tithing? Matthew 23:23.

4. What does the apostle Paul write Timothy about supporting the elders? 1 Timothy 5:17, 18.
5. Do we have a High Priest that we should honour as Melchisedec was? Hebrews 7:15; 7:2; 5:5, 6.
6. Are we to give by the law or by faith? 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.
7. We are told by the churches that works are dead what does James say? James 2:18.
8. Although the tithe is the acceptable amount to give are we judged by what we give if we're honest about what we give? Acts 5:1-10.
9. In the Old testament Israel is promised blessings for tithing and giving are we promised likewise? Luke 6:38; 12:30-33.
10. Will Jesus bless us for being faithful in all things? John 21:6-11; Luke 5:1-10.

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 25, 2017***

### **DRY BONES**

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-16**

**Golden Text: Ezekiel 37:3**

1. What are we told in Ezekiel 37:1?
2. How many bones are there, and what were there condition? Ezekiel 37:2
3. What is God's question to Ezekiel and what is Ezekiel's answer? Ezekiel 37:3
4. What is happening in Ezekiel 37:4-6?
5. What is happening and in particular how is life brought back to these dead bodies? Ezekiel 37:7-9
6. Once again what are we told of how the life came back to these dead bodies and how are they described? Ezekiel 37:10
7. Who does God say these raised bones are, and what is their complaint? Ezekiel 37:11
8. What does God reveal to us in Ezekiel 37:12?
9. When does Ezekiel tell us Israel will know the Lord? Ezekiel 37:13
10. In this last verse 14 what are we to understand? It says they will live after God's spirit is put in them are they not already alive? What is God's final testimony?

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 4, 2017***

### **GOSPEL**

**Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18**

### **Golden Text: 2 Corinthians 4:4**

1. What was the gospel message that Jesus preached? Mark 1:14
2. How far will this gospel reach? Matthew 24:14
3. What does Jesus tell us about the Kingdom of God being at hand? Mark 1:15
4. What does the gospel compare with by the preaching of Jesus? Mark 8:35
5. What does Jesus emphasize has to be done? Mark 13:10
6. Why do you think he has emphasized this? Mark 13:9
7. What does Paul tell us a part of the gospel message is? Acts 20:24
8. What else does Paul tell us is now part of the gospel? Romans 1:9; 9:1
9. As we read on we learn that the gospel takes on more meaning. What does Paul now tell us of the gospel message? Romans 10:15
10. Can we follow a false gospel? Galatians 1:6
11. What is the penalty for preaching a false gospel? Galatians 1:8, 9
12. What was the gospel message that Abraham received? Galatians 3:8
13. Should we consider it a privilege to be trusted with the gospel and if so how should we speak? 1 Thessalonians 2:4

## ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 11, 2017***

### **THE MAN OF GOD**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 13:1-34**

**Golden Text: 2 Kings 23:16, 17**

1. The man of God is sent to prophecy to whom, and what is the prophecy? 1 Kings 13:1-3
2. What is the sign he said they would be given? 1 Kings 13:3
3. What happened to King Jeroboam, and was the sign fulfilled at that time? 1 Kings 13:4-5
4. How does the man of God deal with the Kings trouble? 1 Kings 13:6
5. What does the King offer the man of God, and what does he answer? 1 Kings 13:7-10
6. Is it fair to say that the man of God understood his instructions from the Lord?
7. Who does the man of God encounter next, and what are the circumstances? 1 Kings 13:11-14

8. What does the old prophet offer, and what is the man of God's reply? 1 Kings 13:15-17
9. What lie does the old prophet tell the man of God? 1 Kings 13:18
10. Did he go back, and what was then prophesied by the word of the Lord? 1 Kings 13:19-23
11. What happened to the man of God? 1 Kings 13:24-26
12. What does the man of God do? 1 Kings 13:27-30
13. What is the final thing the old prophet tells his sons to do? 1 Kings 13:31-32
14. Why did the old prophet want his bones with the man of God? 2 Kings 23:16, 17

### ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 18, 2017***

#### **STATE OF THE DEAD**

**Scripture Reading: Job 14:10-14; 19:25, 26: Ecclesiastes 9:4-10**

**Golden Text: Job 14:12**

1. If you tell a person to not do something that they will be harmed and they do it, did you cause it?
2. What did God warn Adam and Eve about, and what was the consequence of disobedience? Genesis 2:16, 17
3. If one goes to heaven after death explain the account of Abel's blood crying out from the ground? Genesis 4:9-11
4. What does Solomon tell us of the state of the dead? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6
5. What testimony does Job give us as to the state of the dead? Job 19:25, 26
6. What does Jesus say about any one going to heaven? John 3:13
7. What does Peter have to say about the state of the dead, keep in mind that this is after Jesus' ascension into heaven? Acts 2:29
8. What does Paul tell us will take place at the return of Jesus? 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
9. What do we learn about the dead in the following scriptures? John 11:2-14
10. What does Ecclesiastes tell us of the dead? Ecclesiastes 3:19-21; 9:4, 5, 10
11. In completion of this study should we not foremost consider that God said we would surely die, and there should be no other consideration?

### ***LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 25, 2017***

#### **JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED SET OUT BY THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Scripture Reading: Psalms 10:1-18**

**Golden Text: Psalms 9:5**

1. What are some of the events that take place at the return of Jesus and setting up of God's Kingdom?  
Isaiah 66:16, 20; Psalms 58:11; Ezekiel 39:9-10
2. What happens to the wicked? Ezekiel 39:11-16
3. How are we to interpret Zachariah 14:12? Then read verses 13-18.
4. What will the righteous do in the Isaiah 66:24
5. Staying with Isaiah verse 24. What are we told about the bodies?
6. Are these alive in eternal punishment or are they dead? Once again verse 24
7. What are we told about the grave? Ecclesiastes 9:4, 5, 10
8. Why do the wicked continue to do evil? Ecclesiastes 8:11
9. What are we told about the wicked and his place? Psalms 37:10
10. What are we told not to fear and of the wicked? Proverbs 3:25