

THE CORNERSTONE

September 2021

SLBC Children's Ministry



Join us Wednesday, September 8,
2021 @ 7:00pm as we kick off our
new year of Kids Club!

This year's theme is, "Fearfully and
Wonderfully Made". We will be
memorizing Psalm 139 as we take a
trip through the Bible with Route 66.

Kids Club is a place where kids learn how to walk hand in hand with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a place where learning about God is fun and exciting.

Kids Club meets on Wednesday evenings, serving four-year-olds through 5th grade.



Missions for the Month

Capturing Poland for Christ

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." II Cor. 4:7 (NJV)

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June - July 2021

Ministry at Camps

We are so sorry for late newsletter. As always, summer for us is ministry at camps. We are reaching out to people at the camps, children's, youth and family. Together with Grazyna we teach, counsel and preach at different camps. The significant part is the decisions for Christ we have recorded throughout the years at the camps. This summer attendees, due to the pandemic, have been separated from each other, locked down and forced to stay at homes for months. Many are far behind with their school's program, stressed, and depressed.

Ostroda: June 27- July 5

Nearly 60 youth from age 13-17 came to the camp. Most of them were from evangelical circles, young people who were eager to be together after a long time of separation due to Covid restrictions. For months schools in Poland were closed and youth were at homes having classes on-line. Many neglected their program. Several girls were from broken alcoholic families and required much counseling, care and prayers. It was great camp. I was there shortly with Grazyna supporting financially those who were in charge of the camp.



Youth group in Ostroda.



Rev. Marek Głodek is baptizing new converts.



Andy Woods—Pastor

Signs of the Times for 2021 (Part 19)

In our first installment, we observed that the Bible places much emphasis on the signs related to Christ's return (Matt. 24:33; Luke 21:28; Heb. 10:25, etc.). Observing these signs helps us ascertain that general time of human history in which we find ourselves. We noted that if the signs of the Tribulation period are rapidly approaching, and the rapture of the Church precedes the Tribulation period, then the rapture must be coming even faster. Thus, we began to ask ourselves, what are some of these signs that are now setting the stage for the coming Tribulation period? We selected the following *seven* signs as deserving of analysis to be covered in this series:

1. Signs related to Israel
2. Signs related to international politics
- 3.. Signs related to economics
4. Signs related to technology
5. Signs related to spirituality
6. Signs related to society
7. Signs related to understanding Bible prophecy

Therefore, this series is dedicated to exploring the *seven* signs related to the soon return of Jesus Christ. As a result of this teaching, may we all grow in our understanding of the unique time in which we now live. As dealt with in the prior installments in this series, there are several signs meriting discussion concerning the modern state of *Israel* and *international politics* and signs related to *economics* and *technology*. In this installment, we continue to turn our attention toward the predicted *spiritual signs* of the last days.

5. Signs Related to Spirituality

The Bible has much to say about the *spiritual* climate that will characterize the world at the time of Christ's Second Advent. While there is much to consider, for our purposes we will limit ourselves to just *six* categories. These include the advent of *global persecution against believers*, *global religion*, *ecumenism*, *ridicule of the doctrine of the Second Advent*, *the last days apostasy of the Church*, and *the rise of Anti-Semitism*. Having already explored the trends toward *persecution*, *global religion*, *ecumenism*, *ridicule of the doctrine of the Second Advent*, and *the last days apostasy of the Church* in prior installments, here we continue to turn our attention to the *rise of Anti-Semitism*.

Antisemitism

Another spiritual sign of the last days will involve a trend toward Anti-Semitism, which involves an irrational hatred toward the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yet, such animosity is a product of the angelic conflict. This spiritual reality is openly disclosed in Revelation 12. To properly understand this conflict, it was first necessary to examine its historical origins (Rev. 12:1-5), which we did in a prior installment. In the last installment, we explored how such Satanically inspired spiritual warfare will eventually evolve into last days Anti-Semitism. Not only is Anti-Semitism part of a long-standing satanic strategy initially designed to preempt the First Advent of Jesus Christ (Rev. 12:1-5), but it is also linked to the end times scenario (Rev. 12:6-17) designed to preempt Christ's Second Advent and manifestation of His messianic kingdom. In this installment, we ask and answer the questions, "do we see growing Anti-Semitism in our world today?"

Antisemitism is Alive and Well

To witness Antisemitism in our world, one need look no further than the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. This movement, although lacking a proper factual basis to justify its assertions, maintains that the modern state of Israel is nothing more than an apartheid state, just like South Africa. According to such wayward thinking, just as a universal boycott was necessary to curb the racist state of South Africa, a similar worldwide boycott is needed against the modern state of Israel to prevent Israel from illegally occupying the West Bank and engaging in other apartheid practices. Although these assertions can be disputed on factual grounds, it does not deter various “woke” corporations from no longer selling their products in the disputed territories allegedly illegally occupied by Israel. Sadly, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream represents the latest company to enter this propaganda war against Israel. According to the New York Post:

Ben & Jerry’s caved to pressure by online protesters and announced Monday it would put the freeze on selling ice cream in “the Occupied Palestinian Territory” — drawing fury from Israelis, including recently ousted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. “We believe it is inconsistent with our values for Ben & Jerry’s ice cream to be sold in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT),” the company said in a statement... “We have a longstanding partnership with our licensee, who manufactures Ben & Jerry’s ice cream in Israel and distributes it in the region,” the Waterbury, Vermont-based company said in a statement, “We have been working to change this, and so we have informed our licensee that we will not renew the license agreement when it expires at the end of next year.” (Will Feuer, *Ben & Jerry’s Stops Selling Ice Cream in West Bank Amid Protest*, July 19, 2021. Online: <https://nypost.com/2021/07/19/ben-jerrys-stops-selling-ice-cream-in-west-bank/>)

In addition to the BDS movement, other evidence of today’s Antisemitism abounds. For example, Oliver J. Melnick reports how little a Jewish life is valued in France today:

On April 4, 2017, 65-year-old Sarah Halimi, a retired doctor, was tortured by her neighbor Kobili Traoré, and then thrown to her death from the window of her third-floor apartment. Traoré committed this murder while reciting verses from the Qur’an and calling Sarah Halimi a “dirty Jew.” Upon throwing her through the window, Traoré shouted in Arabic that he had succeeded in killing an evil spirit or “killed the Satan”. When questioned, Traoré declared that he felt “persecuted”, and after realizing that he was high on marijuana, the French justice system decided that he would not stand trial. That decision basically sent the message that anyone’s voluntary drug consumption exonerates them from any responsibility. Traoré was officially acquitted in April 2021 and is literally getting away with murder, while the global media is – for the most part – completely ignoring this story...It would appear that the lives of Jewish people are not worth much. Incidentally, France is a country where people will get one year in prison if they throw their dog out the window. So, is the life of a dog worth more than the life of a Jewish person? It would appear so!

[Oliver J. Melnick, <https://www.newantisemitism.com/antisemitism/do-jewish-lives-matter-only-in-theory>, “Do Jewish Lives Matter only in Theory?” online: 26 April 2021.]

Certainly, Islam, with its emphasis not only on holocaust denial but also its denial that Jews living in the land of Israel today are authentic Jews, is contributing to Anti-Semitism in our world. Note the words of Islamic cleric and imam Yasir Qadi:

As for eighty to ninety percent of the Jews in our times, they are Ashkenazi...Russians...Look at them! White, crooked nose, blonde hairs. This is not the descendent of Yakub [Jacob]. These are not a Semitic people. Look at them! They don’t look like Semites and they are not Semites...Hitler never intended to mass-destroy the Jews. There are a number of books out written by Christians on this, you should read them. The Hoax of the Holocaust, I advise you to read this book, you may want to write this down, the Hoax of the Holocaust, a very good book. All of this is false propaganda and I know it sounds so far-fetched, and these theories, but read it. The evidence is very strong. And they are talking about newspaper articles, clippings, everything and look up yourself what Hitler really wanted to do...but what the Jews, the way that they portray him, also is not correct. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGOO5FcAE8E. Italics added].

Sadly, even Christianity can be infected with the disease of Anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism within Christendom thrives when Christians adopt Replacement Theology, or the notion that the church has permanently replaced, eclipsed, or superseded national Israel in the outworking of God’s eternal purposes. Note the words of respected Protestant Reformer Martin Luther in his tract entitled *The Jews and Their lies*, as he carried Augustinian Amillennialism, or Replacement

Theology, into his new burgeoning Protestant movement:

First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans)...Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system...Therefore away with them...To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews. [Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews, and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15].

Protestant Reformer John Calvin similarly exhibited anti-Semitic tendencies when he observed:

But here he [the rabbi] not only betrays his ignorance, but his utter stupidity, since God so blinded the whole people that they were like restive dogs. I have had much conversation with many Jews: I have never seen either a drop of piety or a grain of truth or ingenuousness—nay, I have never found common sense in any Jew. But this fellow, who seems so sharp and ingenious, displays his own impudence to his great disgrace. [John Calvin, *Commentary on the Prophet Daniel* (Vol 1, p. 185). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software. *Commentary on Daniel 2:44-45*. (2010). Italics added].

Marginalization of Israel's prophetic destiny similarly continues in Protestant evangelicalism even today in sectors of the church infected with Replacement Theology. Note R.C. Sproul's commitment to Replacement Theology:

We are not dispensationalists here...*We believe that the church is essentially Israel. We believe that the answer to, "What about the Jews?" is, "Here we are."* We deny that *the church* is God's "plan B." We deny that we are living in God's redemptive parenthesis. There, we are again one people. In His holy and heavenly temple there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, pre-mil nor post-mil. There, we are all together, *the Israel of God*, princes with God, and the *ekklesia*, the set apart ones. [From *Table Talk magazine*, Spring of 1999, p. 2 (inside cover), by R. C. Sproul Jr., editor, emphasis is mine].

To this assertion, Hebrew-Christian scholar Arnold Fruchtenbaum appropriately responds:

We believe that the answer to, "*What about the Jews?*" is, "*Here we are.*" I shared this comment with a friend of mine who is a converted Jew. He was born in Russia after his parents were released from a Communist prison. With the help of the Israeli underground, his family escaped from behind the Iron Curtain. He received Orthodox Jewish training while living in Germany from 1947 to 1951 and then his family immigrated to New York. He is a dedicated servant of Christ and a respected author. When told about Sproul Jr.'s comment "Here we are. [We are the Jews]" he commented, "*It's a good thing he was not declaring this on the streets of Berlin, Germany around 1941!*"

[George Zeller, "Is R. C. Sproul Jr. Really A Jew?," online:

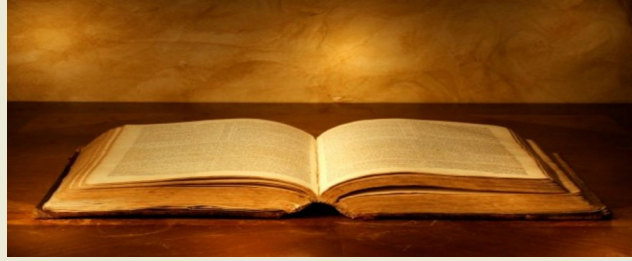
<http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org/reformed/sprouljr.htm>, accessed 17 February 2018. Italics added].

Also, notice the marginalization of Israel's prophetic role in the teachings of John Piper: "[God] has a saving purpose for Israel. All Israel will someday turn to the Lord Christ as a group. This is my deep understanding in belief of Romans 11. The broken off branches will be grafted in one day to the people of God, the bride of Christ, His church." [John Piper, cited in Paul R. Wilkinson, *Israel Betrayed: Volume 2: The Rise of Christian Palestinianism* (San Antonio, TX: Ariel, 2018), 331-32].

Paul Wilkinson appropriately restores such an imbalanced perspective on Israel when he observes:

Based on this kind of statement, many in the church are being misled into believing that Piper stands with Israel, but he does not. What Piper said is not what Paul taught. Israel's destiny as a nation is not one of spiritual incorporation into the church, which is the classic Reformed, Calvinistic teaching. The church comprises individual Jews and Gentiles, not 'Israel,' which is a distinct national entity. The appointed destiny for Israel is for her to remain a nation in the sight of God and amid all the nations, for as long as God's 'fixed order' of creation endures (Jer. 31:36). [Paul R. Wilkinson, *Israel Betrayed: Volume 2: The Rise of Christian Palestinianism* (San Antonio, TX: Ariel, 2018), 332].

Scripture for the Month



Deuteronomy 10:12-13

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His

**A New Ladies Bible study begins on September 7th,
Betty Cook will be teaching from the Book of 2 Timothy**

Learn about Faithfulness in hardships from the life of Paul’s disciple, Timothy. Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room for the Morning class—9:00 am and the Evening class—7:00 pm. Please sign up at the table in the Church foyer.



Sadly, as Replacement Theology gains further influence within modern-day evangelicalism, a marginalization of the prophetic significance of the modern state of Israel is simultaneously being espoused by evangelicalism's most prominent leaders. Note the words of Lynne Hybels concerning Israel: "It is true: I am not a Christian Zionist...I do not hold to a theology asserting that the modern state of Israel represents a divinely mandated return of ancient Israel to the Promised Land... At the same time, I wholeheartedly support justice for the Palestinians." [Lynne Hybels, cited in Paul R. Wilkinson, *Israel Betrayed: Volume 2: The Rise of Christian Palestinianism* (San Antonio, TX: Ariel, 2018), 155]. Similarly, Anthony Campolo denies the miraculous nature of the modern nation of Israel when he refers to it as: "...a little nation that has survived primarily because of the wealth and the war materials supplied by the U.S. government." [Tony Campolo, cited in Paul R. Wilkinson, *Israel Betrayed: Volume 2: The Rise of Christian Palestinianism* (San Antonio, TX: Ariel, 2018), 140.].

Not only is Anti-Semitism part of a long-standing satanic strategy (Rev. 12:1-5), but it is also linked to the end times scenario (Rev. 12:6-17). Anti-Semitism is not only observable in history, but it is also increasing in our world, both inside and outside the church. Such an increase alerts the discerning Christian to the unique prophetic era in human history in which we now find ourselves as the signs of Christ's soon return converge all around us. In sum, according to prophetic Scripture, the last days spiritual scenario will involve a trend toward *Anti-Semitism*. In our next installment, we will begin examining the *societal signs* associated with the last days.

(To Be Continued...)

New Wednesday Evening Bible Class: Beginning on September 8, at 7:00 pm

Pastor Andy Woods will be teaching the Wednesday night Bible study at Sugar Land Bible Church for the Fall quarter covering an exposition of the important prophetic book of Zechariah.

Andy Woods New Bible Study in Zechariah



These sessions will be videotaped and archived for the benefit of our local church members and attendees as well as for the benefit of our online viewers. Zechariah is highly relevant to today since it deals with coping with discouragement over incomplete tasks that the Lord has given us to do. When the returnees from the seventy-year exile became discouraged and consequently moved away from rebuilding the second temple, which was the main task that God assigned to them, God raised up the post-exilic prophet Zechariah, along with his contemporary Haggai, to motivate them to complete the temple project. Zechariah not only reminded the returnees of the resources God always provides for us thereby allowing us to accomplish His work in His way, but he also provided glorious prophetic glimpses of God's future for the nation of Israel in general and the temple.

Perhaps you have become weary in well doing and need to be motivated to complete what the Lord has placed before you. Perhaps you need a fresh glimpse of your glorious future. Perhaps you desire to know more about what God is doing today in the Middle East and will continue to do for Israel and her future Millennial temple. If so, then this study is for you! Yes, childcare will be provided.

The basic format of this class will include prayer from 6:45 to 7 PM, teaching from 7 to 8 PM, and then questions and answers from 8 to 8:15 PM. We understand that some will have to leave at 8 pm sharp to collect their children and so they may not be able to stick around for the question-and-answer session. We are excited to be offering this new class for the benefit of the saints at Sugar Land Bible Church. We hope and pray that many will take advantage of this opportunity. We are looking forward to what God will do through these sessions of study in "His Word."

September 19th is the Young Adult Lunch!



Young Adults Lunch version 2.0 is scheduled for September 9th, immediately following the worship service. This special lunch is for anyone aged 18-30 “-ish” to meet one another and to fellowship over a meal prepared by your church family. Please RSVP no later than September 12th to allow for meal planning. Sign up lists for RSVPs and for prepared food items will be located in the foyer on the table opposite the water fountains. The links for online signups are listed below:

RSVP for the lunch [here](#).

Sign up to bring a meal for the lunch [here](#).

if you have any questions, please contact



Wednesday Evening Schedule for Fall 2021

6:00 pm—Dinner



6:45 pm—Kids Club/Youth Group



6:45 pm—Adult Prayer



7:00 pm—Adult Bible Study



Wisla: July 17- 24

On July 17th we will be driving to southern Poland to the city of Wisla (same name of major river in responsible for preaching and counseling at the camp. The group there is expected 50-60 people. Many of these will be from broken homes, alcoholic families. We will be baptizing four young men at the camp in the Wisla river. Please pray for us, for Rev. Irek Dawidowicz and for Andrzej Seweryn who will be there also teaching with us during the days. Pray for safety on the road. It's long way to drive and lots of construction on the road. We are taking a single mom named Agata with us from Bialystok to Wisla. Pray for necessary finances to cover all the expenses.

Gas in Poland right now is \$5.60 per gallon.

Ocwieka: August 1- 10 Family Camp:

In the meantime we received another invitation to a family camp in Ocwieka from August 1-10. Daniel and Dorota Cichocki, parents of our son-in-law, invited us to come. It will take 5-6 hours to drive from Bialystok. If Grazyna can manage to find care for her mom, she will go there with me also. Please pray for this need too.

Piotrek and Carolina

Thanks so much to all of you who donated toward Piotrek and Carolina's education at Dallas Seminary. All of the funds required for the first year at Dallas Seminary are met. Praise God Piotrek obtained his student visa. It was not an easy procedure. He traveled twice to the city of Krakow to the USA Embassy by train for interviews. The fee for the student visa was \$500. We do not understand why they are charging so much. Maybe due to the new administration after President Biden took office.

Please pray for them as they will be ready to fly to Dallas in August. We would love to donate through our ministry toward their flight tickets. Please pray for \$2500.



At the time I am writing this letter, Piotrek and Carolina are leading a youth camp in Zakosciele Campsite for over 160 people ages 13-18. It attracts people by being a Christian sport camp. They play a lot basketball there. Please pray for them as they have a lot of responsibility. Already several have been injured and required medical attention (twisted ankles and fingers).

Slovakia, Greece). I love to be on the road with Marek witnessing Christ to people at their homes, schools and prisons and preaching revivals and crusades. The last revival we did together was in the major Polish city of Katowice in 2020 just before Covid-19 struck.

Rev.Marek Glodek, President of the Baptist Union of Poland (2021-2025)

My ministry partner Rev. Marek Glodek was elected to be the president of Union of the Baptist churches in Poland. He will keep the office for the next 4 years. We were students together at the Seminary in Warsaw sharing a room at the dormitory. We are ministry partners since 1985 preaching the Gospel in our part of the world for over 35 years (in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia , Greece) . I love to be on the road with Marek witnessing Christ to people at their homes, schools and prisons and preaching revivals and crusades. The last revival we did together was in the major polish city of Katowice in 2020 just before Covid-19 struck.



Prayer and Praise

Praise:

For all of you dear friends and partners of our ministry

For your sacrificial support so I can share with other pastors and ministries.

For support to Piotrek's education at Dallas Seminary

Prayer:

For summer ministry expenses

For Piotrek's and Carolina flight expenses to Dallas, TX in August

For God's mercy and protection while we are on the road preaching the Gospel

For necessary finances to continue this ministry



*In His Name,
Piotr Wiazowski*