

The Israel Sequence

By Van Yandell

Matthew 27: 24-25 “When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.”

There seems to be a great deal of confusion in the world concerning Israel. Around five billion of the world’s population is dead set against Israel but appear to be mostly ill-informed, brainwashed or intentionally filled with hatred.

Extensive evidence exists for the reality of a Savior (Jesus) being God in the flesh, here on earth. John 1: 1 states He was God in the beginning and is God alive today in the flesh and spirit. Of course this is where the belief system called faith comes in.

Israel and her existence, history and future totally hinge on the reality of Savior Jesus. The Old Testament prophecies are a sequential and perfectly choreographed God-plan leading up to Him.

God removed Jacob and his family from Canaan to Egypt to get them away from the Canaanites, kept them there 430, years then moved them back to the Promised Land.

They had to be in Israel, specifically Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for the scriptures to be fulfilled and a Savior be born and die for the sins of the world.

If the Bible is a fairy tale, the writers are the best speculators and the luckiest that ever lived. There is no way under the sun that anyone between 1900 and 3500 years ago could have predicted the future events as accurately as the Holy Bible writers.

If the Judeo-Christian belief that the Bible is written by men and inspired by God is correct, the only explanation possible for the accuracy of the foretelling of future events is before us. Only a Supreme spiritual being (God) could know the future with such exactitude.

We can examine the Jewish history throughout the Old Testament and clearly see those predictions that have actually happened. Several prophecies such as Daniel 12: 4b “even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased,” are also happening before us.

We can also examine the New Testament predictions of Jesus in the Mount of Olives conversation with the twelve disciples and see on the evening news the accuracy of those predictions.

Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 consistently foretell of future events we see in real-time on our TV sets. Because of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, we know for an absolute fact the New Testament was written in the first century.

Scientists working with carbon dating insist on the accuracy and consistency of that time determining process. Carbon depletion from once living cells lessens at a consistent rate and can be measured to determine the time of death of once living cells.

The Israel sequence must also address the series of events of the last 2000 years (AD-Anno-Domini, year of our Lord).

Jesus told the disciples, the Jerusalem Temple would be destroyed (Matthew 24: 2). Then the Jews that rejected Him became so insistent to Roman Governor Pilate, our perfect Savior Jesus (1Peter 2: 22) was nailed to a cross (Matthew 27: 35).

As Jesus predicted, thirty-seven years later (70 AD) the temple was destroyed. The Jews were driven from their homeland (Ezekiel 36: 19); the land God had promised them.

Genesis 13: 15 “For all the land which thou sees, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.” Judeo Christians should know and promote that the original Promised Land was much larger than the 8300 square mile Israel of today (1/7 the size of Florida).

In Numbers 34 and Ezekiel 47, the borders are given of the land promised by God to Israel. The promise of God to the Hebrews was a land of over 300,000 square miles or ten percent larger than the state of Texas.

The Jews were expelled from Israel in 70 AD. Would this be because of their promoting the crucifixion of Jesus and their statement “Let His blood be on our hands and on children (Matthew 27: 25)?” This writer believes it was.

The Jews were persecuted for many of those nearly 1900 years in which they were banished from their land. Acts 18 gives a case in which Jews were expelled from Rome. The Crusaders’ killed Jews on their way to Jerusalem to rid the Holy City of the Muslims. The Crusades began in 1095 AD.

England’s Edict of Expulsion (1296) and the Spanish Inquisition (1478-1835) are other examples of Jewish persecution.

And of course the Holocaust in which the Nazis murdered six million Jews must never be forgotten. Often missed from history lessons are the thirty-five million deaths resulting from the Communist rule of Lenin and Stalin in Russia. Many of the deaths were Jews.

We are approaching the two-thousand year mark of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. If our calendar is accurate (which it’s probably not but close) 2033 will mark 2000 years since our Savior’s resurrection.

Will God manifest Himself in 2033 as this generation has never seen? I’m thinking “yes.” God has a plan for the world and it without doubt includes a sequential series of events centering on the existence of His chosen people.

The Jews were chosen by God to provide the world with a Savior and that they did. Unknowingly and unwittingly they were used by God for a specific purpose. Even though our precious Savior was born, died, resurrected and ascended, the Jews are still His chosen people.

We must keep our eyes and ears open and be alert and mindful for God’s actions in our immediate future. Watch and learn, Christians and non-believers, it’s not over until God says it’s over.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

In God’s Presence, We Have No Need To Fear

Q: I’m starting a new leadership job soon. It’s a BIG stretch for me. I’m nervous about it. Do I have the knowledge and leadership skills to be a plant leader? How can I muster up the confidence to handle it?

A: The short answer is for you to ask God to be with you as you take on your new roll. Too often, we try to “go about difficult things alone.” With God’s presence in our lives, we have no need to fear.

Jesus is the One who can help us through our storms in life. In the night, Jesus’s disciples were rowing hard to cross the Sea of Galilee. The wind blew and the water grew rough. Walking on the water, Jesus approached the boat and the disciples were terrified. He said to them. “It is I; don’t be afraid,” (Jn. 6:20). With Him in the boat with them, the wind ceased, the water calmed and soon they were safe at their destination. Jesus truly sees us through our doubts and fears, too.

Sometimes we let doubts creep into our thoughts. Daily we need to hear God’s voice in our lives more than the world’s voice. Our lack of prayer is due to distractions. Often, we wake up and check our email, text messages, and social media feeds. Then, before we realize it, we have spent mindless time viewing other things instead of listening to God’s Word and talking to Him in prayer. When God’s presence is felt, we will have renewed confidence to handle new and challenging situations.

ly loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Emilio Barco and Gabriel Martinez, and a cousin.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his brother, Jorge Luis Martinez Barco and sister, Perla Viridiana Martinez Barco (Felix); grandmothers, Hermelinda Mena and Sofia Perez De Barco; and aunt, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday July 19 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Sebree. Father Carmelo Jimenez officiated. Burial was in Springdale Cemetery in Sebree.

Kentucky’s GED Testing Results Surpass National Average

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

Gov. Andy Beshear announced Friday that since waiving the GED testing fee in his first term, more Kentuckians without a high school diploma are earning their GED, with a success rate that is higher than the nation as a whole.

“There are multiple paths to a good life, which is why Lt. Gov. Coleman and I made it a priority to help more Kentuckians earn their GED – a goal we’re continuing to find new ways to meet,” Beshear said. “From waiving the testing fee early in our administration. to recently announcing we’re taking GED testing on the road to areas without access, we’re committed to ensuring every Kentuckian who wants to take this next step has access.”

Since January 2020, 25,269 Kentuckians, 99 percent of all Kentucky GED test takers, have taken advantage of the free GED promo to begin their path toward earning their high school equivalency certification. In the last state fiscal year alone, 3,106 Kentuckians obtained their GED, a 2.5 percent increase over the number of GED diplomas obtained during the previous state fiscal year period of July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Beshear also noted that not only are more Kentuckians taking the GED exam, but they are also passing the exam at a higher rate than the rest of the country. With a state GED pass rate of 78 percent, Kentucky is exceeding the current national GED pass rate of 74 percent.

“As a former teacher, I know the transformative impact a high school diploma or GED diploma can make in a person’s life. I’m so happy to see more of our fellow Kentuckians take this first step to a brighter future,” said Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman. “Gov. Beshear and I made a promise that this would be an education-first administration. We are seeing through that commitment every day, removing barriers to the GED, advocating for Pre-K for All and treating teachers with respect.”

In addition to GED test preparation courses, services offered by the Kentucky Office of Adult Education include English language instruction, upskilling to get or keep a job, family literacy programs and preparing for postsecondary education.

These adult education services are available in all 120 counties. Learn more about Kentucky adult education opportunities at kyae.ky.gov.

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Deaths And Funerals

Nina Qualls

Nina Jo Jones Qualls, 99, of Slaughters, died on Sunday, July 20 at Shemwell Nursing Home in Providence.

She was born in Beech Grove, Kentucky on August 11, 1925 to the late Morgan and Elsie Jones.

Nina Jo was of the Methodist Faith. She taught Sunday School at Groves Chapel Methodist Church and was a youth leader and served as secretary and treasurer of the church and Sunday School. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Madisonville, Kentucky.

She was a Kentucky Colonel, a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, and loved antiquing and decorating at Christmas. She worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Madisonville for 20 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hylan Qualls; a sister, Mary C. Odom; and three brothers, Louis, Frank, and Luther Jones.

She is survived by her son, Gary Qualls and wife, Linda of Slaughters; a grandson and his family; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 24 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Sebree with the Rev. Neal Kolodey officiating.

Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery.

Visitation is 12:00 Noon to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Jovani Barco

Jovani Gabriel Martinez Barco, 22, of Sebree, KY passed away Sunday July 13, 2025.

He was born in San Felipe, Guanajuato, Mexico on June 20, 2003 to Jorge Luis Martinez Mena and Silvia Martinez.

He was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church in Sebree. He was a graduate of Madisonville Community College. He loved playing soccer, lifting weights, video games, riding mortorcycles, his dogs and anything outdoors. He especially

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NOTICE OF HEARING

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEBSTER COUNTY AND KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEASING TRUST (FEMA)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Lease from the Webster County Fiscal Court requesting the State Local Debt Officer to approve the execution of certain Lease Agreement between the County and Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. The proceeds will be used for Road and Bridge repair, reimbursement by FEMA. A hearing will be held in the Conference Room, Department for Local Government, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM, (Prevailing Eastern Time) to consider whether said lease and financial plan should be approved.

Petitioner, Webster County Fiscal Court is responsible for the publication of this notice and for the information contained herein. Specific questions about the type of project should be directed to the petitioners. The purpose of this notice is to comply with KRS 65.944 by notifying the public that the petitioner intends to issue bonds or other indebtedness in the total amount and at the terms set out herein.

At this hearing, any taxpayer may appear and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Matt Sawyers Commissioner and State Local Debt Officer
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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