

**"My House shall be a house of prayer for All People."
(Isaiah 56:7)**

**Founded: 10/31/1983. Now in our Forty-second year of
Ministry.**

**MISSION: Love God, Love your neighbor, and make disciples
of every person everywhere. (Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19)**

Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B, Appointed Pastor

We extend a special welcome to our visitors.
You are as welcome here as Jesus Christ Himself.
In Romans 15:7 the Scriptures exhort us to:
"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God" (NABRE – 2011)

Participate in some or all parts of this worship event as you are comfortable.
We are building a wonderful Christ-centered Community here, and we invite you to share in
our Joy! After the Worship Service, please join us for refreshments and sharing.

Today is 4-6-25 Fifth Sunday of Lent, SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL Year C
Ray Of Hope Church teaches the same Christian Faith of ancient ecumenical consensus.

St. Vincent of Lerins, a fifth-century monk and theologian, described it as

"what has been believed always, everywhere, and by all."

Scientific Discovery, Academic Knowledge, the Holy Scriptures, and Spirituality are Universal
and Unified. (Br. Benedict 8-6-23)

Special Scripture Readings for this worship event:

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-30 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 26

Psalm: 19:1-9 responsorial Psalm in this bulletin

Gospel: Matthew 24:14-25 NRSV 2ND Testament Pg. 27

***We use the term 1st for the "Old" Testament and 2nd for the "New" Testament. The
NRSV Bible 1st Testament numbers are found in the front portion, and the 2nd
Testament numbers are found in the later portion. If this confuses you, ask
someone around you to assist you. Thank you.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Visit and greet one another until the bell rings.

Bell's 1st ring. As our bell rings, please find your seat and pray silently for the next few minutes. Please refrain from conversations as these disturb those trying to pray.

Our St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi bell at Ray Of Hope Church, 380 W. 1st St. in Elmira, NY, is a gift from Michael Quinnell of Syracuse, NY, given in September 2005. The bell rings out 39 joyful rings, in contrast to tolling the bell in single rings. The 39 joyful rings honor the 39 lashes Jesus endured, and we now celebrate victory and gratitude for our Salvation. "The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) We ring the bell before worship and Bible Enrichment sessions. Listen carefully and see if you can hear all 39 rings.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD AND GIVE THANKS

+ Pastoral Welcome

Leader – 1: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, __(State)_____. Good morning. Welcome to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the faith community founded in Central New York and now all across the World through the Internet, where everyone is welcome. This is your Spiritual Service Station and Faith Repair Shop, where our Loving Creating God is C.E.O, the owner of record is Jesus, the Christ, and the Operations Manager is The Holy Spirit. Our Congregation, Ray Of Hope Church, Inc. is a franchise location of the Body Of Christ, the Church. The Members and Friends are the working staff here today to facilitate this worship event. To participate fully, please look for today's bulletin, Order of Worship, and Music Supplement

4-6-25 Fifth Sunday of Lent, SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL Year C Page 3 of 53 available on Facebook Live; right-click the "Featured Links" icon. On Skype, look in the Chat window for two document icons. On our website, look at the large gold box labeled SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION at

www.rayofhopechurch.com. For people watching on the Internet, we recommend you have two Internet devices on. Set one device on Facebook Live to listen to the Music. Right-click on this link to access our [Facebook page](#). Open the Skype meeting on the second device to interact with us. Right-click on this Skype Link: <https://join.skype.com/qt6Y1PQvj04I>.

You do not need an account on Skype to "enter as a guest" when prompted. We announce all instructions, page, and song numbers and use a psalm response verse to assist people with various stages of visual impairment.

Leader-2: Hello. My name is _____. I am in_(city) _____, _(State)_____. Good morning, and welcome. (** Reader, please remember to look at the people and smile.**) We invite you to participate in some or all of the parts of this worship event as you feel comfortable.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion with us during the second half of this worship event. You need not be a member of this church or any church to receive Communion with us if you choose to. To the people watching on the Internet, to participate in Communion, please also bring to your table 1) a cup with some wine or grape juice, 2) a small piece of bread, cracker, or matzo on a plate, and 3) a second cup with some water and a side napkin. We will use these in the second half of the worship service. Now, gather all these items, and we will start shortly.



ALL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED SALVATION AS A FREE GIFT FROM GOD, ARE ETERNALLY SECURE IN GOD'S LOVE AND ARE BY MODERN TERMS, "SAVED." ALL LGBTQSIA2ss+ persons of every sexual orientation and every gender expression are SAVED and are called to live out the fullness of who they are so that God may be praised. Ray Of Hope Church, Inc. officially took this position on September 18, 2011 and changed the By-laws to secure this position. (www.rayofhopechurch.com/faith.htm) (www.rayofhopechurch.com/purpose.htm)



Bell's 2nd ring will announce the start of the worship event.

Leader – 2: (** Reader, look up at the people and smile.***) Thank you for choosing to spend time with us today. In Romans, Chapter 15, verse 7, the Scriptures instruct us to:

ALL: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (NABRE)

Leader -2: You are as welcome here as Christ Jesus himself. (** Reader, please remember to look at the people and smile.***) Show the glory of God by introducing yourself and welcoming the **SAINTS** around you. To be extra careful, we observe COVID-19 safety protocols by waving across the room and into the camera for the Internet.

Ray Of Hope Church officially began on 10/31/1983.

June 1, 2024, was the TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ELMIRA CHAPEL.

Pastor: Good Morning, **SAINTS**! I ask you, in whose Name are we meeting?

ALL: We meet in the name of God our Creator, Christ Jesus Our Lord and Saviour, and in the name of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the Holy Spirit's fellowship is with you. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

ALL: And also with you, praise the Lord.

Pastor: Welcome to your Spiritual Service Station and Faith Repair Shop. We promise to do our best to help you worship God in Christ with the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. Today is 4-6-25, Lent's fifth and final Sunday; notice the purple color is back up, and Year C. Holy Week starts next Sunday, Palm

Sunday.

Today, we are presenting a unique program in preparation for Holy Week. The goal for today is to explain how the people who gathered for the day we call Palm Sunday knew from the study of the Book of Daniel that the Messiah was about to be revealed. In the Book of Daniel, we will explain the prophecy for the end of the Messiah's life.

Calendars are relevant. There is the Chinese Calendar, which is the year 4,723 based on the Lunar Calendar.

The Jewish Hebrew Calendar, April 2, 2025, is in the year 5,785, based on the lunisolar calendar, which combines solar and lunar formulas.

The Islamic Calendar is the Hijri calendar, and this is the year 1446 AH (Anno Hegirae, which began July 7, 2024, and will end approximately on June 26, 2025).

Then we have local calendars such as Fiscal calendars.

Tax calendars.

Academic calendars.

Liturgical calendars.

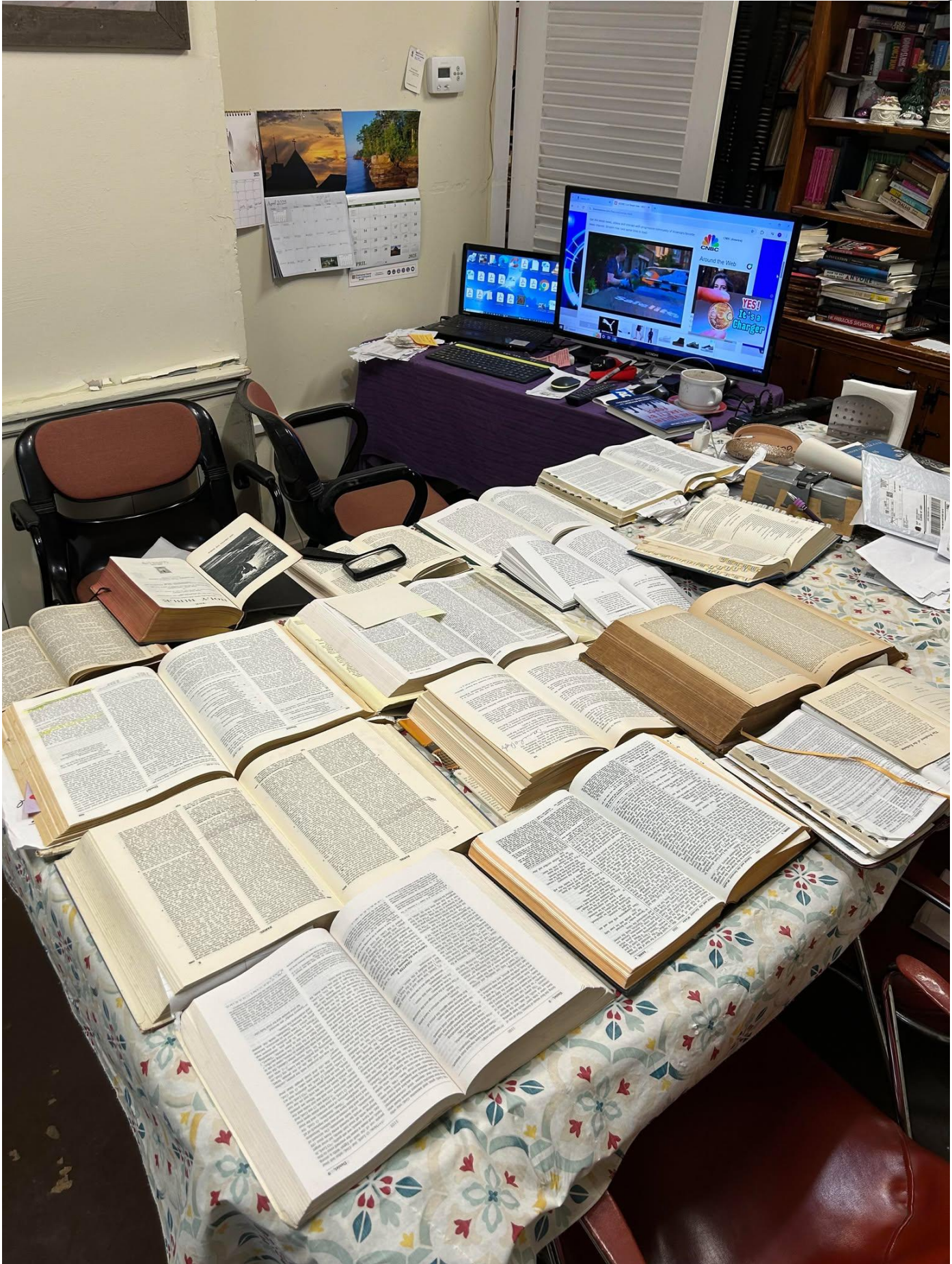
Sports seasons and basketball seasons are different from baseball, hockey, etc.

CALENDARS ARE RELEVANT, but it does not mean they are meaningless.

Today, we will look at the calendar presented in the Hebrew Scriptures and compare it to the calendars established and modified since then. Then, we will see that the Biblical Calendar survived our changes in calendars and established the historical life and death of Jesus of Nazareth, the MESSIAH.

See below SOME of the books I found in this library that helped me establish what I will show you today.

With much love and affection in Christ,
Brother



Pastor: We begin to worship God in the beauty of holiness, spirit, and truth. (Psalm 96:9; John 4:23-24)

ALL: Together, we give God thanks and praise.



FIRST SONG: **You Are Near.** Words and Music: Dan Schutte. Text based on Psalm 139. Text and music © 1971, OCP. All rights reserved. Glory and Praise Second Edition #619. Onlicense Song #80528. Used with Print Permission and Streaming License A-741278.

Text only:

You Are Near
Dan Schutte

Refrain

Yahweh, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.

4. Marvelous to me are your works;

how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

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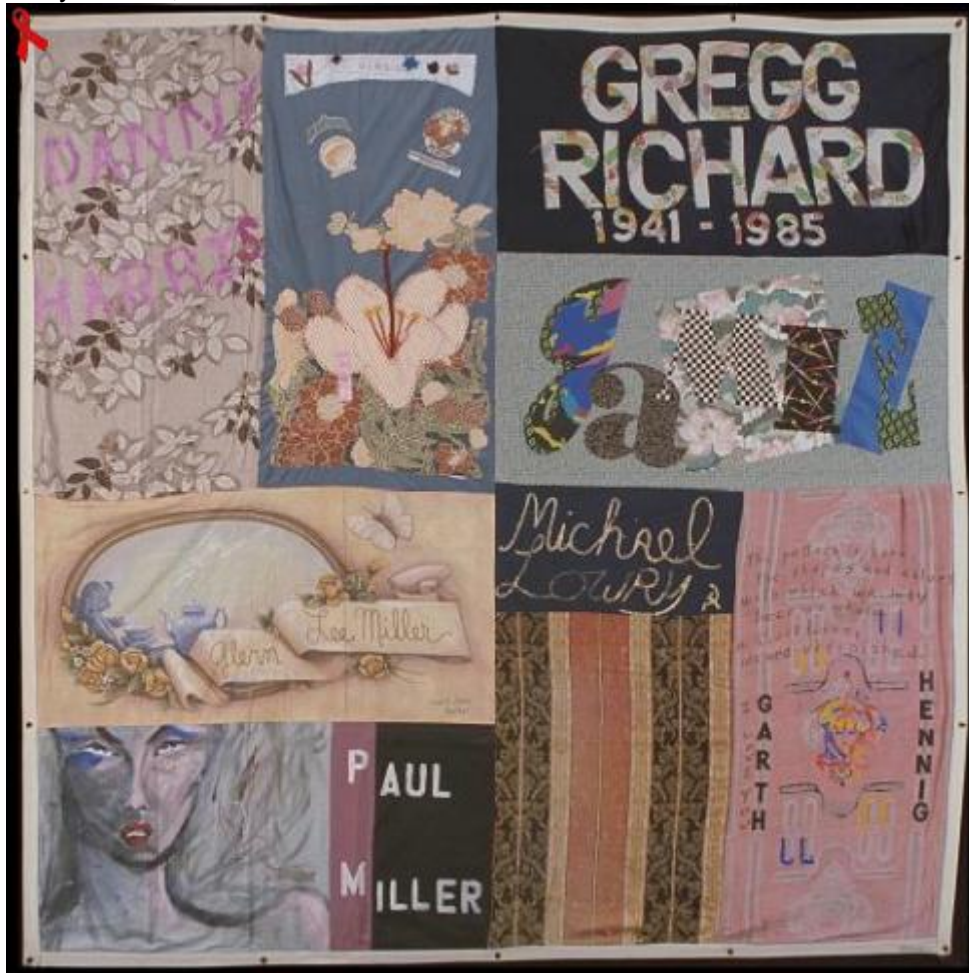
+ The Candle Of Hope

Leader - 2: Today, we light our Candle Of Hope to celebrate our Faith and trust in the promised "Blessed Hope," also known as "The Rapture," the return of Christ who will transform the living faithful and raise all to new life. Those viewing at home may light a special candle and bring it to your table. Now, everyone, please join me and recite these words of Jesus to celebrate the Truth they promise us. Jesus said: (John 5:25 and Titus 2:13)

ALL: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25, 26)

Leader -2: In 1983, Ray Of Hope Church was started in part to form a unique ministry to persons affected by and infected with HIV and AIDS and to extend a radical welcome to all people to worship with us. Our witness to God's unconditional love for everyone is as relevant today as in 1983. Here we are forty-one years later, and still, some churches, religions, and, yes, even some countries continue rejecting the sick, lonely, and dying people with HIV and AIDS who deserve comfort and spiritual guidance.

Therefore, at Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we continue to read aloud over **110,000** names sewn into the AIDS Memorial Quilt to keep HIV/AIDS in the conscious prayers of people. Scroll the page to see the panels on block 145.



These are the names on Block # 145

- Paul Miller (1)
- Glenn Lee Miller (2)
- Michael Lowry (3)
- Garth Hennig (4)
- Danny Harris (5)
- Virgil (6)
- Jaime (7)
- Gregg Richard (8)

(source: <https://www.aidsmemorial.org/interactive-aids-quilt>)

Leader -2: In silent prayer, we also remember the names of family and friends who have died from COVID-19-related and other illnesses. We

pray that those who feel left behind in the face of death experience a blessing from the Holy Spirit when they remember their loved ones.

(pause for silent prayer.**)** May this candle's flame help bring to mind the Joy and happiness known in life, the comfort offered by the Holy Spirit in our loss, and the promise of the "Blessed Hope" we have in the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen

(National AIDS Memorial website where you can visit over 48,000 panels and over 110,000 names on the Quilt virtually:
<https://www.aidsmemorial.org/interactive-aids-quilt>)

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

+ Confession and Forgiveness of our sins.

Pastor: silent confession of sins.

Leader -2: We pray together:

ALL: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I declare in the midst of this assembly of believers that I am truly sorry for having offended God in any way. I ask you, my brothers and sisters, all the angels and the saints to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Pastor: May Almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive all our sins, and keep us in everlasting life.

ALL: Amen. The faith community of Ray Of Hope Church openly declares the forgiveness of all your confessed sins in the Name of Jesus Christ. He forgives you, we forgive you, and God rejoices over

your restoration in Christ. Amen.

Leader - 3: The Church now provides the service of praising God in thanksgiving together. Please rise as you are able as we sing "The Gloria."

WORDS ONLY HERE. MUSIC SCROLL DOWN

"The Gloria"

From "Music for Worship"

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Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

We give you thanks and praise.

Verse 1:

You are the One God,
Sovereign of the Universe,
Only Holy God, we worship You,
we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your great glory!

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

We give you thanks and praise.

Verse 2:

Lord, Jesus Christ;

The Only Begotten Son of God
You are Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of God;
receive our prayer.

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest.
We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!
We give you thanks and praise.

Verse 3:

For You alone are the Holy One.
You alone are the Lord of all,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God.
In the Holy Spirit, in the Holy unity of God.

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest.
We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!
We give you thanks and praise.

Verse 4:

Amen; We give you thanks and praise.
Amen; We give you thanks and praise.
Amen; We give you thanks and praise.
Amen.

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The Gloria

"Music for Worship"

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Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
4
peace to all peo - ple on earth — Glo - ry to God in the high - est —
8
We give you thanks — and praise. Al - le - lu - ia
10
We give you thanks — and praise.
12 **Verse 1**
You are the One God, Sov - ereign of the Un - i - verse, On - ly
16
Ho - ly God, we wor - ship You, we
18
give you thanks, we praise You for Your great glo - ry!
21 **Refrain**
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on earth —
25
Glo - ry to God in the high - est — We give you thanks and

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praise. Al-le-lu_ia We give you thanks_ and praise.

31 **Verse 2**

Lord, Jes - us Christ; The On - ly Be - got - ten

34

Son of God, You are Lord God,

36

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; Have mer - cy on

41

us; You are sea-ted at the right hand of God; re - ceive our prayer.

46 **Refrain**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on_ earth_

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est_ We give you thanks_ and

53

praise. Al-le-lu_ia We give you thanks_ and praise.

56 **Verse 3**

For You a-lone are the Ho - ly One You a - lone are the Lord of all,

61

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, With the Ho - ly

66

Spi-rit in the glo - ry of God. In the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the

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Ho - ly un - i - ty of God.

75 Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, - and peace to all peo-ple on_ earth_

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est_ We give you thanks_ and praise. Al-le-lu_ia

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We give you thanks and praise.

85 Verse 4: Amen

A_ men_ We

We give You thanks and praise!

Lord we praise You, Lord we bless You, We

4

87

give You thanks and praise!

We give You thanks and praise!

give You thnks, We give You praise We give You thnaks and praise

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A - men

A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord we praise You, Lord we bless You men. Al - le - lu - ia.

PASTOR: Please remain standing for the opening prayer.

+ Opening Prayer

Leader-4: The Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader-4: Together, we lift up our hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader-4: We make this exhortation together:

ALL: Let us keep the Scriptures in mind and meditate upon them day and night, persevering in prayer, always on the watch. Let us beg the Lord to give us real knowledge of what we read and to show us not only how to understand it but how to put it into practice, so that we may deserve to obtain spiritual grace, enlightened by the law of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose power and glory will endure throughout the ages. Amen

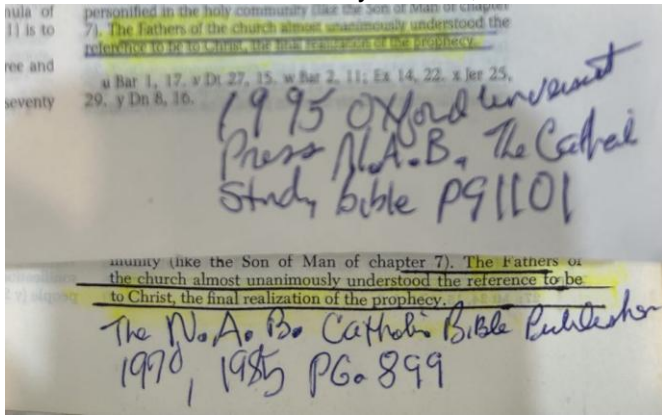
Leader-4: Saint Origen, who lived from 185 – 254 A.D., wrote this prayer. His prayer is our prayer on this day. Please be seated now and listen with all your heart, soul, and mind as we open the Word of God.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor or another Leader: Please be seated. Today, we will have fun "doing the math" of Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy. We admit up front this is not an exact "to the minute" formula of the revealing of Jesus, either at his baptism as supposed by some Roman Catholic theologians or at his Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday as held by some Protestant Theologians. All Theologians agreed for about 1,500 years of the Church that the prophecy would reveal the time of the crucifixion and proclaim that the coming Messiah would establish an eternal Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace.

See below the two editions of the current Roman Catholic New American Bible, one from 1995 and the other from 1971/1985 we read: "The Fathers of the church almost unanimously understood the reference to be to Christ, the final realization of the prophecy." (page 1101 of 1995, and page 899 of 1970 1985 editions.)



There is no doubt in my mind, Br. Shawn F. Benedict, Pastor, the understanding of the first generations of Theologians set the foundation for continuing to teach this prophecy as Doctrine today. Jesus did not question the authorship or the authenticity of the Book of Daniel, which He openly revered in His lifetime.

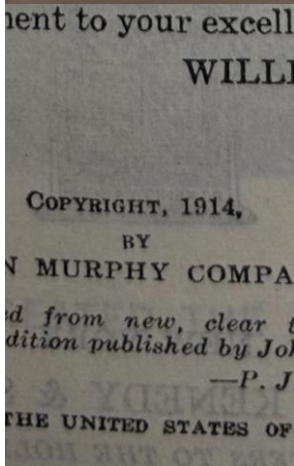
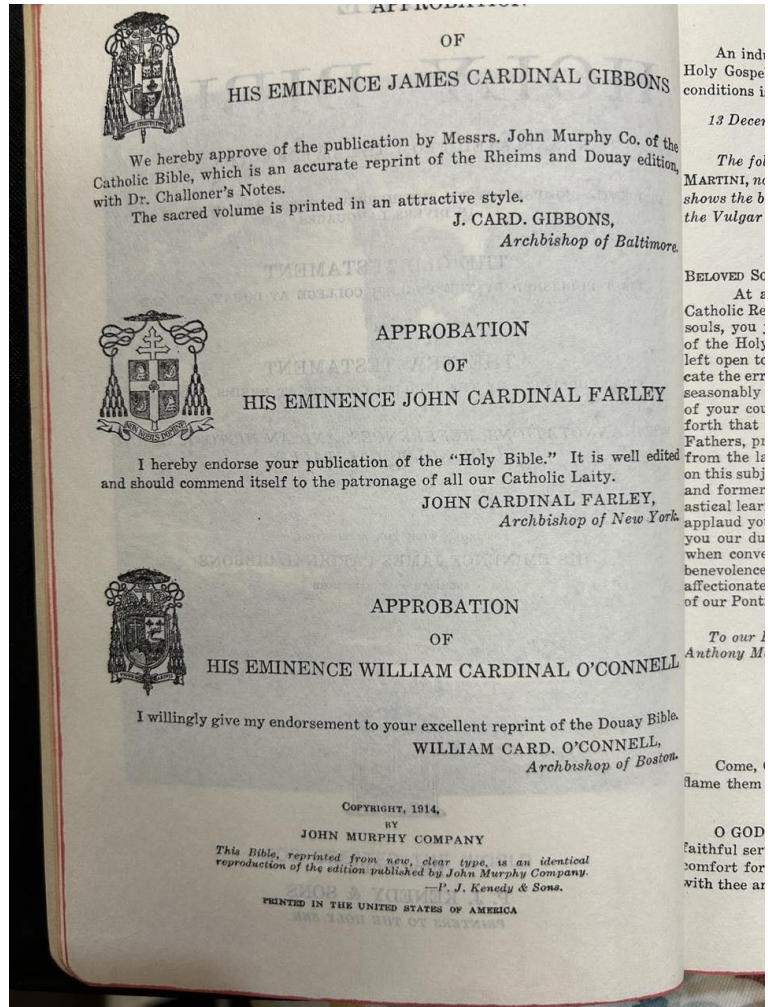
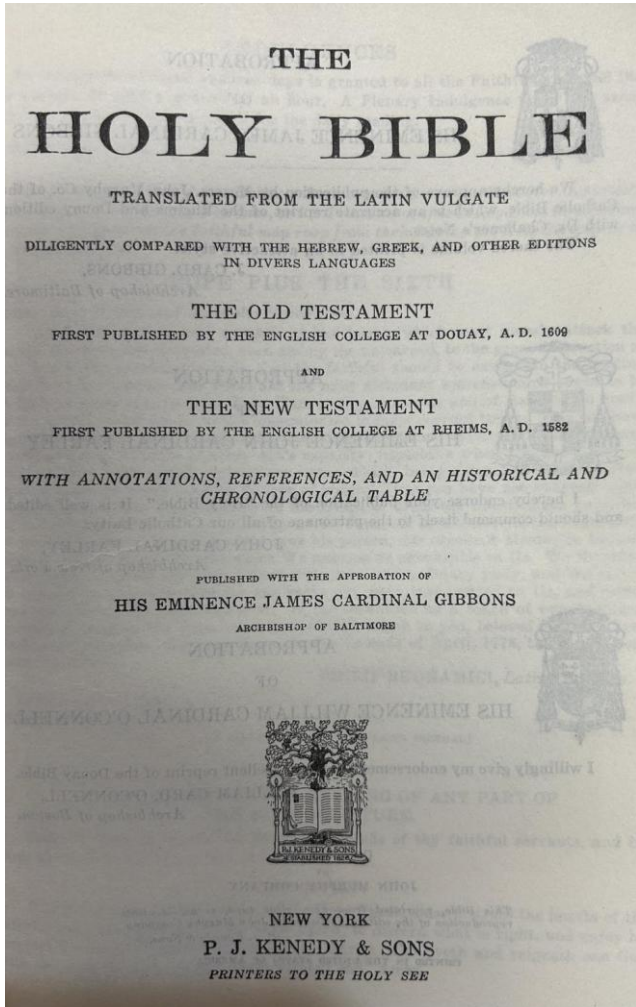
Many and varied formulae published over the years try to break down the prophesy years to come as close as possible, considering the calendars' modulations. There have been many calendars that have changed over this period, beginning with the Hebrew biblical calendar (12 months of 30 days each), the Julian Calendar - introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 B.C. and used in most of the world until Pope Gregory XII replaced it in 1582, the 6th Century calendar of Dionysius Exiguus who started the system of reckoning time from the Birth of Christ (the BC/AD system), and finally The Gregorian reform of the Julian calendar in 1582 – the last two were both solar calendars with leap years. "Thus it is now agreed that the birth of Christ should be placed c. 6-4 B.C." (See Scofield Notes at Matthew 2:1). So, even our current "B.C / A.D" sometimes reckoned "BCE / CE" (before the Common Era and the Common Era) system is not accurate as far as any assured perfect measure of time.

Therefore, any attempt to come to the precise day and hour will be flawed due to **human error**, not the math of the prophecy given initially to Daniel. Today, we will demonstrate a plausible figure using the Hebrew Biblical calendar and the current Solar Calendar methods. However, the highly close arrival of the formulae to Jesus of Nazareth's actual life is very noteworthy in anyone's investigation into his authenticity.

As noted above, this Doctrine of the 70 Weeks of Daniel, which takes us to the time of Christ, can be traced back to Apostolic times. First, see these frames

4-6-25 Fifth Sunday of Lent, SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL Year C Page 19 of 53 from two pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic Bibles displaying the tradition of the church for 1,900 + years that this prophecy declared the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah Prince who was "cut off" and would establish God's Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace from "sea to sea."

Observe the formula of one week equals seven years in these notes.
Published in 1914



13 As it is written in the book of Isaiah: all this evil is come upon us: and we have treated not thy face, O Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and think on thy truth.

14 And the Lord hath watched upon the evil, and hath brought it upon us: the Lord our God is just in all his works which he hath done: for we have not hearkened to his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, who hast brought forth thy people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and hast made thee a name as at this day: we have sinned, we have committed iniquity, O Lord, against all thy justice: let thy wrath and thy indignation be turned away, I beseech thee, from thy city Jerusalem, and from thy holy mountain. For

g Deut. 27. 14.
h Bar. 2. 11; Ex. 14. 22.

CHAP. 9. Ver. 21. *The man Gabriel.* The angel Gabriel in the shape of a man.

Ver. 23. *Man of desires,* that is, ardently praying for the Jews then in captivity.

Ver. 24. *Seventy weeks,* viz., of years, (or seventy times seven, that is, 490 years,) are shortened: that is, fixed and determined, so that the time shall be no longer.

Ver. 25. *From the going forth of the word,* &c. That is, from the twentieth year of king Artaxerxes,

me, and said: O Daniel, I am now come forth to teach thee, and that thou mightest understand.

23 From the beginning of thy prayers the word came forth: and I am come to shew it to thee, because thou art a man of desires: therefore do thou mark the word, and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are shortened upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, that transgression may be finished, and sin may have an end, and iniquity may be abolished; and everlasting justice may be brought; and vision and prophecy may be fulfilled; and the saint of saints may be anointed.

25 Know thou therefore, and take no

i Jer. 25. 29; Ps. 48. 2. 9, and 101. 3.
j Supra 8. 16.—k Matt. 24. 15; John 1. 45.

when by his commandment Nehemias rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, 2 Esd. 2. From which time, according to the best chronology, there were just sixty-nine weeks of years, that is, 483 years to the baptism of Christ, when he first began to preach and execute the office of Messiah.—Ibid. *In straitsness of times; angustia temporum:* which may allude both to the difficulties and opposition they met with in building: and to the shortness of the time in which they finished the wall, viz., fifty-two days.

9 In those days I Daniel mourned the days of three weeks.

10 I ate no desirable bread, and neither flesh, nor wine entered into my mouth: neither was I anointed with ointment: till the days of three weeks were accomplished.

11 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month I was by the great river which is the Tigris.

12 And I lifted up my eyes, and I saw: and behold a man clothed in linen, and his loins were girded with the finest gold:

13 And his body was like the chrysolite, and his face as the appearance of light-

l E. C. 536.

Ver. 26. *A people with their leader.* The Romans under Titus.

Ver. 27. *In the half of the week,* or, *in the middle of the week,* &c. Because Christ preached three years and a half: and then by his sacrifice upon the cross abolished all the sacrifices of the law.—Ibid. *The abomination of desolation.* Some understand this of the profanation of the temple by the crimes of the Jews, and by the bloody faction of the zealots. Others of the bringing in thither the ensigns and standard of the pagan Romans. Others, in fine,

in the sight of thy God, thy words have been heard: and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of the Persians resisted me one and twenty days: and behold Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I remained there by the king of the Persians.

14 But I am come to teach thee what things shall befall thy people in the latter days, for as yet the vision is for days.

15 And when he was speaking such words to me, I cast down my countenance to the ground, and held my peace.

16 And behold, as it were the likeness of a son of man touched my lips: then I

distinguish three different times of desolation: viz., that under Antiochus; that when the temple was destroyed by the Romans; and the last near the end of the world under Antichrist. To all which, as they suppose, this prophecy may have a relation.

CHAP. 10. Ver. 13. *The prince,* &c. That is, the angel guardian of Persia: who according to his office, seeking the spiritual good of the Persians, was desirous that many of the Jews should remain among them.

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VER. 23. *Man of desires,* i.e., ardently praying for the Jews then in captivity.

VER. 24. *Seventy weeks are shortened,* i.e., seventy weeks of years (seventy times seven or 490 years) are fixed and determined.

VER. 25. *From the going forth of the word,* i.e., from the twentieth year of king Artaxerxes when, by his commandment, Nehemias rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem (2 Esd. 2). From which time, according to the best chronology, there were just sixty-nine weeks of years, that is, 483 years to the baptism of Christ, when He first began to preach and execute the office of Messiah. *In straitness of times.* This

An angel appears to Daniel

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month I was by the great river which is the Tigris. 5 And I lifted up my eyes and I saw: and behold a man clothed in linen, and his loins were girded with the finest gold, 6 and his body was like the chrysolite, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as a burning lamp: and his arms and all downward even to the feet, like in appearance to glittering brass: and the voice of his word like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw it not: but an exceeding great terror fell upon them, and they fled away and hid themselves.

Daniel frightened

8 And I being left alone saw this great vision:

may allude both to the difficulties and opposition they met with in building, and to the shortness of the time in which they finished the wall, namely, fifty-two days.

VER. 26. *A people with their leader.* The Romans under Titus.

VER. 27. *The abomination of desolation.* Some understand this of the profanation of the Temple by the crimes of the Jews, and by the bloody faction of the zealots. Others of the bringing in thither the ensigns and standard of the pagan Romans. Others distinguish three different times of desolation, namely, that under Antiochus, that when the Temple was destroyed by the Romans, and the last near the end of the world under Antichrist. To all which, as they suppose, this prophecy may have a relation,

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CHAPTER 8

Vision of the ram and he goat

IN the third year of the reign of king Baltassar, a vision appeared to me. I, Daniel,

VER. 25. *A time, and times, and half a time,* i.e., three years and a half, which is supposed to be the length of the duration of the persecution of Antichrist.

CHAP. 8. VER. 3. *A ram.* The empire of the Medes and Persians.

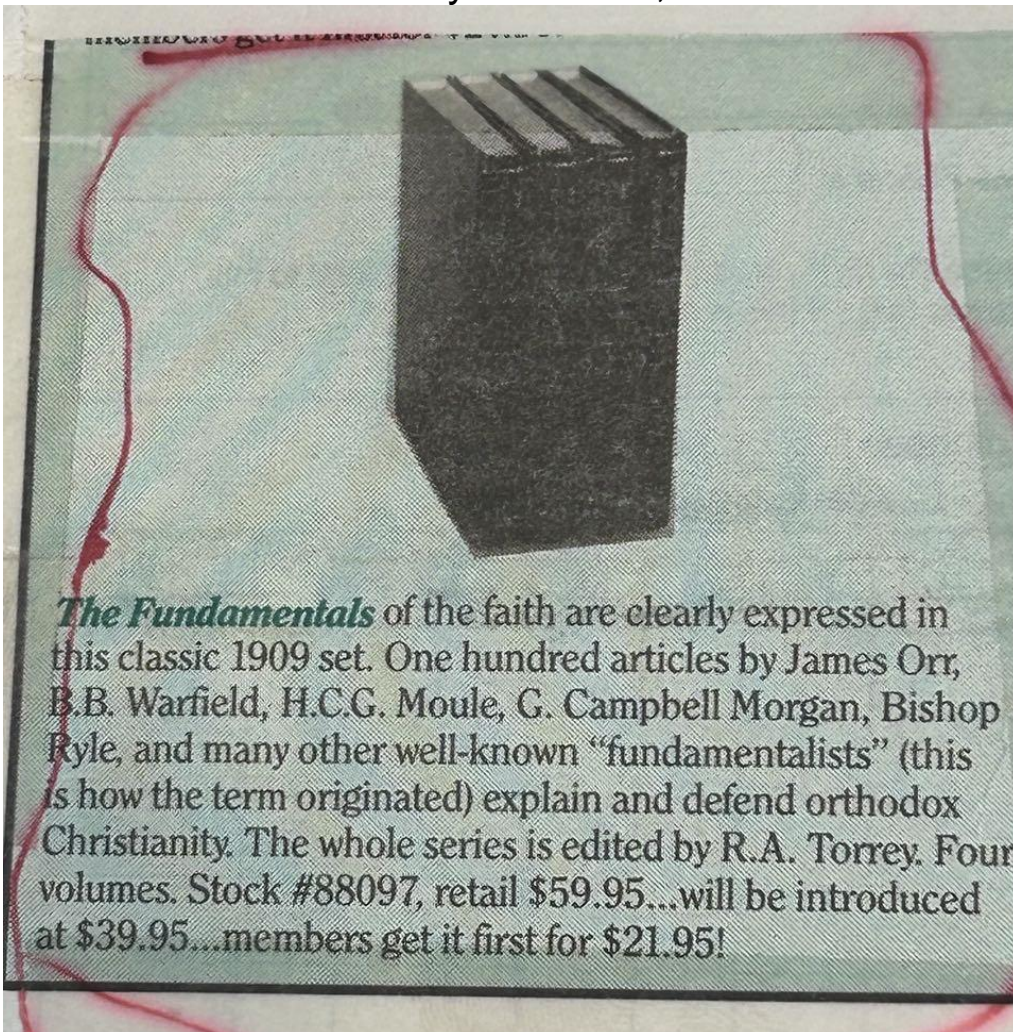
VER. 5. *A he goat.* The empire of the Greeks, or Macedonians. *He touched not the ground,* He conquered all before him with so much rapidity that he seemed rather to fly than to walk upon the earth. *A notable horn.* Alexander the Great.

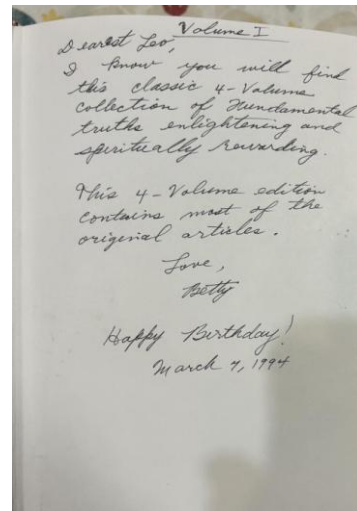
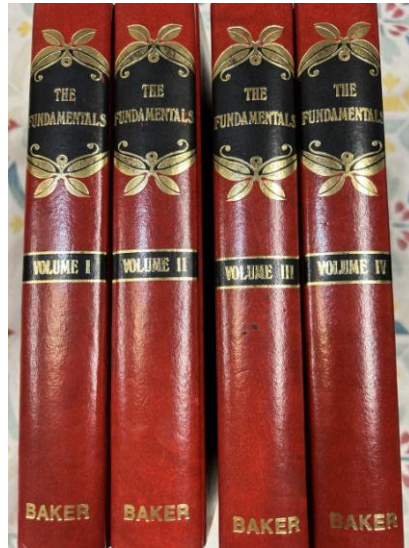
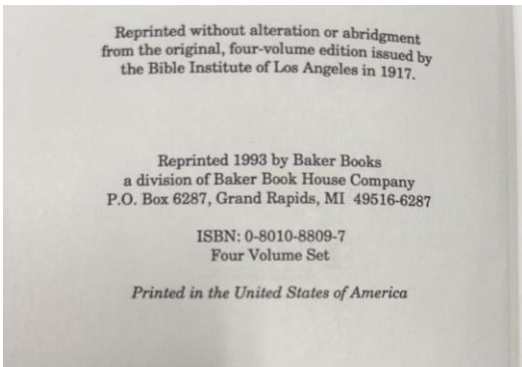
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Next, we will look into Scripture to prove this day equals a year, or a week equals seven years method. However, before explaining the "year equals a day" method, we are

incredibly thankful to have these Bibles in our library. **Often, very often,** the accusation is made that the Protestant Bible Conference Movement of about the 1850s through the 1920s created new interpretation methods and taught others to do the same, thus earning the nickname "Fundamentalists."

The truth is the conferences produced excellent academic papers on the fundamental doctrines of the ancient Christian Church, which were known and taught back to the time of the Apostles. Those papers were published and sent across the United States and worldwide for free and reprinted many times between 1909 and 1917. We have a complete set in our library that was a gift to me in 1994 from Betty Cameron, who is now in Paradise.





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conclusion of this first part, showing the Doctrine of this prophecy reaches back to the Apostles; these Catholic Bibles show the Church's Doctrinal position since the Church Fathers to the present, not after the Protestant, 20th Century Fundamentals papers were written. Now, onto the facts.

Part 2: The Day equals a Year in the Bible.

The concept of a day equals a year, or one week equals seven years, is noted in the Commentary of Jamieson-Fausset-Brown in 1880, page 640: "Seventy weeks - viz., of years: lit., *Seventy sevens*; seventy **heptads** or **hebdomads**: 490 years."

The book "Daniel the Key to Prophetic Revelation: A Commentary" by John F. Walvoord © 1971 by The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago **heptad** is defined on page 218. "The overwhelming consensus of scholarship, however, agrees that the time unit should be considered in years. It is normal for lexicographical authorities in the field of Hebrew to define the time unit as "period of seven (days, years),' and *heptad*, weeks" John Walvoord quoting Brown, Driver, and Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*, p.988. Walvoord also gives other sources in the same chapter.

Establishing the use of the word *heptad* and or *hebdomads* for a day equals a year and a week equals seven years, we now turn to Scripture.

Reader: (Introduction only if needed.) Hello. My name is _____ and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

Our first reading is in the Book of Genesis chapter 29, verses 15-30. You will find this on page 26 in the front of the NRSV Bible. I will be reading from The Inclusive Bible. Here begins the reading:

15 When Jacob had been with them for a month, Laban said, "Why do you work for me without wages just because we are related? Tell me your worth, and I'll hire you." 16 Now Laban had two daughters: the older one was Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. 17 Leah was near-sighted; but Rachel was lovely and graceful, and 18 Jacob was in love with her. He said, "I will work for **seven years** for the hand of your younger daughter, Rachel." 19 Laban answered, "I would rather that she marry you than give her hand to another. I accept this offer." 20 So Jacob worked for **seven years** for the right to marry Rachel, but to him it felt as if it were a few days—that was how much he loved Rachel. 21 When **seven years** were up, Jacob said to Laban, "I have worked for you for **seven years**. Let me now marry Rachel." 22 So Laban brought together all the local people for a wedding feast, and there was a great deal of drinking. 23 That night, however, he brought his daughter Leah to Jacob, and Jacob slept with her. 24 Laban also gave Leah his maid Zilpah, to attend her that night. 25 In the morning Jacob woke up—and it was Leah beside him! Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Didn't I work for you for **seven years** for Rachel's hand? Why have you deceived me?" 26 Laban answered, "It is not our custom here to let the younger child marry first. 27 Finish this wedding **week** with the elder, and I will let you marry the younger for another **seven years'** work." 28 Jacob agreed to finish the wedding **week** with Leah. When **the week** was finished, Laban allowed Rachel and Jacob to marry. 29 And Laban assigned his maid Bilhah to Rachel. 30 So Jacob lay with Rachel too, and he loved her more than Leah. Then Jacob worked for Laban **seven more years**.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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Pastor: We have established that the day equals one year, and a week is seven years in Scripture. Now, we turn to the times and seasons established in Creation by God.

+ Psalm

Reader: (Introduction only if needed.) Hello. My name is _____ and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

The Psalm today is 19 with selected verses two through nine. Our response today is; "The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia."

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

² The heavens proclaim the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's
hands.

³ Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

⁴ No speech, no word, no voice is heard
⁵ yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There God has placed a tent for the sun;

⁶ it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

⁷ At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.

There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

⁸ The law of the LORD is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the LORD is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

⁹ The precepts of the LORD are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

R: The rule of the Lord is revealed in creation, alleluia.

Give praise to the Living God.

To God's Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

To the Spirit who reigns in our hearts.

Both now, and forever. Amen.

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Pastor: Some modern pastors and theologians suggest the Book of Daniel is not an authentic book of the Bible, even suggesting it was not written in the 6th Century BC; some even suggest it was written as late as the 2nd Century A.D. Jesus and St. Paul referred to the Book of Daniel without questioning its authenticity. I conclude the Book of Daniel must be Sacred Scripture, or they both would have questioned it.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Reader: We sing an acclamation before and one after the reading of the Gospel. Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

We Love Your Word!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
October 31, 1993
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We love Your Word, O Lord for it set us free. We know the
truth, O Lord; We are Yours e - ter - nal - ly. So we stand to hear Your
Word. We praise You for Your Word. Al-le - lu - a! for Your Word. It heals our
hearts, souls and minds. For Your Word, Al - le - lu - ia! Thank You Je - sus!

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Reader: (Introduction only if needed.) Hello. My name is _____ and I am in the City of _____ in the State of _____.

The Gospel reading is on page 27 in the back of the NRSV Bible. The reading is in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 24, verses 14 - 25.

Reader: Truly present among us, the Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Reader: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord. May the Word of God be in our (+) minds that we will understand it, on our (+) lips that we will speak it, and in our (+) hearts that we will love it.

14 "The Good News of the kingdom will be proclaimed to the whole world as a witness to all the nations. Then the end will come. 15 "So when you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' that Daniel the prophet speaks of, standing in the holy place"—let the reader understand—16 "then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 People on a housetop must not go downstairs to collect their belongings. 18 Those in the field must not go back to fetch their cloaks. 19 How terrible it will be at that time

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for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your escape will not happen in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 At that time there will be terrible turmoil, unmatched from the beginning of time until now, never to be matched again. 22 And if those days were not been shortened, no one would survive. That time will be shortened for the sake of the chosen. 23 "If anyone says to you, 'Look, here's the Messiah!' or, 'There's the Messiah!' don't believe it. 24 False messiahs and false prophets will arise, performing impressive signs and wonders in order to deceive, if it were possible, even the chosen. 25 Look: I have told you everything ahead of time.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Please be seated.

St. Paul also refers to the Book of Daniel in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, and there is an excellent note on the Man of Sin, the Desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel on page 1742, Revelation 19:20 "The Beast, Summary" in your Scofield III Bibles.

Part Three: The Prophecy of Daniel

Daniel 9:24-27

New King James Version

²⁴ "Seventy ^[a]weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,

To finish the transgression,
^[b]To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,

To bring in everlasting righteousness,

To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint ^[c]the Most Holy.

²⁵ "Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks

and sixty-two weeks;
The ^[d]street shall be built again, and the ^[e]wall,
Even in troublesome times.

²⁶ "And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall ^[f]be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷ Then he shall confirm a ^[g]covenant with many for one week;
But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the ^[h]desolate."

Read full chapter

Footnotes

- a. Daniel 9:24 Lit. *sevens*, and so throughout the chapter
- b. Daniel 9:24 So with Qr., LXX, Syr., Vg.; Kt., Theodotion *To seal up*
- c. Daniel 9:24 The Most Holy Place
- d. Daniel 9:25 Or *open square*
- e. Daniel 9:25 Or *moat*
- f. Daniel 9:26 Suffer the death penalty
- g. Daniel 9:27 Or *treaty*
- h. Daniel 9:27 Or *desolator*

New King James Version (NKJV)

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My notes are portions from pages 70 and 71 of the original work.

5. The Vision of the "SEVENTY WEEKS."

In chapter nine, Daniel had a Vision of "Seventy Weeks" that were determined on his "People" (the Jews) and the Holy City (Jerusalem) to finish "their transgressions, " and make an "end of their sins, " and bring in "everlasting righteousness." [Dan. 9:24](#). This Vision of the "**Seventy Weeks**" is the most important revelation in many respects made in the Scriptures. It set the date of the First Coming of Christ, and gives the length of the reign of Antichrist.

THE SEVENTY WEEKS

The "Period" of the "Seventy Weeks" is divided into three periods of "**Seven Weeks**, " "**Threescore and Two Weeks**" and "One Week, " and it was to be 7+62--69 **weeks** from the going forth of the "commandment" to **Restore and Build Jerusalem Unto**

"MESSIAH THE PRINCE."

The date of the "commandment" is given in [Neh. 2:1](#) as the month "Nisan" in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the King, which was the 14th day of March, B.C. 445. The day when Jesus rode in Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as "**Messiah the Prince**, " was Palm Sunday, April 2, A. D. 30. [Luke 19:37-39](#). But the time between March 14, B.C. 445, and April 2, A. D. 30, is more than 69 literal "weeks." It is . 445+30=475 years. The "**Lord's Scale**" then is-

"A Day Stands for a Year."

Let us apply this scale to the "Seventy Weeks." We found that the time between the "commandment" to restore and build Jerusalem, and "Messiah the Prince, " was to be 69 weeks, or $69 \times 7 = 483$ days, or if a "day" stands for a year, 483 years. But we found that from B.C. 445 to A. D. 30 was 475 years, a difference of 8 years. How can we account for the difference?

We must not forget that there are years of different lengths. The **Lunar** year has 354 days. The **Calendar** year has 360 days. The **Solar** year has 365 days.- The **Julian**, or Astronomical year, has 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, and it is necessary to add **one** day every **4 years** to the calendar.

According to ordinary chronology, the 475 years from B.C. 445 to A. D. 30 are "**Solar**" years of 365 days each. Now counting the years from B.C. 445 to A..D. 30, **inclusively**, we have 476 **solar** years. Multiplying these 476 years by 365 (the number of days in a Solar year), we have 173,740 days, to which **add 119 days for leap years**, and we have 173, 859 days. **Add to these 20 days inclusive from March 14 to April 2**, and we have 173, 879 days.

Divide 173, 879 by 360 (the number of days in a "Prophetical Year"), and we have 483 years all to **one day**, the exact number of days (483) in 69 weeks, each day standing for a year. Could there be anything more conclusive to prove that Daniel's **69 weeks** ran out on **April 2, A. D. 30**, the day that Jesus rode **in** triumph into the City of Jerusalem.

My notes for Finally, in conclusion

7 weeks – (49 years to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem)

+62 weeks – (434 years later, Messiah would be "cut off," meaning he was

crucified)

This is the 69 weeks to Holy Week.

69 weeks x 7 years each = 483 Years – from March 14, 445 BC – April 2, 30 A.D. (3/14—4/20 add 20 days inclusive)

TWO METHODS

1) HEBREW CALENDAR BIBLICAL MONTHS

Biblical 483 years x 12 months= 5,796 months x 30 days each = 173,880 days

Still future: +1 week – (final 7 years under Antichrist during Tribulation Period)

2) Solar Calendar

445 B.C, 20th yr. of King Artaxerxes, the command to rebuild is announced.
+ 30 years Jesus' life

475 years

Use inclusive method + add one year (both ends counted)

476 years x 365 solar calendar days 1 year + 119 days for leap years = 173,859 days. + 20 days (March 14 to April 2) = 173, 879 days.

Biblical - Hebrew days 173,880 days

Solar Calendar days 173, 879 days

To cross-check the math, divide that by 360 days (biblical calendar year) = 482.99722 years. That is very close! This was based on Clarence Larkin's formulae above. Add to that the final week of seven years of the future Tribulation Period and you are back to 490 years total.

Jesus would have entered Jerusalem to be "cut off not for himself but for the sins of others" on April 2, 30 A.D. Now we know there was yet another calendar error where some think it would be more accurate to say 3 B.C.. Further, the Roman Catholic interpretation is that this date would be at the start, not the end of his ministry.

Either way, the idea that these calculations definitely are in the life of Jesus of Nazareth is plenty of proof for me. This prophecy is only one of many in the Book of Daniel. We definitely should take a year and do an entire study on the Book. Daniel won over King Nebuchadnezzar while Daniel was a prisoner of war. Eventually, the King made Daniel the leader of the restored order of Magi - the religious specialists of Babylon, Iraq. Daniel taught the Faith of Abraham and all the other Prophets, establishing the Jewish Faith in the same Countries today. The Faith Daniel established survived to the time of the birth of the One they were expecting, having studied all the prophecies about Him.

If time permits, LARKIN continues:

We must carefully notice that nothing is mentioned as occurring between the "Seven Weeks" and the "Threescore and Two Weeks, " and that Daniel was to understand that the latter followed the former **without a break**. The words that follow, "the street shall be built, and the wall, even in troublous times, " doubtless refers to the "first period" or 49 years, occupied by Ezra and Nehemiah in the work of restoring and rebuilding the City of Jerusalem.

We see from this that if the "students of Prophecy" of Christ's day **had been on the alert**, and had understood Daniel's prophecy of the "Seventy Weeks, " **they would have been looking for Him**, and would have known to a certainty whether He was the Messiah or not.

While there was no break between the "Seven Weeks" and the "Threescore and Two Weeks, " there is a **break** between the "**Sixty-ninth**" and "**Seventieth Week**, " in which several things were to happen.

First we read that "**Messiah Was to Be Cut Off, But Not for Himself.**" This refers to Christ's rejection and crucifixion. He died for others. Then we read that the **people** of the "**Prince That Shall Come**" shall destroy the City and the Sanctuary. Note that it does not say that the "**Prince**" will destroy the City and Sanctuary, but the

People of the Prince. The **people** who destroyed the City of Jerusalem and the Temple in A. D. 70 were the **Romans**, therefore the "**Prince** (Antichrist) must be a **Roman Citizen**. This does not mean that he cannot be a Syrian Jew, for Syria will then be a part of the revived Roman Empire, and Saul of Tarsus was a Roman citizen as well as Jew.

We are then told that the **Desolation** of the land of Palestine shall continue until the "**End of the War**" (**probably Armageddon**). As this "desolation" still continues we see that the "**GAP**" between the "**Sixty ninth**" and "**Seventieth Week**" takes in the whole of this **PRESENT DISPENSATION**.

The next verse (vs. 27) introduces the "**Seventieth Week**."

"And **He** (the "Prince"-Antichrist) shall confirm the Covenant with **many** for **ONE WEEK** (the Seventieth Week); and in the **MIDST** (middle) **of the Week He** (the Antichrist), shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease, " etc. For a description of the "Seventieth Week" see the chapter on "The Tribulation."

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Gospel Acclamation

Forever, We Are Yours!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church
for the 1996 New Year,
The Year of The Holy Spirit!

"Music For Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
December 31, 1995

Glo-ry to the One God! Glo-ry to our Sa - vior Je - sus the
 5 Christ! And, to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, for - ev - er You're Our God!
 9 You brought us out of dark - ness, in - to Your mar - ve - lous Light! Your Word is our
 13 joy! For this we give You glo - ry, both now and ev - er more!
 17 For - ev - er we are Yours! For - ev - er we are Yours!

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Brother: PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE: ** Wayne Harris has started an Intercessory Prayer book. See Wayne to add names or situations to the list. Heather Austin reports she is healing very well from her surgery, Henrietta Bower, Michael Austin, Ruth Goyette, Glenn Rathbun's hands are healing very well, Annie Houser and Gary Davis are also reporting they are healing very nicely, Ed Askins, Phillipa Askins, Marty Grinolds, Cheryl Allen reports she is grateful for our prayers and she is very pleased with how well she has been this year, Louisa Lourdiane, the Baptist community of Elmira, the people of the Northside of Syracuse are facing the aftermath of a huge fire at the former Mother House of the Sisters of St. Francis where Mother Cope received her education - there were hopes for new apartments for the elderly at the building, Pope Francis, Debbie Emerson, Ann Devillers, William Burns, Joe Cost, Earl Courtney, Ellanna Joe Adams, Kaiden Benedict, John McLaughlin, Ian McLaughlin, the young women who are having their access to education taken away all our the world, Trans Service Members in the United States Armed Forces, Trans youth and are being denied continuation of medical treatments by our government.

Nettie Pirozzolo while she is in comfort care. We prayed for a peaceful death for Michael's Aunt Mary and the prayers were granted. We now have been asked to pray for her children, grandchildren and her very large family as they find the way forward. Michael's stepfather, Larry Chalfant, is still struggling with many health issues, and he will be starting

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to receive in-home aide services. We also want to remember the family of Qua'Ron Marquis, Faison - Veronica's second cousin as they also process the loss of him and the loss of his future. Also, in our prayer requests we have heard from people who have lost pets recently including Brandi Girl,III - Glenn's dog, and Og - Ian's cat.



(Visit our moving prayers page [Right Click Here.](#))

Leader: Worship is our primary activity as a church. We are grateful for all the people over these last forty-one years of ministry who have given help and assistance so that Ray Of Hope is here in this new year of 2025. Thank you to everyone who has contributed with your gifts "seen and unseen." Your giving has been exemplary and extraordinary; may God bless you.

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Leader - 3: (**You may improvise a prayer or use this one.) God, we bless you

and praise you for all the gifts we have received to support this ministry. We thank you for those who can give financially and with their skills, prayers, talents, and other ways. We bless you for those who could not give at this time and pray that all their needs will be met. We dedicate all this to the Name of Jesus, Amen.

(We sing **The Doxology here.**)

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



WE CELEBRATE THE SACRED MEAL OF CHRIST

Pastor or?: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all Creation. Through your goodness, we have this Bread, which the Earth has given us, and human hands have lovingly made. Now, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, this Bread will become for us the Bread From Heaven (Exodus 16:2, Psalm 78:24, John 6:32, 41,50,58), the Bread of the Angels (Psalm 78:25), the Bread of God (John 6:33), the Living Bread (John 6:51), the Bread Of Life (John 6:35, 48, 58), the Bread of the New Covenant (John 6:32, 49, 50,51, 58), the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the very Body Of Christ (John 6:52-56, 1Corinthians 10:16).

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Leader 4: Please set down your Bread. For those at home, pour your wine or grape juice into your cup if you have not already done so. Then, add a small amount of water to the cup. With this water, we remember Jesus is human. With this fruit of the vine, we remember He is divine forever.

Brother Benedict: Now, please lift your cup with me as I pray this prayer. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all Creation. Through your goodness, we have this fruit of the vine, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Now, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, this fruit of the vine will become for us the Cup of Our Salvation (Psalm 116:13), the Cup of Everlasting Life (John 6:54-57), the Cup of the New Covenant (Matthew 26:28, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25), the very Blood Of Christ (John 6:54-56; 1Corinthians 10:16).

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Leader 4: Please set down your cup.

Pastor: Truly present and risen among us; **SAINTS** the Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: As His Body, we lift up our hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: As His Church, we give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: (An improvised prayer is said here.)

May our voices be one with all the fabulous Faithful from every time and place as we sing our song and join their unending praise hymns.

Holy, Holy, Lord!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
October 31, 1993
Revised 8/2013

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and a triplet of eighth notes on the fifth staff.

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+ We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

Leader - 3: At Ray Of Hope Church, we pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the same gifts Jesus gave when He instituted Holy Communion for His Church. We invite you to extend your hands forward over the Bread and fruit of the vine or extend your arms out with palms turned up in prayer and say the following Invocation of the Holy Spirit with me.

ALL: O God, in the Name of Jesus, we, your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this Bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and

commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for our physical and spiritual well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen

Leader - 1: You may relax your arms and hands.

+ The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

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+ The Lord's Prayer

Leader 3: Having heard the Word of God and remembering the sacrifice of the Cross, we invite everyone to pray together the prayer of Jesus.

**ALL: Our Father, who Art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily
Bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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The Reception of Holy Communion

Pastor: Please raise the Blessed Sacrament as a sign of praise and pray together:

ALL: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Christ truly present in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Behold Him who said whoever eats of this Bread and drinks of this cup, though they die, they shall live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

Leader - 2: Blessed are those who come to this table; everyone is welcome.

ALL: Lord, you make me worthy to receive you, and by your Word, I am healed. It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.

Doxology/Amen!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music For Worship"

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All hon - or and glo - ry be un - to ____ You. Al - migh - ty

5
God ____ world with - out end. ____ A ____ men! Al - le - lu - ia

11
A ____ men! Al - le - lu - ia! All hon - or and glo - ry to you! A - men! ____

Leader 4: Please open your kit and receive Holy Communion at this time. Receive now the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Gift of God for the People of God. Receive these gifts of love to strengthen your resolve to serve others and God and to fortify your Salvation. I assure you, by the promises of Christ, that anyone who receives this Holy Communion today will indeed receive sanctification and healing in mind, body, soul, and spirit, and will be raised by Christ to new life, and live forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRIVATE PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

Veronica: We understand that some of you watching do not have actual Holy Communion Bread and Wine. We invite you to pray for a Spiritual reception of Holy Communion based upon a prayer in a Prayer Book at the Episcopal National Cathedral. This prayer assures all the benefits and blessings of a physical reception. Together;

Oh, My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and welcome you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer from the Episcopal National Cathedral Prayer Book.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment. Still, circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

+ Sign Of Peace

Leader-1: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader-1: Please take a moment to share a sign of Peace with those around you. **During COVID, we wave across the room and into the camera for the Internet.

Leader-1: Now, we clean our tables and altars. Please be sure all of

the crumbs are in your cup. Add some water and swirl it around inside the cup. Drink the water. Dry the cup with the side napkin. Clear your worship table and altar.

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Earthen Vessels Words and Music by John Foley, SJ.

Refrain

We hold a treasure, not made of gold,
in earthen vessels, wealth untold;
one treasure only: the Lord, the Christ,
in earthen vessels.

1. Light has shone in our darkness:
God has shone in our heart
with the light of the glory of Jesus, the Lord.

2. God has chosen the lowly
who are small in this world;
in this weakness is glory in Jesus, the Lord.

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Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2025

I want to thank you all for your donations for the month of February as we endeavor to complete the work that God has given us here. If any of you ever have any questions that come up concerning the finances, please, always feel free to contact me. My cell number is 607-346-4240.

General Fund opening balance at the beginning of February was \$1,263.71. Donations to the General Fund for the month were \$3,049.82. This included special donations of \$60.00 towards Appointed Pastor's self-employment tax. Pastoral compensation of \$2,060.00 was paid. The following payments were made from this account: Verizon \$62.47, I was reimbursed \$26.49 for grape juice purchase, \$143.34 was transferred to savings towards Appointed Pastor's self-employment tax and \$32.82 came out of the account for Paypal charges. After these were paid the balance of this account at the end of the month was \$1,988.41.

Building Fund opening balance was \$1,374.29. Donations to the Building Fund were as follows: Brother Shawn Benedict \$648.00, Kaiden Benedict \$400.00, Lisa Frost \$330.00 towards the annual cellular fire alarm invoice and Wayne and Glenn \$100.00. I transferred \$1,256.27 from the Building Improvement fund. Bills that came out of the fund this month was the Credit Card bill with Key Bank of \$56.77, electric \$276.92, gas bill \$253.00, Liability Insurance \$275.60, Accessibility Solutions (for elevator maintenance)

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\$174.81, Fire Alarm Service for the annual basic fire alarm monitoring \$330.00 and Maintenance Concepts \$1,260.02 for outside light wiring, doorbell installation and interior electric repairs. The ending balance of this fund was \$1,481.44.

Building Improvement Fund opening balance on this account was \$1,670.63. Ian and Christina donated \$450.00. I transferred \$1,256.27. The ending balance on the account is \$864.36.

Savings (Council) Account opening balance \$526.99. I transferred \$143.34 for Appointed Pastor Self Employment tax to this account. 5 Star bank took \$5.00 out for a paper statement fee, which I have now changed to all electronic statements. The ending balance is \$665.33.

There were no undeposited funds for February.

Balances in the cash accounts as of today, March 27, 2025:

General fund: \$2,362.26, Building Fund: \$1,802.82, Building Improvement fund: \$864.36 and the Savings (Council) Account: \$688.65, which includes \$250.00 of Appointed Pastor SE tax which will be paid quarterly before it's due date of April 15th.

Bills I have received: City of Elmira Sanitation fee is \$365.00. Regular bills coming due first week of April out of the Building Fund: Gas bill-\$253.00, Electric bill-\$276.92, Liability Insurance-\$275.60. I'm expecting a bill from the Fire Alarm Service company for \$330.00 for the cellular fee. Lisa had donated that earlier and I have saved it for this coming bill.

veeflo@aol.com <veeflo@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 12:14:42 PM EST

Subject: New area of concern that has surfaced regarding website

Dear Members and Friends, to keep you informed, we wanted to share with you that we have been notified by an organization called PicRights International Inc. that we alleged used images that were copyrighted on our website in 2021. This is a new area of concerns that we are facing as Pic Rights operates on behalf of the Associated Press and EPA photographers. We are being told that this is a copyright violation and were initially fined a total of \$1,875 for 5 images. The images used were all linked to an article that was posted for educational and religious education purposes. They in essence were part of the article.

Although we believe all rules of the Fair Use Act were applied and materials well sourced on our website, I was told that those rules of engagement do not apply to the use of these images on our website. Br. Benedict has worked tirelessly and continues to do so to ensure everything we do is in compliance and we thank him for all the hours he has donated to this.

The council is 100% committed to getting clarification on what the rules of engagement are and putting into place compliance with those rules if indeed they are not what we believe to be the case so this is not a recurring issue. We have spoken with a friend of the church who provided us with some attorneys that specialize in Intellectual property and copyright laws. We are moving forward with contacting an attorney to represent us.

We were able to negotiate an offer with PicRights due to our status as a Not for Profit Religious Corporation as well as the impact such a stiff fee would have on our church finances. The reduced fee is a 60% reduction to \$750. We were given a due date of February 14, 2025 to take advantage of the negotiated rate. We will be speaking with an attorney prior to that time to see if this is the best course of action for us at this time and how to proceed in the future.

I am bringing this to the attention of all our members and friends to first make you aware of the concern. Secondly, if you would like to assist with website maintenance expenses, please contact our treasurer Ed Askins. Any amount of donation would be beneficial. Also, if you know anyone who has copyright law experience that could help us moving forward, please let any council member know. We will keep you informed of any updated developments.

As always, we thank you for your generosity and support as we endeavor to do God's work together and give God glory and praise.

Christ Peace be with you,
Veronica Floyd, Moderator Ray Of Hope

NOTES OF THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY GIVEN TO THE LORD THROUGH RAY OF HOPE

General Offering for the week of March 2 \$1,475.00 Attendance 10 on Sunday
No Noon Mass - Ash Wednesday

General Offering for the week of March 9 \$501.00 Attendance 8 on Sunday
Wednesday, March 12, Attendance 8

General Offering for the week of March 16 \$20.00 Attendance 10 on Sunday
Wednesday, March 16, Attendance 9

General Offering for the week of March 23 \$721.45 Attendance 10 on Sunday
Wednesday, March 16, Attendance 7

General Offering for the week of March 30 \$570.40 Attendance 13 on Sunday
Wednesday, April 2, Attendance 13

**** Special Gifts made this week:** Katrina made a \$50.00 donation to the Building Fund. Thank you, Katrina.

**** Special Gifts made in addition to offering plate gifts made recently****

Brother made a \$648.00 donation to the Building Fund, thank you.

Thank you, Katrina for making two Membership Books and continuing working on the psalms for our use in worship. Thank you Wayne and Glenn for a \$200.00 donation to the Building Fund, and paper products for social hour and for the restroom.

We are always very grateful to everyone who helps around the Monastery; Christina, Katrina and others who stop in and lend a hand. Thank you to everyone who bakes for our social hours.

** We received a \$500.00 gift from the Novant Community Benefit Fund (Robinson), a donor-advised fund of The Winston-Salem Foundation. The advisor donors are Dr. Elwood and Denise Robinson, Veronica Floyd's sister and brother-in-law. We thank the Robinson's for their friendship, support, prayers and participation in the life and mission of Ray Of Hope Church through the years.

Thank you, Katrina for a \$60.00 donation to the Pastor SE Tax line in the Budget.

Brother Benedict donated \$648.00 to the Building Fund. Thank you, Brother.

Wayne and Glenn donated \$100.00 to the Building Fund. Thank you, Wayne and Glenn.

Thank you everyone who has made or purchased treats for our social times including Wayne, Glenn, Christina, Kaiden, Lisa, Katrina, Gary and Annie, Ruth, and Ed.

Thank you, Katrina for assisting with the research on the copyright issues, and helping in the Monastery with cleaning, cooking, running errands, spending many hours assisting with typing and clerical skills.

To be added to our email list, fill out the email information form at the hospitality table and place it in the offerings/donations box at the door. Internet participants can email rayofhopechurch@aol.com and write "email list" in the Subject box.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

Tuesday April 8 No Bible Enrichment. Encourage everyone to attend a program by Tova Friedman who was in Auschwitz as a five year old child. 7:00 PM The Corning Museum of Glass.

Wednesday April 9 Noon Mass

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE GREAT VIGIL MEMBERSHIP SO, APRIL 10 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Inquiries Class #1 Friday March 14, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Statement of Purpose, Statement of Faith

Inquiries Class #2 Friday March 21, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Statement of Purpose, Statement of Faith

Inquiries Class #3 Friday March 28, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Worship and Common Threads (Liturgical Calendar +)

March 27, 2025 Council Meeting 6:30 PM.

Inquiries Class #4 Friday April 4, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Polity & Practice

Inquiries Class #5 Friday April 11, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Human Sexuality and the Bible

Inquiries Class #6 Friday April 25, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Human Sexuality and the Bible

APRIL 13, 2025 Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. HOLY WEEK

APRIL 17, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 18, 2025 PASSION FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 19, 2025 GREAT VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OUR EASTER EVENT and the RITE OF MEMBERSHIP

May 11, Sunday Mother's Day and Foundresses Day

June 1, Sunday Ascension Sunday

June 7, Saturday, Pride Elmira

June 8, Sunday Pentecost

June 14, Saturday, Pride Corning

June 15, Sunday, Father's Day and 29th Ordination Anniversary

June 22, Sunday Juneteenth Celebration (19th)

June 29th PRIDE SUNDAY



We Are Sent Forth To Serve

Leader - 2: **SAINTS:** The Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Leader - 2: We bless and praise you, God, for this time of worship we have enjoyed together today. Send us forth now to share what we have experienced with others. We ask you, Almighty God, to bless us with quiet miracles, the warmth of love, and fill us with wonder and peace; (*+*) In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Leader - 2: We pray Romans Chapter fifteen, verse thirteen together, saying:

ALL: Now may the God of hope fill you with all Joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Romans 15:13)

Leader-4: We go forth in peace and Love to serve all people and the Lord ...

ALL: ... on our journey into renewal, fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and a renewed embrace of our potential! Thanks be to God.

ENDING SONG: Turn To Me (G&P 342) Words and Music John B. Foley, S.J.

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The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:7 This is all God's fault, God's design, God's doing from start to end.

Br. Benedict at the time of Renewal of Vows, June 20, 2021: "Looking forward, I like to say the first twenty-five years were spent on **stabilization**, **survival**, and **sustainability**. The second twenty-five years will be spent on growth to help Ray Of Hope **thrive**, **train**, and **transplant** this Congregation to new leadership. The founders and foundresses successfully transferred the leadership to a new generation, us, and now we must do the same. I plan to fade into the Congregation and continue providing support to the new

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leadership. My goal is to leave the Congregation with new leadership, in
good standing, and thriving."



We never held a vote to decide if we would be an **INCLUSIVE** church for you.

We are not an **OPEN AND AFFIRMING** church for you.

We are not a **RECONCILING CHURCH** or
RECONCILING CONGREGATION for you.

We are not an **OPEN MINDED** or **ACCEPTING** or **WELCOMING**
Church where you can attend as long as you blend in quietly and discretely.

WE ARE YOU!

THIS is the Church where YOU belong.

Ray Of Hope Church is the Church by us, for us, and made by You.

The Third Sunday of Pride, 2019

Made by you and for you, because we are

The Third Sunday of Pride, 2019

Ray Of Hope Church Weekly Schedule

Elmira Worship- Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 380 W. First St. Parsonage/Monastery .
Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 10:15 a.m.
Syracuse Worship- looking for a host in Syracuse. For more information
[Click Here](#).

Bible Enrichment- Tuesday 6:30–8 p.m.-380 W. First St. Parsonage
/Monastery. Or Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign
on by 6:15 p.m. [Click Here](#).

**** to call the Pastor: Rev. Shawn Benedict: 607-280-0374***

Policy Concerning Minors at Events

Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all youth and children to worship with
us and participate in our activities. We endeavor to provide a safe and non-threatening
environment for all children. To this end, we have a Policy Concerning Minors at Events, which
is available from the Clerk upon request and is on our website;
http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Minors_At_Events.htm. Please enjoy your visit with us, and
we hope you will return.

NOTE: On June 15, 1996, as a part of the Ordination Ceremony and his profession of
Benedictine Vows, Rev. Leo W. McDermott, II retired the use of his secular birth name and was
given a new name in Religion, Brother Shawn Francis Benedict.

The Chapel is not open to the general public, the way it used to be from 7:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
daily, as we try to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Call for an appointment if you
want some time to come in to pray, read, or visit The Blessed Sacrament. 1-607-280-0374 Our
regular services will be blended with live participation in the Chapel, live on Skype and
Facebook. To read the information on how to use Skype to participate with us, [Click Here](#)..
Recordings of most of our Worship events are on our Facebook page, to see [Click Here](#). We
will reopen the Chapel as soon as it is reasonably safe and prudent.

Visitors: Please feel free to fill out the information slip below and place it in the collection plate. Please
indicate any special needs you may have. All information will be used for church purposes *only*.

(Optional) Name: _____

(Optional) Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to be included on the church Email list.

I would like to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.



Ray Of Hope Church Statement Of Purpose

In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, we the Faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church commit to:

- **guide** and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with a God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends,
- **declare** and openly assert the Truth that same-sex relationships, founded and fostered in God-centered Love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own Love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the World,
- **uphold**, proclaim, and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the Bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- **change** the World around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny,
- **proclaim** the ray of hope, which is the soon coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and Peace for all God's People and the Universe.

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Scripture verses to share with others:—————

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 2:11, 3:4 The grace, the goodness, the loving-kindness of our God has appeared, bringing Salvation **to everyone**.

John 5:24 Those who hear my Word and **believe in God** who sent me, **have** eternal life, will **never** come under judgment and have passed from **death to life** already.

Romans 10:13 "For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (repeated @ Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21) "everyone, anyone who" asks. "Lord" here refers to God principally as in the Book of Joel that is being quoted, so all persons who call on God shall be saved.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

