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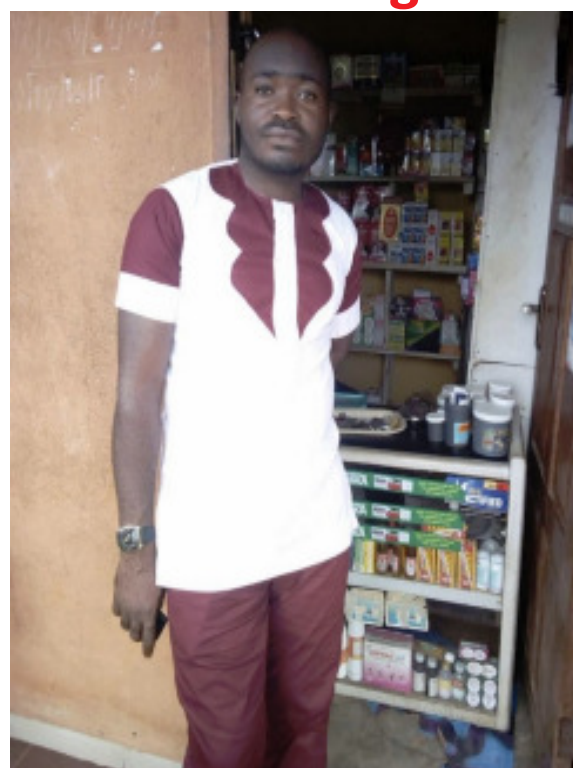
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Nigerian Pastor ambushed, beheaded by attackers in Nigeria



A pastor and his driver were beheaded in the Cross River state of Nigeria over the week-end as the communal conflict continues to plague the area.

The pastor has been identified as George Lifted, while the other victim was a commercial motorcyclist who was giving a ride to the pastor. According to a news agency, the

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Stone weight mentioned in Bible found in Jerusalem



A tiny stone weight mentioned in the Old Testament and referred to as a "beka," which was recently discovered at an excavation in Jerusalem.

A small stone weight used during the First Temple period of Ancient Israeli history and mentioned in the Old Testament has been discovered in modern Jerusalem. Known as a "beka," the small stone weights are a rare find for archaeologists, with this recent discovery being located by a volunteer at a dig near the Western Wall. The beka is mentioned in the Bible.

Eli Shukron, an archaeologist working on behalf of the Israeli Antiquities Authority, said

in a recent statement that the beka stone was unique in that its inscription goes left to right, rather than the usual right to left. "Apparently, the seal craftsman got confused when he engraved the inscription on the weight and mistakenly used mirror script as he was used to doing," stated Shukron, as reported by the Times of Israel last week.

"From this mistake we can learn about the general rule: the artists who engraved

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The End-time News is officially 1 year old!! It was on Dec. 15, 2017, that this leading publication covering the Christian news started its journey as a monthly! Ever since the launch, it has received accolades from the Christians around the globe and has become one of the leading publications covering the world news from a Christian standpoint.

This past year has taught us so many lessons, and one that really stands out is just how important it is to cater to needs of our readers relentlessly. Therefore, we tend to prioritize everyone's needs above our own, believing that our presence in the digital world is very indispensable. With you in mind and to create a user-friendly browsing experience, in July 2018, we launched our website (www.theendtimenews.com) that features the breaking news from across the globe. We also rolled out Android and iOS applications in the same month for the users. If you haven't downloaded them, please make sure that you do to know all the Christian news worldwide both in English and in Malayalam. I take this opportunity to request you to share our magazine, website and the applications with your family and friends, so that we can be a blessing to them as well. It is with this newfound sense of urgency and need that we wish to serve you as we

It's Our One Year Anniversary!



begin our second year. On that note, I am so thrilled to bring you this Anniversary Edition! May this issue inform, empower and inspire you to live your best for the Lord.



From the very bottom of our heart, we thank you for being a dedicated reader. Moreover, we express our gratitude to you for sharing the magazine with your family and friends. You are doing an incredible job! This first year would not have been possible without you! I am also incredibly grateful to all our contributors, beloved men and women of God, who continually contributed to the content of this magazine. Your articles have been a great inspiration to us and our readers. I am so obliged to the entire team of The End-time News family including Editors, Sub-editors, Manager, Coordinators, Reporters and the Advisory Board Members and all our well-wishers. Without you all, it must have been impossible! A special thanks to my church IPC Hebron, Yukon, Oklahoma, US and Pastor Shibu Thomas for all the moral support.

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The heaviness of your heart may weigh you down back into your bed. Sleepless nights make you tired all day. Nightmares about what the future holds for your children can keep you up all night. The solution to these problems can only be accomplished through the power of a mother's prayer. Power of a mother's prayer cannot be measured by the worldly standards or measurements. A mother who spends time on her knees will cause the heavens to shake and will bring about divine answers to the earth. Her prayer will move the obstacles and roadblocks in front of her children, and leads them successfully to their eternal journey.

1. DIVINE PROTECTION: Pharaoh commanded that all male baby boys be killed. Exodus 2:3 says that Moses's mother could no longer hide him. The enemy wants to destroy your children before they reach their destiny, but the enemy does not decide the future of your children. They were created for a purpose and we have dedicated them to the Lord. Almighty God has already de-

cided their future, and has greater plans for their life. We need not be afraid of our children's future. Just pray and believe! Believe that they are under divine protection. Our relentless prayers will open up the windows of heaven and pour out blessings into their lives. An ark of safety can be created through our prayers. Our prayers will keep our children afloat in this world. The world

will not be able to sink them.

Daniel had divine protection over him in the lion's den. Our children are literally in the Lion's den every day of their life. They are surrounded by the forces of the enemy. They need protection from physical and emotional harm by divine intervention. A mother's prayer can shut the mouth of the all opposing forces that are rising against our children.

2. DIVINE GENERATION: Psalm 127:3 "Lo,

children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." We know that this is a promise our God has given to each one of us. You may be going through the same experience Hannah went through in her life. Your appearance and your facial expression may make you look like a drunkard. Your prayers may seem foolish to those around you. People around you may not be interested in your problem. But, there is a living God who is interested in the women who remain in the temple. Persistent prayer will move the heavens. Your answer is on the way if you remain faithfully on your knees. God is ready to grant you a Samuel. You may feel like Elizabeth at times, and start wondering if your prayers got interrupted, did not reach heaven, or is it laying around in God's presence. No! God may want your family to be silent in his presence for few months. Your answer is on the way. Not only should we be praying for the birth of physical children but also need to start praying for birth of our spiritual sons and daughters. The children of your sisters and brothers are your spiritual children. Let us take a step forward and be spiritual mothers to the young ones in our community. It is time for us to raise up a divine generation who will

THE POWER OF MOTHER'S PRAYER!!

bring a change within our churches, communities, and world.

3. DIVINE REVELATION: In Job 1:5, we read that Job regularly prayed for his children. He prayed that God would bring their offenses into light so they could repent. In the same way, our prayers will reveal to our children the areas of their lives that need attention. Your child may need healing in their mind,

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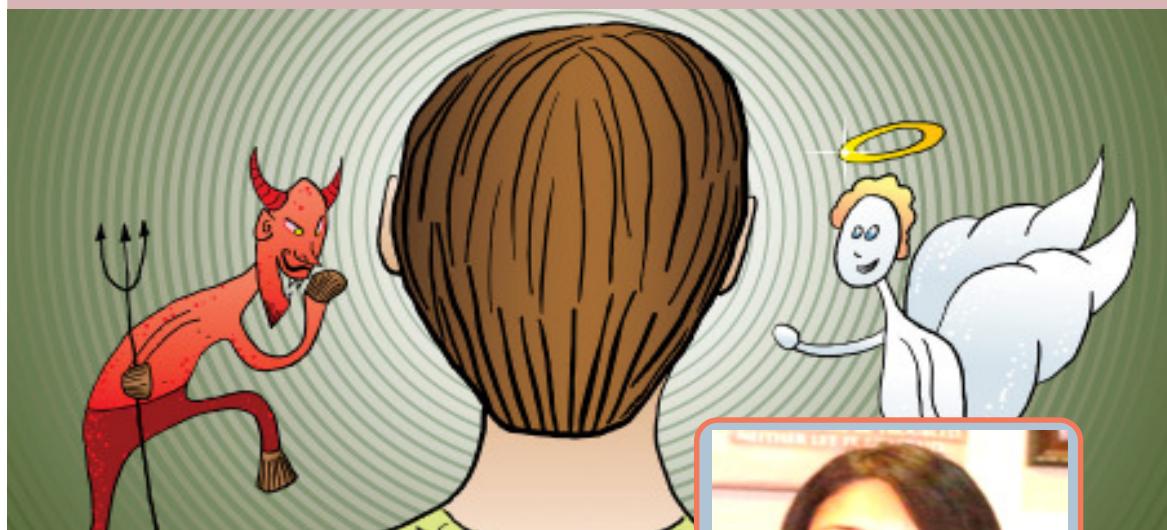
deliverance from their negative thoughts, or healing in their body. A praying mother is the only person who will be able to sense this need in her children. Ask that God would reveal their unique needs to you. You may be the only one praying for your children. No one else can pray for your children with the same heaviness in their hearts. No one else can understand the depth of the problem your child is facing. When you approach the throne of grace with a heavy heart, and brokenness, your heavenly father will not turn you away. We also should pray that God would open their eyes to the lies that the enemy is bringing to them. The enemy is a liar, and the father of lies is constantly filling the minds of our children with lies, negative ideas, hopelessness, worthless feelings and disappointments. If we remain on our knees, God will put the filter of The Holy Spirit to cover our children. Paul was absolutely right in saying that our struggle is against the spiritual forces of evil. The weapon for this battle is in our hands.

4. DIVINE MINISTRY: As we study the life of Timothy we learn that his mother and his grandmother instructed him. The great influence his mother and grandmother had on him eventually molded him into a missionary. In 2 Timothy 1:5, Paul says that he is convinced that the genuine faith that first lived in Timothy's grandmother Lois, then in mother Eunice, now lives on in Timothy. Paul did not doubt the fact that the faith that Timothy had was passed on to him by his mother. A praying mother could cause her children to be strong in their faith. If we pray for our children to be guided by the Holy Spirit, God's plan for their lives will be accomplished. Our prayers will prepare them for missions and ministry. Our community needs young people who can share the sound doctrine, and continue in the faith. In the midst of the challenges we face every day, let us not forget to pray without ceasing for our children. God will accomplish through our children what we could not accomplish in ministry.

CONCLUSION: Praying for your children cannot be accomplished by reading about it, watching it on television, or hearing about it on the radio. It can only be accomplished by falling to your knees. It is not enough to pray for our children every day. We must cast out fear and negative ideas that the enemy brings into our minds regarding our children. Our children are covered by the blood, and the enemy will not overtake them. Making time everyday to fall on your knees and pray should be the highest priority of every mother.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION!!

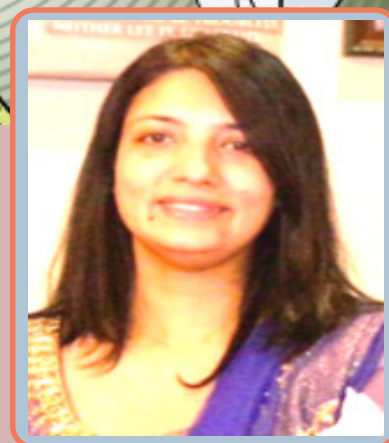
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"Blessed is the man who endures temptation: for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

Growing up as little children, many of us have had to endure temptations such as stealing something that was not ours, or doing something that we were told not to do. Many times we end up getting caught in the little mess ups we had, ultimately gets punished for it. The next time we come across a similar situation, we give it more thought prior to getting into the same situation again. As a born again, spirit filled believer, we come across many situations that can compromise our spiritual life. Temptations come in many different situations. Some situations could be easily identified whereas others might not be very obvious. This is where the presence of the Holy Spirit is much needed. An individual has the choice to listen to the Holy Spirit and by doing so, the precious Holy Spirit guides us very gently to make the right choices.

Satan tries to deceive believers, to take them off track to instill guilt and condemnation in an effort to keep them farther away from receiving the crown of life. The devil is constantly on the move to keep Gods children away Gods purpose. God has great plans for our lives. James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil and he will flee". It's as simple as it sounds. When the devil brings temptations, fear, condemnation and guilt, you have the God given authority to RESIST him. Speak out with all your might, "I refuse to feel this way. I am a Redeemed, Born Again, Spirit Filled, Blood



Washed, Sanctified, Child of God. No devil has any authority over me."

Psalms 91:1 says, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty." Dwell with the Lord, start your day with reading Gods Word, praying and all day feeling his presence. You might think, how do I do that? I have other things to do...Well, it's a discipline. You train yourself each day to stay in the Word, to stay in prayer and recognize how to resist the devil. You do it one day at a time. It takes practice. Don't give up on it. Keep at it. Lord loves His children. He waits on us every minute of the day, very patiently. His love for you is beyond measure, deeper than the ocean and far reaching than the skies. The devil might tell you that God does not love you because of your sins. He might say, well, you don't pray, you have been running away from God. Each day you get, you get to start over. The love Jesus has for you is relentless. Make an effort to be sons of light because that's what Gods plan for you is. He loves you more than what the enemy whispers in your ear. Don't listen to the devil, listen to the Lord. You are an over-comer, victorious because our God overcame victoriously.

EUGENE PETERSON SPOKE TO 'ANGELS' AS HE SLIPPED AWAY



Influential theologian and pastor Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message*, passed to his heavenly reward on the morning of October 22nd, but not without an encounter with heaven immediately before his home-going. On October 9th Peterson was admitted to the hospital as the result of an infection. Previously, heart disease and dementia had

caused a steady decline in his health. The infection complicated his condition and one week ago it was announced that he had been placed on hospice care. The family released a statement about the moments immediately preceding his passing, which seem to indicate "the veil" between this life and the next was pulled back, beckoning the great

scholar home.

"During the previous days, it was apparent that he was navigating the thin and sacred space between earth and heaven," they noted. His family witnessed a remarkable exchange! "We overheard him speaking to

people we can only presume were welcoming him into paradise. There may have even been a time or two when he accessed his Pentecostal roots and spoke in tongues as well."

Among his last words were, "Let's go," which suggest his anticipation and perhaps a glimpse of the beauty and eternal delight set before him. His countenance radiated that expectancy. "And his joy: my, oh my; the man remained joyful right up to his blessed end, smiling frequently."

destruction of our property and the number of people killed."

Although the pastor was originally from Assigha, he lived in Ebom and had a church there, according to the source. People from Assigha came to Ebom to collect the pastor's head and body, the source added. The victims' deaths are being investigated by police.

Nigeria ranks as the 14th-worst country in the world when it comes to Christian persecution, according to Open Doors USA's 2018 World Watch List. A large reason why Nigeria is ranked so high on the World Watch List is the fact that violent Fulani herdsmen continue to attack Christians and farming communities.

Fulani herdsmen have murdered thousands of Christians and ransacked numerous farms and villages this year. "Recently we have seen Fulani militias have Boko Haram branding and wreaking havoc in communities with sophisticated weapons and anyone who stands in their way is killed or decimated. When this happens, they occupy," Stephen Enada, co-founder of the International Committee on Nigeria, recently told The Christian Post. "It is not that they are unknown. It is just that government is looking the other way. If someone is a terrorist and overruns a community, the government should make sure certain people are arrested and prosecuted."

Enada and others are calling for the Nigerian government to step up and hold the Fulani herdsmen accountable when they try to drive farmers from their lands. "These communities and villages have been displaced and ransacked and you see Fulani imposing themselves in that community. They are not arrested. They are not prosecuted," Enada said. "Rather, it is just government inaction showing us that government is culpable."

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weights during the First Temple period were the same artists who specialized in creating seals." The beka is mentioned in the Bible, including in Exodus 38:26, "one beka per person, that is, half a shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, from everyone who had crossed over to those counted, twenty years old or more, a total of 603,550 men."

Last month, the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Israel Museum announced the discovery of a stone tablet from the First Century AD that had the modern spelling of Jerusalem in Hebrew lettering. Yuval Baruch, Jerusalem regional archaeologist of the IAA, and Professor Ronny Reich of Haifa University explained the biblical significance of the find in a statement last month.

"First and Second Temple period inscriptions mentioning Jerusalem are quite rare. But even more unique is the complete spelling of the name as we know it today, which usually appears in the shorthand version. This is the only stone inscription of the Second Temple period known where the full spelling appears," stated the experts.

"This spelling is only known in one other instance, on a coin of the Great Revolt against the Romans (66–70 CE). The unusual spelling is also attested to in the Bible, where Jerusalem appears 660 times, with only five mentions — of a relatively late date — having the full spelling (Jeremiah 26:18, Esther 2:6, 2 Chronicles 25:1, 2 Chronicles 32: 9, and 2 Chronicles 25: 1)."

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pastor was being driven from Ebom to Assigha in the Yakurr local government area when the men were attacked while traveling through Adim. Ebom is one of the communities in the state that is plagued by clashes between the Usumutong and the Ediba people.

"The people of Usumutong ambushed the victims and killed them at the road leading to Adim," Ebom village chief Henry Bassey told the news agency. "The pastor was going to his village with the cyclist conveying him. We have reported the incident to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Ugep and he asked us to bring the corpses and we did that."

A source in the area told that the incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning along Adim road. The source explained that because of the communal conflicts, people in the area have had to pass through Adim in order to get to Ebom. "[T]hat is where Usumutong people went and ambushed and killed the duo and had their heads cut off," he explained. The village head of the Usumutong, who also serves as ruler of the Abi local government area, Ovai Solomon Osim Edward denied the allegations that Usumutong people killed the victims.

"How can we kill them? We are in our community, how can we go into Ebom community and start killing people? Our community was attacked and several houses burnt," Osim told the Daily Post. "They are liars; we have not entered their community. Come to Usumutong and see what they did to us, the

John Chau: Missionary managed to tell isolated tribe 'Jesus loves you' in encounter before death



John Chau, a twenty-six-year-old American missionary, was killed in mid-November on North Sentinel Island, seven hundred miles off the coast of mainland India. The Sentinelese, who scholars believe are descendants of Africans who migrated to the area about 50,000 years ago, survive on the small, forested island by hunting, fishing and gathering wild plants. Almost nothing is known of their lives, except that they attack outsiders with spears or bows and arrows. Chau was part of a mission group of people who do extreme, sometimes undercover missionary work among the five billion people who live within the "10/40 window"—a term coined by a Christian missionary strategist named Luis Bush to describe a rectangular region of Africa and Asia that lies between ten and forty degrees north of the equator and is home to the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. The region is also known as the Resistant Belt, because many countries there make proselytizing illegal and, in some cases, punishable by death.

North Sentinel is home to an indigenous population of between fifty and a hundred hunter-gatherers. The Indian government

maintains their isolation in order to preserve their culture and protect them from lethal microbes that outsiders might introduce. It is illegal to visit, and the country's Navy patrols the surrounding seas to prevent visitors from landing.

When Chau was in high school, he learned about North Sentinel Island through the Joshua Project, an evangelical organization that focusses on reaching the world's last "unreached" people; he spent most of the next decade preparing to carry the gospel there. He attended a private Christian high school in Washington State, and then Oral Roberts, a conservative Christian university in Oklahoma. He became an accomplished outdoorsman and documented his feats of derring-do—chasing cougars, descending dangerous cliffs, and eating mysterious berries—on a blog called the Rugged Trail.

In 2017, he joined All Nations, an organiza-

tion that she stands by the group's core purpose. "We are driven to be part of finishing the Great Commission," she told, referring to verses from the Book of Matthew in which Jesus orders his apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Indian police are warning that there are significant difficulties in recovering the body of John Allen Chau. CNN reported that Indian authorities ventured near the island on Friday and Saturday, following his death looking out for where his body was reported to have been seen by fishermen last week, but to no avail. "We have mapped the area with the help of these fishermen. We have not spotted the body yet but we roughly know the area where he is believed to be buried," said police official Dependra Pathak. Pathak noted that his team saw a number of tribe members carrying bows and arrows, the weapons that are believed to have killed the



Isolated Tribe Kills U.S. Missionary John Chau Killed With Bow And Arrow in India in November 2018.

tion based in Kansas City, Missouri, that trains missionaries to travel to remote locations. "Pack your bags, come to CPx, and get your world rocked by Jesus!" its Web site reads. At one point during a training, he was blindfolded and taken to a remote location where a group of people pretended to be hostile villagers armed with spears. Dr. Mary Ho, the organization's leader, has said that the group is saddened by Chau's death, but

26-year-old missionary.

"The mission was done from a distance to avoid any potential conflict with the tribespeople as it's a sensitive zone," he said. "We are discussing with anthropologists and psychologists about the nature of the Sentinelese." "There are legal requirements as well which we need to keep in mind while

*Joy to the world
the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.*



Rev. Manuel P Joseph Th. M

WHY “JOY TO THE WORLD” IS NOT A CHRISTMAS SONG!!

Christmas is at hand and we love to hear and sing the carols in this season. “Joy to the World” is one of the most prominent carols that the Christians across the globe sing and celebrate the Christmas with. In the late 20th century, “Joy to the World” was the most-published Christmas hymn in North America. This carol, to our surprise, is not at all a carol song that typically depicts the details of birth of Christ. This is so evident if you go through the lines of the song. In fact, one will never find any word that is common to all Christmas songs like Stars, Shepherds, Angels, Bethlehem, Manger, Wise men, Mary, Joseph etc. On the contrary, a careful study of the words in the stanzas will give us an insight that this song is more appropriate to sing about the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ than His first.

Mr. Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748) of England penned this beautiful hymn and it was published in 1719 in his collection of songs called The Psalms of David: Imitated in the language of the New Testament, and applied to the Christian state and worship. The music, as we hear it today, was composed by

Mr. Lowell Mason. It is believed that the song is based on Psalm 98. Watt’s father was a Nonconformist Church (any church other than Anglican) Minister. In congregations then, including in the one Watts was attending, the prevalent practice was to sing only Psalms in different tunes as part of the worship. Watts found the practice monotonous and once questioned his father about this. Father insisted him to write different kinds of songs that he would love to sing in the congregation. This challenge from his own father was just the beginning of his long lasting career as a hymn writer. He wanted the congregations of his time sing songs about Christ exclusively and wrote above 300 such songs often paraphrasing the passages from the Psalms.

The very opening of the song alludes to the coming of the Lord Jesus to the earth, not at his birth, but the second advent, and words in the lines are inspired by the first part of the Psalm (98: 1-6). Captivated by the thought of Jesus coming to the earth to judge it, he wrote the first, second and the last four lines of the song. Jesus is depicted in these lines

as the ruler of the earth (98: 6-9) whom the world receives and this was not the case in His incarnation. He was not readily received by His people, rather He was rejected (Isaiah 53: 3; John 1: 12). On the other hand, in His second coming the whole earth will acknowledge Him as the Lord (Phil. 2:9-10). God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So these lines are more fitting in the context of Jesus’ second coming, not His incarnation.

The stanza that begins with “No more let sins and sorrows grow” is neither about the time at present nor it was about the period of Jesus’ birth. He came to a sinful world and even now the world is in sin and sorrow. The ground even now is infested as part of the curse on man (Genesis 3: 17) and it is still awaiting the redemption (Romans 8: 18-22). He came to the world to be offered as a sacrifice for sin and through it to save the humanity. His mission in the first coming was

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what used to be cities and farming settlements north of the Dead Sea, suggesting that a massive air-burst, possibly by a meteor, destroyed communities in a 15-mile-wide circular plain.

Silva said that following the cataclysmic event, people did not return to the region for 600 to 700 years. Researchers have been studying five large sites in Middle Ghor in present day Jordan, which are believed to have been continuously occupied for at least 2,500 years, until they suddenly collapsed at the end of the Bronze Age.

Some of the strongest evidence for a low-altitude meteor explosion was found at the remains of the city of Tall el-Hammam, where radiocarbon dating shows that the mud-brick walls of nearly all structures were suddenly wiped out 3,700 years ago.

Other remarkable finds show that the outer layers of pieces of pottery seemed to have melted into glass, as a result of extremely high temperatures.

The Times of Israel pointed to other archaeological research, such as a 2013 Biblical Archaeology Review article by TeHEP co-director Dr. Steven Collins, revealing that the Tall el-Hammam site offers evidence it could have been the Biblical city of Sodom.

The fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is famously depicted in Genesis 19 of the Bible, which says that "God destroyed the cities of the plain," with "dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace." The Biblical account also mentioned that God overthrew "all those living in the cities" along with "the vegetation in the land."

Collins said in his article back then that he witnessed similar destruction first-hand. "The violent conflagration that ended occupation at Tall el-Hammam produced melted pottery, scorched foundation stones and several feet of ash and destruction debris churned into a dark gray matrix as if in a Cuisinart," he stated at the time.

He suggested that the event "was preserved in the Book of Genesis and ultimately incorporated into a traditional tale that, drawing on the layer of ash that covered the destruction of one of its major cities, remembered a place consumed by a fiery catastrophe." "The destruction not only of Tall el-Hammam (Sodom), but also its neighbors (Gomorrah and the other cities of the plain) was most likely caused by a meteoritic airburst event," the authors added.

Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ Wherever I am, whatever I am doing, I hope and pray to God that I will have the courage to stand up for the real Jesus of the New Testament. **A. W. Tozer**
- ❖ A man may be said to be given to covetousness when he takes more pains for getting earth than for getting heaven. **Thomas Watson**
- ❖ The nonsense of slaying a congregation in the Spirit by the breath of one's mouth and the sweep of one's coat may have something to do with crowd psychology but little with New Testament unction. **Tony Sargen**
- ❖ Anticipated sorrows are harder to bear than real ones, because Christ does not support us under them. **Edward Payson**
- ❖ I have given God countless reasons not to love me. None of them has been strong enough to change Him. **Paul Washer**
- ❖ Grace puts its hand on the boasting mouth, and shuts it once for all. **Charles Spurgeon**
- ❖ Let us fight bravely against all the trials of this brief life, confident that our Lord will uphold us by his power until we have fully overcome. **John Calvin**
- ❖ Ask God for anything, but let Him judge as to the manner, measure, and timing of the giving. **Andrew Bonar**
- ❖ My aim never was, how much I could obtain, but rather how much I could give. **George Müller**
- ❖ The assembly of the saints is not the place to think about proving your rights. The gathering of the saints is the place to be ready to think about yielding your rights. **Bob Jennings**

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carrying out the operation. We are also studying the 2006 case where two local fishermen were killed. The bodies were recovered then," he added.

North Sentinel Island, which is part of India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory, has been protected for decades, with outsiders not allowed to venture anywhere near the area, for fear of exposing the tribespeople to modern diseases they have no immunity for.

Chau's family, who have said that they forgive those who killed their son, shared excerpts from his diary last week with The Washington Post. "I'm scared," the U.S. citizen from Washington state wrote. "Watching the sunset and it's beautiful — crying a bit ... wondering if it will be the last sunset I see."

As All Nations, an international Christian missions training and sending organization to which Chau belonged, revealed the 26-year-old is a graduate of Oral Roberts University who for years had trained to share the Gospel with the Sentinelese. International Executive Leader Mary Ho described the slain missionary as a "gracious and sensitive ambassador of Jesus Christ who wanted others to know of God's great love for them."

Search for Allen's body is on!

Indian officials have travelled repeatedly in recent days near the remote island where an American missionary was killed by people who have long resisted the outside world. But they have not set foot onto North Sentinel Island since the killing, and it remains unclear if they will.



"They are a treasure," Dependera Pathak, director-general of police on the Andaman and Nicobar island groups, said of the Sentinelese people. "We cannot go and force our way in. We don't want to harm them."

American John Allen Chau was killed by islanders in mid-November after paying fishermen to smuggle him to the island, where outsiders are effectively forbidden by Indian law. The fishermen told authorities that they saw the Sentinelese bury Chau's body on the beach. The notes Chau left behind say he wanted to bring Christianity to the islanders.

A boat carrying police and other officials approached North Sentinel on Friday and Saturday, watching the Sentinelese through binoculars. On Saturday the tribesmen were armed with spears and bows and arrows, but

they did not attempt to shoot them at the authorities, Pathak said. "We watched them from a distance and they watched us from a distance," he said. Using binoculars, officers — in a police boat about 400 metres from the shore — saw the men armed with bows and arrows, the weapons reportedly used by the isolated tribe to kill Chau as he shouted Christian phrases at them. "They stared at us and we were looking at them," said Mr Pathak. The boat withdrew to avoid any chance of a confrontation. Police are taking painstaking efforts to avoid any disruption to the Sentinelese — a pre-neolithic tribe whose island is off-limits to outsiders.

The islanders buried the two fishermen on the beach in 2006, but dug up the corpses after a few days and propped them upright. Authorities apparently never recovered those bodies, and the killings were never investigated. There has been no significant contact with the Sentinelese for generations. Anthropologists used to occasionally drop off gifts of coconuts and bananas, but even those visits were stopped years ago.

Officials have not given up on recovering the body, he said. But they are moving very gingerly, studying the 2006 killing of fishermen whose boat had drifted onto the island. "We are looking carefully at what happened then, and what (the Sentinelese) did," he said. "We are consulting anthropologists to see what kind of friendly gesture we can make."



Abortion rate hits historic low, but over 630,000 babies still aborted in US every year



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that the number of abortions in the U.S. has hit a historic low, according to a report released on Wednesday.

"Among the 49 areas that reported data every year during 2006–2015, decreases in the total number, rate, and ratio of reported abortions resulted in historic lows for the period of analysis for all three measures of abortion," the report said. The CDC report found that 638,169 abortions were reported from 49 states for 2015, which comes out to 11.8 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years, "and the abortion ratio was 188 abortions per 1,000 live births." In total, the abortion rate decreased 2 percentage points from 2014, and as much as 24 percent from 2006. The statistics showed that women in their 20s had the highest abortion rates, namely 31.1 percent for those aged 20–24, and 27.6 percent for those in the 25–29 age group. A major drop was also reported when it comes to teenage abortions. Those aged 15–19 accounted for 9.8 percent of all reported abortions in 2015, which is a decrease of 41 percent from 2006.

The CDC did not comment on the decline, though both pro-life and pro-choice groups are taking credit. Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee, told a news agency: "That is due, in a significant way, to pro-life legislation that seeks to provide life-affirming solutions to abortion, combined with pro-life efforts that educate Americans about the effects of abortion and

the humanity of the unborn child."

Rachel Jones, research scientist at the Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion, argued that the increased use of contraceptives can be credited. "Affordable access to the full range of contraception and family planning options is critical for people deciding if and when they'd like to become parents, develop their careers, plan for their futures and manage their health," Jones said. The CDC's statistics showed that the abortion rate among non-Hispanic white women and non-Hispanic black women was the highest in the country in 2015, at 36.9 and 36.0 percent respectively.

Looking at marriage status, only 14.3 percent of all women who underwent an abortion were married, compared to 85.7 percent who were unmarried. In the Discussion section of the report, the CDC noted that the big maternal age differences played an important factor in the observed abortion trends. "Because of the high rate and proportion of abortions that occurred among women in their 20s, women in this age group have contributed substantially to overall changes. Conversely, during 2006–2015,

women aged =40 years had consistently low abortion rates and accounted for a limited percentage of abortions (=3.7 percent); therefore, they have had a much smaller contribution to overall abortion trends," the government report explained.

"Nonetheless, among women aged =40 years, the abortion ratio continues to be higher than among women in their mid to late 20s and 30s," it added. "Because of the limited proportion of abortions that are performed later in gestation among women aged =40 years, which might be completed for maternal medical indications or fetal anomalies, the continuing high abortion ratio among these older women suggests that unintended pregnancy is a problem that women encounter throughout their reproductive years."

Proof for God's Destruction of Sodom



Scientists have found that a "superheated blast from the skies" destroyed cities near the Dead Sea 3,700 years ago, which biblical analysts are saying echoes the destruction of Sodom.

Science News reported that the new findings were revealed at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research last week by archaeologist Phillip Silvia of Trinity Southwest University in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The scientists discovered radiocarbon dating and unearthed minerals that instantly crystallized at high temperatures at

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WORLD'S FIRST BABY BORN FROM DEAD WOMAN'S UTERUS



The world's first baby born using a womb transplanted from a dead woman is a breakthrough in the field of obstetrics and a great advantage for women combating infertility, say Indian doctors.

A healthy baby girl was born in 2017, following the uterus transplant from a 45-year-old brain dead woman. The womb transplant, lasting over 10 hours, took place in Sao Paolo in Brazil in September 2016. The baby was born in December 2017. The uterus was removed from the donor and transplanted into

the recipient in a surgery that also involved connecting the donor uterus and recipient's veins and arteries, ligament and vaginal canals.

"It is a breakthrough in the field of obstetrics as well as a great advantage for women who lost their uterus for some reason or don't have from birth. This would increase the availability of the uterus as living donors are always in scarcity," Ranjana Sharma, Senior Consultant told. In a majority of such cases, the uterus does not survive after transplant

in the recipient due to infections or rejection by the body's immune system.

Still, the advantage is that the surgery takes place only for a person. It is a very good thing compared to a live donor, she noted. "When a transplant is done from a live donor, there is a greater responsibility towards both the donor and recipient, but in a dead body the doctors can be a bit relaxed," Ms Sharma said. Importantly, in the Lancet case study, the uterus had an interval of eight hours before getting connected to the living body.

"Up till now it was not known that uterus can survive more than four hours out of a living body, however, the present case shows that the uterus is a quite strong an organ," Ms Sharma said. "Just as cornea, kidney, liver, heart, the pancreas, I am hopeful that the uterus will also be added in the gamut of organs taken out so that many more people will be benefited," Ms Rao noted.

Moreover, the doctors said that while a transplanted kidney or liver stays for life, it is not the case with the uterus. "This is only to give birth to a child. Once the baby reaches maturity, the uterus is taken out along with the baby. It is because we don't know the long-term effects of having a foreign uterus in the body. So far the uterus has not been left after taking out the baby. It is then discarded, like any hysterectomy," Ms Sharma said.

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Another 60 Christians arrested from Chinese church where 100 were already detained



Another 60 members of the underground Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, China, were arrested this past Sunday, in an ongoing crackdown against the Protestant congregation.

Police have reportedly been attempting to force churchgoers to pledge to leave the church.

This time, according to World Magazine, the arrests took place at a park where the congregation had decided to meet, due to the church building being shut down in a previous raid earlier in the month when 100 worshippers were detained.

The church members had been praying and reciting part of their Catechism, reading: "What is your only comfort in life and death? That I am not my own but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

Several other Christians who met at a sepa-

rate location in the field of a nearby university were also taken by police.

As ChinaAid noted, the church's pastor, Wang Yi, has been charged with "inciting subversion of state power."

Some of the 100 Christian leaders and students who were arrested earlier in December had to leave their children unattended. A prayer letter released by the church after the arrests claimed that at least three believers who were detained by the Communist Party authorities had been tortured.

Photos of the injuries from the alleged torture have since emerged online, showing bruises and others signs of beatings that the Christians suffered.

One church member, who wished not to be identified, told BBC News that the lock on the church was broken, some of the churchgoers' homes were ransacked, and a number of believers were "under house arrest or

will pass away and everything will become new. The eternity with God! So the lines match very well with the second advent of Christ, not his birth at all.

Now it is a pressing question whether to sing this hymn as carol! It still could be sung during Christmas just to remember the ultimate joy we are going to partake in when He comes back for us. During the remembrance of His first coming, the second one can also find a place. It always adds joy when we are assured of our eternal blessings in the New Heaven and New Earth!

are followed all the time."

"On Sunday, some members tried to gather at other places for worship but got taken away as well. The Church building has been manned with police and plain-clothes officers, not allowing anyone to enter to do worship service," the church member added.

She revealed that police have also been pressuring congregants to sign documents asking them to leave the church and take their children out of its Bible school.

Several other underground churches have been shut down this year, with both Catholic and Protestant congregations heavily targeted by the administration of President Xi Jinping. Video footage from this year shows Communist officials severing crosses from church buildings and demolishing churches altogether.

Wang had written a letter in the event that he would be taken by Chinese Communist authorities. It was released last week.

In it, Wang expresses how he is "filled with anger and disgust at the persecution of the church by this Communist regime, at the wickedness of their depriving people of the freedoms of religion and of conscience."

The Early Rain Covenant Church pastor said that following the Bible, he accepts and respects "the fact that this Communist regime has been allowed by God to rule temporarily." "At the same time, I believe that this Communist regime's persecution against the church is a greatly wicked, unlawful action. As a pastor of a Christian church, I must denounce this wickedness openly and severely," he added.

"The calling that I have received requires me to use non-violent methods to disobey those human laws that disobey the Bible and God. My Savior Christ also requires me to joyfully bear all costs for disobeying wicked laws."

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completed when he ascended to the Father, completing His atoning work on the cross. When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Heb. 10:12-13). But at His second coming, in the New Heaven and the New Earth, sin will be no more! The New Earth will be the most fertile land ever! All the older things as we see and experience now, including sin,



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