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Janis L.	Partridge	25	Danielle	Shinners	6
George	Tamburino	8	Steven	Viar	25
Robin	Tamburino	8	Pamela	Viar	25
Alf	Smith	1	Linda	Huffman	16

#### **Birthdays**

Linda	Wolf	10/6	David G.	Woodruff	10/15
Raymond L.	Stanzak	10/7	Steven	Viar	10/16
George	Tamburino	10/8	Rita J.	Young	10/18
Billie	Cole	10/9	Robin	Tamburino	10/28
Richard	Miller	10/9	Kimberly	Fields	10/30
Gail D.	Moore	10/14			

# **Anniversaries**

Peter	Wong	10/4
Wesley & Sophia	Miller	10/13
Bradley & Billie	Cole	10/20
Charles & Jadin	Bailey	10/31

## **New members for September 2018**

Douglas Ferguson PA 9/11

#### **God Bless**

# **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Michael Fields - National Membership Secretary

# **HOMOGRAPHS** are words of same spelling but with more than one meaning.

A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.\*

- 1) The bandage was \*wound\* around the \*wound\*.
- 2) The farm was used to \*produce produce\*.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to \*refuse\* more \*refuse\*.
- 4) We must \*polish\* the \*Polish\* furniture.
- 5) He could \*lead\*if he would get the \*lead\* out.
- 6) The soldier decided to \*desert\* his dessert in the \*desert\*.
- 7) Since there is no time like the \*present\*, he thought it was time to \*present\* the \*present\*.
- 8) A \*bass\* was painted on the head of the \*bass\* drum.
- 9) When shot at, the \*dove dove \*into the bushes.
- 10) I did not \*object\* to the \*object\*.
- 11) The insurance was \*invalid\* for the \*invalid\*.
- 12) There was a \*row\* among the oarsmen about how to \*row\*.
- 13) They were too \*close\* to the door to \*close\* it.
- 14) The buck \*does\* funny things when the \*does\* are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a \*sewer\* fell down into a \*sewer\* line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his \*sow\* to \*sow\*.
- 17) The \*wind\* was too strong to \*wind\* the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the \*tear\* in the painting I shed a \*tear\*.
- 19) I had to \*subject\* the \*subject\* to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I \*intimate\* this to my most \*intimate\* friend?

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# The Completed Jews Corner;

# Rosh Hashanah- HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello everyone L'shanah tovah or in English May it be a good year!

At this time of the year there is a lot of celebrating and mixed in is a serious Yom Tov (holiday) This Yom Tov starts off the New Year biblical year -5777.

Rosh Hashanah occurs on the first and second days of <u>Tishri</u>, which this year is sundown on Sunday September 9, 2018: In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, "head of the year" or "first of the year."

Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. But don't confuse this with the way the rest of the world goes crazy celebrating New Years in January.

Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the year, is spent mostly in synagogue. There is one similarity between the Jewish New Year and the secular one:

Just like many of us use the New Year as a time to plan a better life, making "resolutions." Well, the Jewish New Year is also a time to begin introspection, looking back at the past year and examining yourself for mistakes personal, interpersonal and spiritual. So it is a time of resolutions just like we do.

The name"Rosh Hashanah" is not used in the Bible either when referring to this Yom Tov (holiday). The Bible refers to the holiday as Yom Ha-Zikkaron (the day of remembrance) or Yom Teruah (the day of the sounding of the shofar). The holiday is found in *Leviticus 23:24-25*.

The blowing of the shofar is an extremely important part of this holiday. We (believers in Yeshua) think of the blowing of the shofar as a sign that Yeshua HaMashiach is coming soon. Well those of the Jewish faith see the blowing of the shofar as a sign that God is about to manifest Himself (hmmmm I see similarities). The shofar is a ram's horn, which is blown somewhat like a trumpet. Hey maybe I will do a little lesson on what makes an animals horn kosher for use as a shofar it is really interesting (at least to me)!!!!!!!!!!!

One of the most important observances of this holiday is hearing the sounding of the shofar in the <u>synagogue</u>. A total of 100 notes are sounded each day. There are

four different types of shofar notes: **tekiah**, a 3 second sustained note; **shevarim**, three 1-second notes rising in tone, **teruah**, a series of short, staccato notes extending over a period of about 3 seconds; and **tekiah gedola**h ("big tekiah"), the final blast in a set, which lasts about 10 seconds.

One of the very common customs during Rosh Hashanah is eating apples that you dip in honey. This symbolizes a sweet new year. (mmmm delicious!!!)

Another popular practice of the holiday is Tashlikh ("casting off"). This is not something I grew up doing but it is practiced at Kiryas Joel (where I work), and in other Orthodox and Ultraorthodox groups. They walk to some place where there is flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day and empty their pockets into the river, symbolically casting off their sins. Small pieces of bread are often put in your pocket to use for cast off.

Tashlikh is typically done on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, before afternoon services. When the first day is on <u>Shabbos (Saturday)</u>, then many synagogues observe Tashlikh on Sunday afternoon, to avoid carrying (the bread) on Shabbos. (But the allowing or rather NOT allowing carrying things on Shabbos is for another day.)

Well although I can obviously go on and get even more crazy detailed I will end by wishing you a happy and healthy sweet New Year *L'shanah tovah* 

From the desk of one completed Jew Robín (wife of GT) 2018 MJM OPERATING ACCOUNT – JULY ENDING BALANCE \$10,013.24

**AUGUST DEPOSITS** 

DUES 185.00 GOODIES 120.00

BANK TRANSFER FEE (.50) \$ 304.50

NO AUGUST EXPENSES

AUGUST ENDING BALANCE \$10,317.74

\*\*\* 2,422.52 GOODIES

320.00 HELPING HANDS

7,575.22 MJM OPERATING

MJM LIFETIME SAVINGS ACCOUNT - JULY ENDING BALANCE \$6,954.19

AUGUST INTEREST \$.12

AUGUST ENDING BALANCE \$6,954.31

### Mathematical Probability that Jesus is the Christ by Josh McDowell

I'd like to share a message from the InterNET by David Williams, Computer Systems Manager, for the Mathematics Faculty, at the University of Newcastle. David Williams is a mathematician. In this post, he's responding to a Jewish user from Melbourne. His subject is: Jesus and Prophecy. Here's what he says: -

"In a recent follow-up to a posting by Leslie Brown I said I'd make a post detailing the probability of Jesus fulfilling Old Testament prophecy by chance. Here it is!

The reason why prophecy is an indication of the divine authorship of the Scriptures, and hence a testimony to the trustworthiness of the Message of the Scriptures, is because of the minute probability of fulfillment.

Anyone can make predictions. Having those prophecies fulfilled is vastly different. In fact, the more statements made about the future, and the more the detail, then the less likely the precise fulfillment will be.

For example, what's the likelihood of a person predicting today the exact city in which the birth of a future leader would take place, well into the 21st century? This is indeed what the prophet Micah did 700 years before the Messiah. Further, what is the likelihood of predicting the precise manner of death that a new, unknown religious leader would experience, a thousand years from now—a manner of death presently unknown, and to remain unknown for hundreds of years? Yet, this is what David did in 1000BC.

Again, what is the likelihood of predicting the specific date of the appearance of some great future leader, hundreds of years in advance? This is what Daniel did, 530 years before Christ.

If one were to conceive 50 specific prophecies about a person in the future, whom one would never meet, just what's the likelihood that this person will fulfill all 50 of the predictions? How much less would this likelihood be if 25 of these

predictions were about what other people would do to him, and were completely beyond his control? For example, how does someone "arrange" to be born in a specific family?

How does one "arrange" to be born in a specified city, in which their parents don't actually live? How does one "arrange" their own death—and specifically by crucifixion, with two others, and then "arrange" to have their executioners gamble for His clothing (John 16:19; Psalms 22:18)? How does one "arrange" to be betrayed in advance? How does one "arrange" to have the executioners carry out the regular practice of breaking the legs of the two victims on either side, but not their own? Finally, how does one "arrange" to be God? How does one escape from a grave and appear to people after having been killed?

Indeed, it may be possible for someone to fake one or two of the Messianic prophecies, but it would be impossible for any one person to arrange and fulfill all of these prophecies. John Ankerberg relates the true story of how governments use prearranged identification signs to identify correct agents:

David Greenglass was a World War II traitor. He gave atomic secrets to the Russians and then fled to Mexico after the war. His conspirators arranged to help him by planning a meeting with the secretary of the Russian ambassador in Mexico City. Proper identification for both parties became vital. Greenglass was to identify himself with six prearranged signs. These instructions had been given to both the secretary and Greenglass so there would be no possibility of making a mistake. They were: (1) once in Mexico City, Greenglass was to write a note to the secretary, signing his name as "I. JACKSON"; (2) after three days he was to go to the Plaza de Colon in Mexico City and (3) stand before the statue of Columbus, (4) with his middle finger placed in a guide book. In addition, (5) when he was approached, he was to say it was a magnificent statue and that he was from Oklahoma. (6) The secretary was to then give him a passport.

These six prearranged signs worked. Why? With six identifying characteristics it was impossible for the secretary not to identify Greenglass as the proper contact (John Ankerberg, John Weldon and Walter Kaiser, "The Case for Jesus The Messiah", Melbourne: Pacific College Study Series, 1994, 17-18).

How true, then, it must be that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, if he had 456 identifying characteristics well in advance, and fulfilled them all! In fact, what does the science of probability make of this? The science of probability attempts to determine the chance that a given event will occur. The value and accuracy of the science of probability has been well established beyond doubt—for example, insurance rates are fixed according to statistical probabilities.

Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmont College, Peter Stoner, has calculated the probability of one man fulfilling the major prophecies made concerning the Messiah. The estimates were worked out by twelve different classes representing some 600 university students. The students carefully weighed all the factors, discussed each prophecy at length, and examined the various circumstances which might indicate that men had conspired together to fulfill a particular prophecy. They made their estimates conservative enough so that there was finally unanimous agreement even among the most skeptical students.

However, Professor Stoner then took their estimates, and made them even more conservative. He also encouraged other skeptics or scientists to make their own estimates to see if his conclusions were more than fair. Finally, he submitted his figures for review to a committee of the American Scientific Affiliation. Upon examination, they verified that his calculations were dependable and accurate in regard to the scientific material presented (Peter Stoner, Science Speaks, Chicago: Moody Press, 1969, 4).

For example, concerning Micah 5:2, where it states the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah, Stoner and his students determined the average population of BETHLEHEM from the time of Micah to the present; then they divided it by the average population of the earth during the same period.

They concluded that the chance of one man being born in Bethlehem was one in 300,000, (or one in 2.8 x 10^5 — rounded),

After examining only eight different prophecies (Idem, 106), they conservatively estimated that the chance of one man fulfilling all eight prophecies was one in 10^17. To illustrate how large the number 10^17 IS (a figure with 17 zeros), Stoner gave this illustration:

If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all the tickets in a hat, and thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that we take 10^17 silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They'll cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would've had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote them in their own wisdom (Idem, 106-107).

In financial terms, is there anyone who would not invest in a financial venture if the chance of failure were only one in 10^17? This is the kind of sure investment we're offered by god for faith in His Messiah. From these figures, Professor Stoner, concludes the fulfillment of these eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of the prophecies (Idem, 107)—the likelihood of mere chance is only one in 10^17!

Another way of saying this is that any person who minimizes or ignores the significance of the biblical identifying signs concerning the Messiah would be foolish.

But, of course, there are many more than eight prophecies. In another calculation, Stoner used 48 prophecies (Idem, 109) (even though he could have used Edersheim's 456), and arrived at the extremely conservative estimate that the probability of 48 prophecies being fulfilled in one person is the incredible number 10^157. In fact, if anybody can find someone, living or dead, other than Jesus, who can fulfill only half of the predictions concerning the Messiah given in the book "Messiah in Both Testaments" by Fred J. Meldau, the Christian Victory Publishing Company is ready to give a ONE-thousand-dollar reward! As apologist Josh McDowell says, "There are a lot of men in the universities that could use some extra cash!" (Josh McDowell, Evidence that Demands a Verdict, California: Campus Crusade for Christ, 175). How large is the number one in 10^157? 10^157 contains 157 zeros!

'Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact, proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world (Stoner, op. cit., 112).' God so thoroughly vindicated Jesus Christ that even mathematicians and statisticians, who were without faith, had to acknowledge that it is scientifically impossible to deny that Jesus is the Christ.

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