



THE VISION

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

As our nation approaches our Independence Day, I think the following article is timely and insightful — (**bold** and *italic type* are from me).

ISIS and the Antichrist

Q. Is the leader of ISIS the predicted Antichrist?

A. ISIS is one of the abbreviated names for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (**or Syria**). Last year their current leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, declared himself a Caliph, or Muslim civil and religious ruler who is the successor of Muhammad.

Many people believe Baghdadi wants to cause the final Apocalyptic Jihad that will hasten the coming of Islam’s predicted Mahdi, or Messiah. The followers of his brand of radical Islam may be fighting in hopes of drawing the Western nations they call “Rome” into a third world war. After they win that final battle, Islam and Sharia Law will be established over the world.

There are several reasons why Baghdadi does not fit the Biblical description of the future Man of Sin called the Antichrist: **II Thessalonians 2:7-8** teaches that the influence of the Holy Spirit in the Church will be removed at the Rapture (*the first phase of the Second Coming of Jesus*) before the Antichrist is revealed. That has not happened yet.

Revelation 6:2 shows Antichrist riding a white horse carrying a bow with no arrows and a crown that has been given to him. That predicts a peaceful conquest which is certainly the opposite of Baghdadi’s terror tactics of persecution, suicide bombings, and beheadings.

According to **Daniel 9:26**, the Antichrist will come from the people who destroyed Jerusalem (*in 60 A.D.*) and that was the Romans. **Daniel 7** and other prophecies indicate that he will come from the area originally occupied by the Roman Empire. Baghdadi is not from Europe and certainly does not identify with the Western World.

Daniel 9:26-27 also teaches that Antichrist will enter into an agreement with the Jews. Baghdadi hates the Jews. Therefore, serious Bible scholars conclude that the ISIS strategy is simply one of the “*wars and rumors of war*” Jesus predicted to happen before His return **Matthew 24:6**. If Jesus delays his return, ISIS will run its course and be either diminished or destroyed by forces against it.

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I pray for God’s blessings upon our homeland,
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Have a Safe and Happy July 4th



Books of the Bible Puzzle

Unscramble the name of each book of the Bible and write it correctly in the blank. Then, write the letter from each numbered position in the corresponding blank at the bottom of the page. You'll spell a phrase that's used to describe the word of God. The first one is done for you.

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| 3. BOPERRSV | _____ | (5) |
| 4. SUBNEMR | _____ | (7) |
| 5. WRESHBE | _____ | (6) |
| 6. USAJHO | _____ | (2) |
| 7. MORASN | _____ | (1) |
| 8. GEJDSU | _____ | (3) |
| 9. STREEH | _____ | (3) |
| 10. HMOLIPEN | _____ | (2) |
| 11. LINEDA | _____ | (5) |
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| 13. SHEEPISAN | _____ | (2) |
| 14. CLAIMHA | _____ | (7) |
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Deacon of the Week

- 7/3—Buddy Hogge
- 7/10—Bill Breedon
- 7/17—Gus Saunders
- 7/24—Seth Gandee
- 7/31—Pauline Littell

Nursery Workers

- 7/3—OPEN
- 7/10—Pauline Littell
- 7/17—Tracy Williams
- 7/24—Rebecca Joyce
- 7/31—Jennifer Podbesek

July Tellers

- Amy Jacobson
- Tommy Ashe

July Ushers:

- Jimmy Diggs
- Gus Saunders
- Dale Jacobson
- Amy Jacobson



JULY WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery

- Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

- 7/3—Sarah Saunders
- 7/10—Jennifer/Derick Hall
- 7/17—Madison/Seth Gandee
- 7/24—Charlene/John West
- 7/31—Seth Gandee

Younger Children's Church

- 7/3—Kristen Eifes/Tracy Williams
- 7/10—Jennifer Podbesek/Sonya Anthony
- 7/17—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
- 7/24—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells
- 7/31—Tammy Greggs

Inspirational Thoughts

Let us be the first to give a friendly sign; to nod first, smile first, speak first, and—if such a thing is necessary—forgive first.
 —Unknown

Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it.
 —William Feather

Recipe Corner

Brazilian Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 2 limes
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
- 3 cups water
- ice

Directions:

1. Wash limes thoroughly. Cut off the ends and slice into eight wedges. Place limes in a blender with the sugar, sweetened condensed milk, water, and ice.
2. Blend in an electric blender, pulsing 5 times. Strain through a fine mesh strainer to remove rinds. Serve over ice.



Do you have a recipe you would like to share in a future edition of the Vision? Please submit to the church secretary.

COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN FATHER

4TH OF JULY

F Freedom came with a price, the price of Christ blood shed on the Cross.

O Our Lord and Savior saved us all from our sins.

U Unrighteous we may be, but the grace us God set us free.

R Rely on God, He will show our paths.

T The truth is in God's Word, the Bible, His Holy Book.

H Helping one another along the way.

O Obedient to what God wants us to do.

F Father, Creator, God is He.

J Jesus died for our sins.

U United one day, we believers will be in Heaven.

L Love one another as Christ loved us.

Y You are a special creation made from God, our Heavenly Father.

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