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It proved wise to stay in easy earshot of our guide. Wise but difficult. In one sitting something about numbers came up and Ronny's accented answer intrigued me. In the Genesis account of creation the third day accounting, which is captured well by my Jr. Boys class poem of last year "On day three God created the land and the sea, the grass and the tree but not yet you and me," what we had not noticed in our studies was that for this 3rd day of creation God said, "that it was good." on two separate times. In Judaism this was not overlooked and all weddings are on Tuesday, the 3rd day of the week. In John 2, Jesus attended a wedding in Canaan of Galilee on what day? ... "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee;" For a Jew the soul stays with the deceased for 3 days. Therefore Jesus delayed and came to raise up Lazarus on what day? ... on the 4th day. Over and over you will find that Judaism has captured every significance about every number mentioned in the Bible and it would behoove each of you preachers, Ron reports, to have David Saluda's book "The Jewish Shades of Christianity¹." Put it next to your B.A.R. subscription². Here at Caesarea Philippi we know that the cultic pagan practice of offering the first born son when he was 40 days old was carried out and thousands of infants were slaughtered on this massive rock that spewed out water and was considered sacred. Jesus said ... not on that rock ... but on 'this' rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matt 16:18b) This cave, laden with infants blood, may have initiated the 'gates of hell' consideration.



We should note here that the giving of all the first born to the Lord on the 40th day was initiated by God as a memorial of the redeeming of Israel from Egypt and the passover of Israel's first born in that redemption. Exodus 13:2



"Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it is mine." but the first born sons were not to be sacrificed, they were to be redeemed. "That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD'S. And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem." (Exod 13:12-13) On the 41st day of life (cf Lev 12:3-4) "she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:" (Lev 12:6b) Now Jesus, who fulfilled every aspect of every Jewish law, was so offered on this 41st day as recorded in Luke 2:21-24. (This was likely after the wise men left off their lucrative offering and fully payed for a redeeming lamb for "the Lamb of God taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

1 No such book author or title were found in an amazon.com search
 2 Biblical Archeology Review <http://www.bib-arch.org/>



And while your Bible is open to Luke 2:22, look at the extreme importance of getting your pronouns correct and not using a modernist bible. Every modern bible translation³ followed the gnostic ideas of Origen's hexapla (185-254 AD) work broadcast from Alexandria Egypt, which changed the clear pronoun “her purification” to the errant pronoun “their purification” in order to imply that Jesus needed to be purified as well as Mary. Gnostics of the 1st and 2nd century did not believe in the deity of Christ and gathered their writings in Alexandria Egypt. Deists of the 20th

century did not believe in the deity of Christ and Bible Societies, both the American and United Bible Societies, gathered their writings from Alexandrian manuscripts into the NIV, ASC, NEV, NASB, etc. etc. Every modernist Bible has this brazen error. You should always check your Bible to know the modernists incursions, and make sure you use one the one which follows the true text of the Textus Receptus, in English, always use the proven King James Authorized version.

On our way to the Golan Olive Oil⁴ press for a free lunch we stopped at one of the army strongholds atop one of the Golan Heights. We were given enough information to know that the signs, warning of Syrian land mines, were serious and to carefully survey the bombed out shelters under the eucalyptus trees. Some one, who shall remain nameless, suggested that the signs which read “Danger Land Mines” may in Arabic say 'Welcome Picnic Area.' The wind and cold at this height made the stop breathtaking but a welcomed rush. The bus took us back down into the valley where an olive farmer had struck onto some genius and prosperity and was offering us a tour of his press.



Genius and prosperity yes, but his marketing skills, especially the film, had room for improvement. I learned that the pit of an olive contains a toxin which prevents plants from growing. That is fine when 500 pits fall under an olive tree and keep other plants from moving in on its territory, but it is another thing when 500 million pits need discarded from an olive processing plant. Mr. Olivepressor's genius solution was to use every part of the olive and discard nothing. It turns out the toxins in the olive pit make a powerful scrubbing soap for men, and a host of awesome skin care products, with almost anti bacterial properties, for women. I think God blesses these Jews with their ingenuity. They are reaching the place where God said “If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid.” (Lev 26:3-6a) How unfortunate they are yet in disregard of His last command: “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:39)

3 Except the New King James that had a couple born again translators who promised not to use the Alexandrian dribble in their work

4 “The encounter between ancient tradition and quazi futuristic technology gave birth to the amazing Golan Olive-oil Mill in Qatzrin, capital of the Golan. www.golanoliveoil.com