



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Defining the Different "Ages"

Mike Riley

A querist asks, "What age do we live in? Christian Age, Messianic Age?"

We are presently living in the Christian Age. The following short study should help your understanding regarding the different dispensations or ages of time:

### Patriarchal Age

The word "patriarch" means "father." In this age God began to deal with man as the head of his family. Instead of revealing a written code of law and a system of worship, He spoke to the fathers through visions, dreams, and angels (Genesis 15:1; Genesis 22:11,15; Genesis 31:11; Genesis 31:24; Genesis 46:2; Numbers 12:6; Numbers 24:4,16). Because of the limitation and nature of God's revelation during this long age, lasting thousands of years, it has been called the "Starlight Age".

### Mosaic Age

Here the name springs from the great lawgiver, Moses. During this period God expanded His method of dealing with man by choosing a nation (Israel – Deuteronomy 7:6-8). Man was now ready for additional revelation from God; hence this age is often called the "Moonlight Age". Through Moses, God set down a definite written code for social, political, and religious life, with the Ten Commandments as its center (Exodus 20).

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#### Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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#### Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
 Restoration Radio  
 Jim Waldron  
 Manuelito Children's Home



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of August 23

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### More Wax Questions

1. Who waxed feeble?
2. Who waxed wanton?
3. Who waxed worse and worse?
4. Who waxes lean?
5. What will melt like wax?
6. What kind of "redeeming" is related to "waxing"?
7. What waxed sore?

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### Answers for week of August 9

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#### Wax Questions

Find two meanings of "wax" in the Bible, then answer these:

1. What waxes hot?

#### Answers:

A. **Wrath of God against those who oppress widows and needy** - Ex. 22:24 - And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

B. (Potential)**Wrath of God against the calf-worshipping Israelites** - Ex. - 32:10-11) Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the **LORD his God**, and said, LORD, why doth **thy wrath wax hot** against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

C. **Moses' anger toward the sin of calf-worship.** - Exo 32:22-23 - And Aaron said, Let not the **anger of my lord wax hot**: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. 23 For they said unto me, Make us

gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

#### D. **The sun which melted the manna**

Exodus 16:21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the **sun waxed hot**, it melted.

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2. What waxes cold?

Answer: The **love of many before the destruction of Jerusalem** - Mat 24:11-13 - And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

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3. What waxes warm?

A. **Job's brethren whose support melted like ice on a stream.**

Job 6:15-18. My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away; 16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid: 17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

B. **The body of the child brought back to life by Elisha**

2 Ki 4:34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

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4. Who waxed old?

A. **Sarah** - Gen. 18:12 -Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

B. **Joshua** - Josh 23:1 - And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about,

that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

C. **Jehoida** - 2 Chronicles 24:15

But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died. . . [130 years].

D. **Isaiah's adversaries** – (those that condemned Isaiah) - Isaiah 50:8

He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

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5. What waxes old?

1. **The eye of the Psalmist** (from grief)

Psalms 6:7 - Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

2. **Bones** Psalm 32:3 - When I kept silence, my bones waxed old . . .

3. **The old covenant** - Hebrews 8:13 - In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

4. **The earth** - Isa 51:6 - Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

5. **The root of a tree in the earth:** - Job 14:7,8 - For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground . . . .

6. **Heavens and earth** - Heb 1:10-11 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

(Psa 102:25-27) Of old hast thou laid the

foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

7. **Some but not all bags** (implied)

Luke 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth

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6. What sometimes waxes pale?

**Answer: Faces of people who are shamed by the words of their critics who have caught them in errors of words.** In this passage it seems that the house of Jacob (Israel) would not always have a blanched (pale) face.

Isa 29:20-23 - For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: 21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought. 22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. 23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

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7. What waxed dim?

**Answer: Eli's eyes:**

1 Sam 3:2 - And it came to pass at that time, when **Eli** was laid down in his place, and his **eyes began to wax dim**, that he could not see;

## Attendance and Contribution

(“Ages” from front page)

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Aug	16	19	24	23	15	\$723
Aug	9	6	24	23	13	\$430
Aug	2	12	24	11	6	\$541
July	26*	15	40	60	42	\$954

## Christian Age

The name here refers to Christ, the “author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2). The chief characteristic here is that God now turns from a family and a nation to the whole world (John 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 1:5; Romans 16:25-26). Now the grand purpose of God is fulfilled through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2); the redemption of all mankind on earth (those who are willing to be saved by the Gospel or “perfect law of liberty” (James 1:25). Thus, this age is often called the “Sunlight Age” – the present age in which we now live. More than nineteen hundred years have transpired thus far.

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Beginning next Monday, Ken Thomas will be teaching math classes part-time for Motlow at the Smyrna campus, and also Vol State at two locations. He is retiring from full-time teaching under TCRS.

## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune.

James Mason had an endoscopy Wednesday, but did not have results back at the time of this printing. Charlene Brandon had “happy results” from her medical tests. Nancy Harvey is still having problems with her rotator cuff surgery and her condition is complicated by bone deterioration. Her daughter-in-law, Roberta has learned that her mother has a malignant mass in her transverse colon. Jessie Pearl Green was hospitalized this week, but got out Wednesday. Alan Thomas, son of Ken and Judy had an accident which injured his back.

## Programs to Watch and Share with Others

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sundays @ 7:00 am on WUXP-TV 30

Sundays @ 10:00 am on WHTN-TV 39

Mack Lyon, speaker

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

(ptgwjw @ aol.com)

Assignments	August 23	August 30
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Steve Miller

*If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner*