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Does your life make a difference?

Many believers are discouraged—even immobilized—when they look at the formidable size of “Babylon” today. Darkness is massive, powerful and deeply entrenched in every aspect of society from government, to education, to entertainment, and even most religions. What can a single, ordinary believer do to impact the world for Truth, against such prevailing and powerful darkness? Most believers honestly think there is nothing of any significance that they can do. They simply hope to hunker down, live their best life, and try to avoid confronting Babylon where ever possible.

But Daniel didn’t hunker down and avoid confronting the darkness of Babylon! Daniel—one man fully dedicated to Yahweh—changed Babylon, not the other way around! Daniel is an example of the Butterfly Effect, demonstrating the world-changing power of the Gospel.

Do you make a difference? When you move... when you act... does what you do really matter? Does your life have significance? Can you do anything to impact the world today?

Discover the World-changing Butterfly Effect and how to live it, like Daniel...

Living the BUTTERFLY EFFECT...

“Therefore if any many be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

On a sunny afternoon, few delights surpass the sight of butterflies flitting among the garden flowers. Each flutter whispers of the Creator’s artistry, as vibrant hues and intricate patterns remind of Eden’s splendor.

Butterflies are amazing and beautiful creatures, which bring delight to those around them and much glory to their Heavenly Creator. But for all their gossamer beauty, one doesn’t think of butterflies as being resilient or as possessing any strength. Yet, they are clearly more hardy than a first glance suggests, for there are 165,000 known species of butterflies which inhabit every continent except Antarctica! And some, like the North American Monarch, travel an average of 2,500 miles in their yearly migrations!

Notably also, butterflies are living object lessons (*see the panel on the right*), as Scripture uses the butterfly to demonstrate a number of spiritual realities. For example, the life-cycle of the butterfly from repulsive “worm” to beautiful “butterfly” mirrors the transformation we undergo in Salvation. In fact, the spiritual parallels with this creature are numerous, enlightening and rich. Consider a concept that has come to be known as the Butterfly Effect.

In 1963, an American mathematician and meteorologist, Edward Lorenz, presented a remarkable hypothesis to the *New York Academy of Science*. Using a simple



The Skipper butterfly (shown above) is the fastest butterfly, reaching up to 37 mph (60 kph).

digital computer to simulate weather patterns by modeling variables, Lorenz discovered that small changes in initial conditions produced large changes in long-term results. His theory, came to be known as the Chaos Theory, or the Butterfly Effect, which simply stated:

When a butterfly flutters its wings in one part of the world, it can eventually cause a hurricane in another.

Edward Norton Lorenz

In other words, Lorenz was suggesting that a butterfly could flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion, which would move other molecules of air, in turn moving more molecules of air—eventually capable of starting a hurricane on the other side of the planet!

Lorenz and his idea were literally laughed out of the conference, in 1963. What he had proposed seemed ridiculous in the eyes of the scientific community! Imagine their shock and surprise, when more than 30 years after Lorenz first introduced the Butterfly Effect to the world, physics professors worldwide came to the conclusion that Lorenz had been right after all! (*continued on page 6...*)

Spiritual Lessons from Butterflies...

- **BUTTERFLIES TASTE WITH THEIR FEET**—Believers are similarly invited to “taste and see that *Yahweh* is good” (*Psalms 34:8*). So how do we “taste”—with our “feet”? We “taste” by walking the Old Path (*Jeremiah 6:16*), following in our Saviour’s “Footsteps” (*1 Peter 2:21*).
- **BUTTERFLIES HAVE EYES THAT SEE WHAT MOST DO NOT - THEIR EYES ARE MADE UP OF 6000 LENSES THAT CAN SEE ULTRAVIOLET**—Believers are similarly given eyes to see and ears to hear Truths to which the world is blind (*Rev. 3:18*).
- **MANY ADULT BUTTERFLIES DO NOT EXCRETE ANY WASTE. THEY USE ALL THEY EAT**—Believers also are not creatures of waste. All the Light and talents that *Yahweh* gives are lived-by, shared and put to use. There is no waste! (*Matthew 25:15-28*).
- **BUTTERFLY WINGS MOVE IN A FIGURE-8 MOTION, SYMBOLIZING INFINITY (ETERNITY)**—Believers also move in a *Yahweh*-glorifying way, which shows the Hope of Eternal Life to the world! (*Matthew 5:13-16*).
- **BUTTERFLIES FLY SWIFTLY (5-12 mph), SOME EVEN OUTPACE A HORSE!**—Believers are called to the Elijah Team (*Malachi 4*), who outran Ahab’s horses when defeating Ba’al, under the Spirit of *Yahweh* (*1 Kings 18:44-46*)!
- **BUTTERFLIES HAVE A LONG, TUBE-LIKE TONGUE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO SOAK UP THEIR FOOD RATHER THAN SIP IT!**—Believers also are to immerse in and soak up the Truth, letting it fully infuse the whole being, rather than simply “sipping” at it (*Psalms 1:1-3*).

(continued from page 5) ...Lorenz's "crazy" Butterfly Effect was not only proven true, it was accorded the status of a scientific law. Now officially known as the **Law of Sensitive Dependence upon Initial Conditions**, the law states:

- Every subtle change effects everything else.
- Every event is connected to every other event.
- A small change at the start can have a huge impact at the end.

Clearly Lorenz's discovery, which was originally focused on predicting the weather, has proven to be a law encompassing more than butterfly wings. In other words, the movements and choices of people can also demonstrate the Butterfly Effect. In short, the Butterfly Effect suggests that a single person can impact and change the world!

Are there any demonstrations of the Butterfly Effect, in the lives and influence of individuals? Certainly, we can think of several in Scripture, starting with **Yahshua**, Himself. We also think of Abraham, who made the decision to have a son with Hagar—seemingly only a family-impacting decision to Abraham at the time, but one which created the Middle East Crisis of today...

Are there examples of the Butterfly Effect in more recent history? Yes! There was a single man who, more than a century ago, made one move that still dramatically affects our lives today! Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (pictured on the next page) was only an ordinary, thirty-four year old schoolteacher. Certainly, he could not have imagined a point in his life where his simple decision could impact society, changing the course of

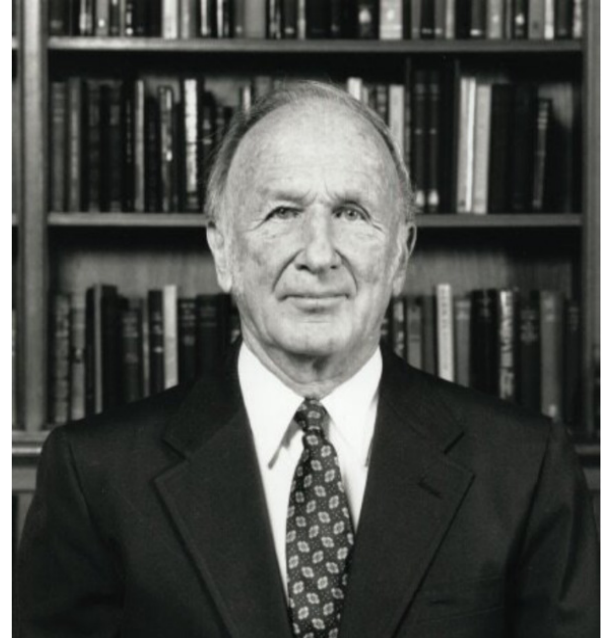
history. Yet, that is exactly what happened on the hot, humid day of July 2, 1863. On that historic day, Chamberlain found himself in the fight of his life, the outcome of which would have a far-reaching impact beyond what he could possibly imagine.

Chamberlain, from Bowdoin Maine, was a Colonel in the Union Army. The second day of July, 1863 found him standing at the far left edge of a group of 80,000 men, strung out in a line across fields and hills, stretching all the way to a now-historic little town called Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Chamberlain's orders were clear and difficult. Earlier that day, Colonel Vincent had placed Chamberlain and his men of the 20th Maine at the end of that line, saying, "**Whatever you do, you can't let them (meaning the Confederate forces) come through here.**"

The situation was dire. Chamberlain couldn't withdraw and he knew it. If the Confederate Army overran them, the "rebels" would gain the strategic high ground known as the Hill of Little Round Top. If the "greys" took the hill, surely the Union Army could be quickly defeated. In essence, the 80,000 men of the Union Army would be caught from behind in a downhill charge, with no protection.

Knowing the strategic importance of it, the Confederates intended to take the hill. But, to win it, they would have to come through Chamberlain.

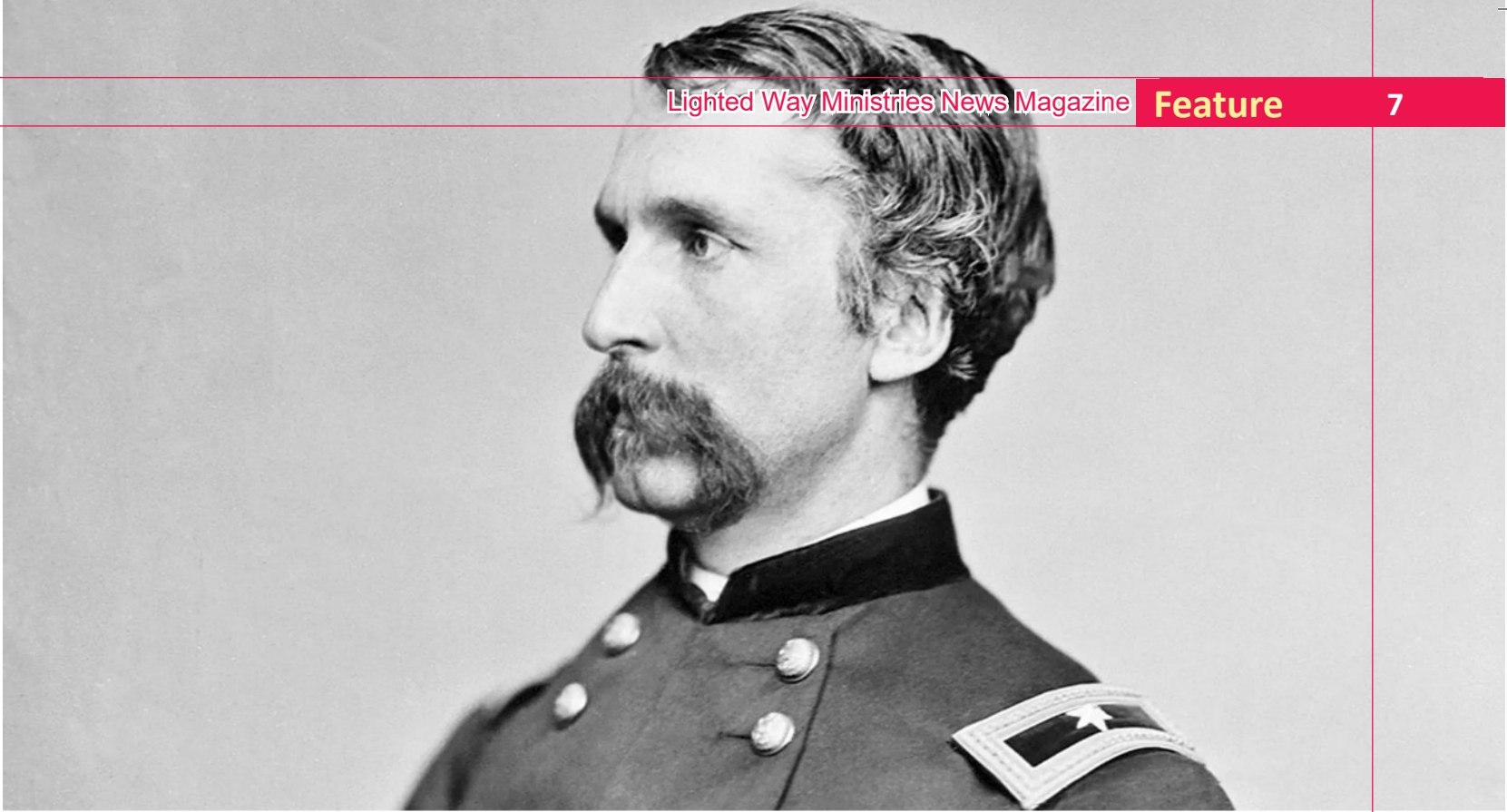


Edward Lorenz, founder of the Chaos Theory, commonly called the Butterfly Effect, was on the faculty of MIT from 1955 to his retirement in 1988.

At 2:30 PM, the first charge came from the 15th and 47th Alabama regiments. They attacked uphill, running as fast as they could, while firing at Chamberlain's men, who were stationed behind a rock wall which they had thrown up that very morning. Chamberlain and his men stopped the rebel charge and pushed them back down the slope, only to face a **second** and a **third** charge!

On the **fourth** assault, Chamberlain was knocked down by a bullet that hit him dead center in his metal belt buckle. A praying man, Chamberlain looked down, saw that his buckle had stopped the bullet, and recognized the miraculous deliverance of **Yahweh**. Praising God, he scrambled to his feet and continued to fight. Again, Chamberlain's 20th Maine halted the enemy's charge and again, the Confederates retreated down the hill. At that time in history, battles were fought with artillery and small arms ammunition. The struggles were close, face-to-face affairs...

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Studio portrait of General Joshua Chamberlain (above), a federal officer during the American Civil War. Chamberlain won the Medal of Honor for his heroism while commanding the 20th Maine Infantry during the defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg.



Historic photo of the hill of Little Round Top, as it appeared at the Battle of Gettysburg. This battle and its outcome are known as the "turning point" in the Civil War. Prior to this battle, the South (Confederates) had been winning... Historians state that, had their attempts to take Little Round Top succeeded, the South would have won the Civil War...

(continued from page 6) ...With their fourth charge, the Confederates almost made it to the wall—a thigh high stack of flat rocks that ran almost one hundred and ten yards in length.

As the 20th Maine waited for the expected and dreaded next charge, Chamberlain later recounted feeling sorry for his men.

“Their leader had no real knowledge of warfare or tactics. He considered himself only a stubborn, praying man (which he later said had been his greatest advantage)... I knew I may die, but I also knew that I would not die with a bullet in my back. I would not die in retreat. I am, at least, like the apostle Paul, who wrote, ‘This one thing I do, I press toward the Mark.’”

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

In other words, by his own estimation, Chamberlain and his men were nothing more than ordinary people, ill-suited to the challenge they

faced. Yet, with prayer and stalwart commitment, Chamberlain faced the battle, having made the determination that, no matter what, he would not retreat.

The 20th Maine did not have long to wait. The attack came again. On this fifth charge, the 15th and 47th Alabama broke open the wall and fighting raged on both sides of it. The battle was so intense that there was no time even to reload. The men swung rifles at each other and used their fists, bayonets and knives. Miraculously, Chamberlain and his men pushed the rebels back downhill yet another time.

After that fifth broken charge, Chamberlain’s younger brother, Tom, reported in with Sergeant Tozier, who had a thick wad of shirt stuck into a hole in his shoulder where he’d been wounded. The situation looked hopeless and the report of the two men made their chances plain.

“No help from the 83^d,” the Sergeant said. “They’re shot to ribbons and all they can do is extend the line a bit. We’re getting murdered on our flank.”

“Can we extend?” asked Chamberlain.

“There’s nothing to extend,” Tom answered. “more than half our men are down.”

It was true. Chamberlain’s command had started in Bangor, Maine, six months earlier, with a thousand men. That morning they’d started defending the hill with three hundred men. Now the 20th Maine was down to eighty.

“How are we for ammunition”, the Colonel asked.

“We’ve been shooting a lot,” was his brother’s answer.



"I know we've been shooting a lot," Chamberlain snapped. "I want to know how we're holding out. How much ammunition do we have left?"

As Tom ran to check, a twelve year old look-out who had climbed a tree yelled, "They're forming up again, Colonel!"

Chamberlain looked up to see where the boy was pointing down the hill.

"They're forming up right now. And they've been reinforced. Sir, there's a lot more of them this time."

At that moment, a messenger stumbled into their midst. Out of breath, "Sir! Colonel Chamberlain, sir! Colonel Vincent is dead."

"Are you sure, soldier?"

"Yes, sir, He was shot right at the first of the fight. They were firmed up by Weeds Brigade, but now Weeds is dead. They moved Hazlett's Battery up top. Hazlett's dead too."

As if that wasn't enough bad news, at that moment Chamberlain's brother came running back, "Joshua, we're out! One... two rounds per man at the most. Some of the men don't have anything at all!"

Chamberlain turned to a thin man standing on his right. It was First Sergeant Ellis Spear. "Spear," he ordered, "tell the boys to take the ammunition from the wounded and the dead."

"We did that last time, sir," Spear replied. "Maybe we should think about pulling out."

Chamberlain responded grimly, "We will not be pulling out, Sergeant. Carry out my orders!"

"Colonel!" Sergeant Tozier spoke up. "We won't hold them again, sir. You know we

won't"

Suddenly Chamberlain's brother shouted, "Joshua! Here they come! Here they come!"

Chamberlain stepped to the top of the wall in full view, crossing his arms and staring down at the advancing enemy.

The 15th and 47th Alabama with their pale, yellow-gray uniforms, now reinforced by a Texas regiment, moved up the hill. Making their famous, blood-chilling, high pitched shriek—the rebel yell—they coursed up toward Chamberlain and his men.

"Joshua!" his brother shouted in desperation, fully expecting Chamberlain to order a retreat. "Do something! Give an order!"

Chamberlain stood in silence sorting the situation – and praying for guidance. "We can't retreat," he thought.

And it was in that moment that Chamberlain made one seemingly small decision, which impacted the world as we know it, powerfully demonstrating the Butterfly Effect.

"Fix Bayonets!" he shouted to his men.

At first, no one moved. They had been so sure of a command to retreat that they just stared at him with their mouths hanging open.

"Fix your bayonets now!" he shouted again. "Execute a great right wheel of the entire regiment. Swing the left first. Do it now!"

Lieutenant Melcher spoke first, confused. "Sir," he asked, "what is a great right wheel?" But the Colonel had already jumped from the wall and was moving towards the next group of men to see that his order was heard and obeyed.

Sergeant Tozier answered the question. "He means to charge, son. A great right wheel is an all-out charge."

Then turning, the Colonel pointed his sword directly downhill. Facing overwhelming odds, Chamberlain slashed his blade through the air and with a power born of fear, courage, and prayer, the school-teacher from Maine roared, "Charge! Charge! Charge!"

The remaining eighty fighting men lifted their voices to match their leader. "Charge!" they cried tumbling over the wall into a history that most people have never heard, yet the impact of which has been felt by us all.

For when the Confederate troops saw Chamberlain mount the wall, they immediately stopped, unsure as to what was happening. And when the Colonel pointed his sword toward them and commanded his men to charge, the rebels turned and ran. Many threw down their fully-loaded weapons.

The rebels were certain that these were not the same soldiers they had been facing. Surely these men had been reinforced, they thought. A beaten regiment certainly would not charge!

Chamberlain fully believed the Confederates confusion had been caused by the intervention of **Yahweh** in answer to his prayer. No doubt, he was correct! In less than 5 minutes, Chamberlain had his sword on the collarbone of the Confederate captain, saying, "You, sir, are my prisoner".

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(continued from page 9) ...The man surrendered his fully-loaded Navy Colt revolver, answering simply, “Yes, sir, I am.”

Because of his charge, which Chamberlain believed was inspired and empowered by God, within five more minutes—without any ammunition—that ragged group of eighty men under Chamberlain’s command captured over four hundred enemy soldiers! It’s an amazing story of heroism, bravery and answered prayer! But how does the story of Chamberlain’s charge at Gettysburg illustrate the Butterfly Effect?

Historians have determined that had Chamberlain not charged that day, the rebels would have won at Gettysburg. Further, historians tell us that, had the rebels won at Gettysburg, the South would have won the Civil War, which would have been over by the end of the summer. What is so world-changing about that? Most people assume that had the South won the war, today what we know as the United States of America would have existed as two countries: the Union and the Confederacy.

But, considering all the factors at play, historians disagree with the likelihood of the US only being divided in two by a Southern victory. In fact, they insist that if the South had won the war, we would now live on a territorially fragmented continent, much like Europe. So ideologically divided had the states become in the time of the Civil War, that—had the Union fallen—the states would have fractured into more divisions than two. In fact, North America would most likely have been divided into

nine to thirteen countries, whose borders would have been determined by the ideological divisions of the former states. (See the map at the bottom of the page.)

If Chamberlain had not charged that afternoon so long ago, the Union would have fallen. Consequently, when Hitler swept across Europe in the 1940’s, there would not have been a United States of America to stand in the breach. And when Japan’s emperor Hirohito invaded the islands of the South Pacific, without the United States of America, there would not have been a country big enough, strong enough, wealthy enough and populous enough to fight—and win—two wars on two fronts at the same time.

How would it have impacted the whole world if Hitler had won the War? Of course, we can’t know for sure. But we do know that the world would be a very different place, beyond question. We can use educated guesses, since it is likely safe to suggest that Hitler’s plans would have been fully implemented, had he won the War. Hitler planned to unite Europe under a single, totalitarian state, ruled by the Nazi Party. In every

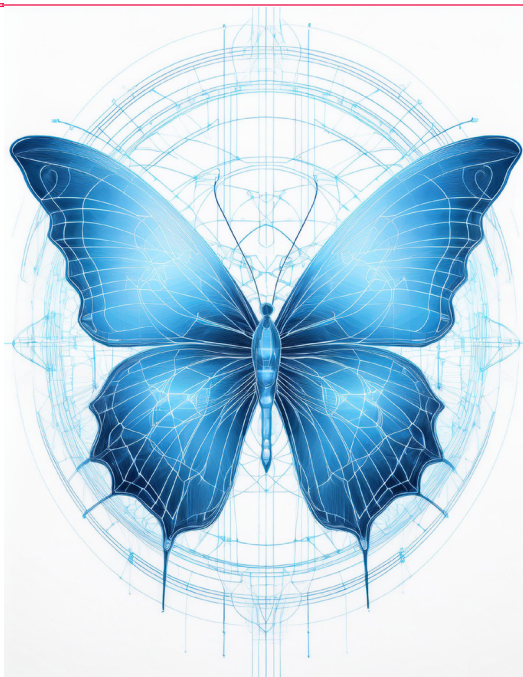
hypothetical projection of what the world would likely have been like if Nazi Germany had won the Second World War it is expected that the world would be a much harsher and grimmer place in which to live. Some speculate that the United States would have been divided between Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. However the division, one thing is clear, freedom would have fallen if Hitler had won.

Arguably, the United States of America—and the world—exists as it does today because of a single man. One thirty-four year old schoolteacher made a courageous choice to charge more than a century ago, little knowing his decision would demonstrate the Butterfly Effect.

Could Colonel Chamberlain possibly have had any idea of how important this single decision would be, or how far-reaching would be it’s impact? Of course not! Probably, to him it looked like just another day in just another battlefield. But, of course **Yahweh** knew how big a difference this one day would make. Unbeknownst to Chamberlain, on what must have seemed just another “ordinary” day amidst the ongoing war, the entire free world was hanging in the balance!

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And in that critical moment, **Yahweh** had seen fit to place Joshua Chamberlain—an ordinary man who had more experience teaching than commanding a military regiment—in that spot at Gettysburg, on that critical day.

Did the Heavenly Father reveal the magnitude of his choice to Chamberlain? Was there a moment in the preceding hours, when **Yahweh** said, “Joshua, soon, I’m going to tell you to charge, when you have no ammunition. I want you to obey Me and attack, even though it will seem crazy. Oh, and Joshua, this decision really matters. If you disobey My Voice, the Confederates will win the war, the United States will be split into small countries. This will create a domino effect, so that about 50 years later the whole free world will fall.”

No details were given. **Yahweh**, simply impressed Colonel Chamberlain to “charge”, when it seemed most illogical—even suicidal—to do so. Clearly, the Father’s Voice must be obeyed! And it is only by living in a life-pattern of obedience to Him that we may be assured of a right response to His promptings in a world-changing Butterfly moment.

Of course from the outcome, we can see that Joshua Chamberlain knew the Father’s Voice! And because he did, Chamberlain charged into history with an epic act that still reverberates through the world to this day. Inspiringly, as this school-teacher’s remarkable story shows, one person, who is fully-submitted to **Yahweh**, can change the world! That’s the Butterfly Effect.

How often do people make choices, thinking they are small and insignificant, when they are actually Butterfly moments? King Saul certainly did! Through the prophet Samuel, **Yahweh** had instructed Saul to destroy the Amalekites, saving none alive and taking no spoils of war from the victory (*1 Samuel 16:1-3*).

Israel attacked the Amalekites, but king Saul disobeyed **Yahweh** by keeping cattle, spoils of war, and sparing the life of their king, Agag. Although Agag’s queen is not mentioned, she must also have been among the “spared”... She also must have been expecting a child when she escaped from Saul’s custody... We may know this because Samuel slew king Agag, personally, when he arrived on the scene (*1 Samuel 15:32-33*). But, Scripture tells us that the line of Agag continued on. And because of Saul’s disobedience, Israel faced an unnecessary holocaust threat, several hundred years later.

In the book of Esther, we read the story of Saul’s and Agag’s families crossing paths once again—a crossing, which was nearly deadly for Israel, and which would have been avoided entirely had king Saul obeyed **Yahweh** some 500 years before. According to the Biblical record, Haman was an Agagite—a descendent of Agag, king of the Amalekites. Had king Saul listened when **Yahweh** told him to destroy all of the Amalekites (*including the royal line*) (*1 Samuel 15:3*), the threat of annihilation which the Jews faced in

Esther’s (*a descendent from Saul*) time, would have been completely avoided. No one in the Persian empire would have thirsted for the Jews’ blood if Haman, Agag’s descendent, had never been born. Clearly, **Yahweh** “paints” on a much bigger “canvas”, than human comprehension can fully grasp, crossing time and space. For He sees the end from the beginning (*Is 46:10*).

Why didn’t Saul just do as God instructed? Like so many of us are tempted to do, Saul followed a “sometimes” pattern of obedience. And a “sometimes-I-obey-and-sometimes-I-do-what-I-think-is-best” form of obedience isn’t good enough on an ordinary day, let alone a Butterfly Day.

In reality, how could we know if today is an “ordinary” day or an epic one? The truth is that human perception isn’t sufficient to help us tell the difference. Without knowing it, like Abraham, king Saul and Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, we may be standing in a Butterfly moment where future generations are going to be impacted by our “small” decisions. But, in that moment, our own dim perceptions can only discern the frailty of our “wings”—the seeming “insignificance” of our lives, movements, and choices. We cannot possibly see the “hurricane” our movements will produce.

Self-governed people cannot live the blessing of the Butterfly Effect. Yet, Scripture tells us that Abraham’s Seed (*the saved people of Yahweh*) are supposed to be a world-changing blessing:

“Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the Covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham...

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(continued from page 11) ... **And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.**" Acts 3:25

So if the people of **Yahweh** are **supposed** to have a world-changing impact, why do we often try to keep our heads down, thinking of ourselves as "ordinary", "insignificant" and too "weak" to effect real change against the growing darkness of modern Babylon?

Influence and the ability to change the world are not something a human actually possesses. So, if we are living with self on the throne of our soul-temple, we **will be** completely powerless in the face of darkness. We **will be** as fragile and insignificant as we believe ourselves to be.

Yahweh doesn't seek people who are strong and naturally world-changing. **He** is strong! **He** is world-changing! All He needs from His people is a full surrender to Him, complete submission to His Will and unwavering obedience to His Commands.

When you think about it, why did **Yahweh** choose a simple schoolteacher from Maine to stand in that critical, Butterfly Moment at Gettysburg? History tells us that there were many other far more prominent military leaders present that summer day in Pennsylvania. On the Union side, Generals Reynolds, Zook, Weed, Farnsworth and Vincent (*promoted posthumously*) were there. General John Buford, and Abner Doubleday were there. Generals Hancock, Howard and Hunt were a part of the Gettysburg conflict. Generals Sickles and Warren were there. General George Custer was there (*infamous for the Little Big Horn debacle*). No other battle, in the entire Civil War claimed as many high-ranking officers as Gettysburg.



Why, then, did **Yahweh** choose to use Colonel Joshua Chamberlain—one of the most inexperienced of the Union leaders on site—to be the one to stand in the gap and protect the free world that day? Chamberlain, by his own testimony, was a praying man—a man of faith, with a real relationship with **Yahweh**. Perhaps, of all the Union leaders on the battlefield that day, Joshua was the best listener to the Father's Voice. Maybe Joshua was the best at obeying God, over what his own senses might tell him.

God doesn't Call the qualified, He qualifies the Called (*2 Corinthians 3:5, Ephesians 4:11-14*).

"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." 1 Corinthians 1:27

Yahweh's ways are not like our ways. In the eyes of the world, qualifications and credentials may hold significant value, but God's perspective is very different. He calls us to serve Him, not based on our own abilities or achievements, but based on His Grace, Power and Purpose. If we will be surrendered and

obedient to Him, there are no limits to what **Yahweh** can accomplish in and through us.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I Am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing... If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you (*obedience to His Word*), ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:4-7

In the Early Christian Church, the followers of **Yahshua** were living demonstrations of the Butterfly Effect. They were ordinary people, made extraordinary by their total commitment to **Yahweh** and their whole-hearted surrender. With experience in tax-collecting and the fishing industry, how could such lowly citizens change the world?

Yet, because they lived the Butterfly lifestyle of carrying out the Father's Will over their own, they carried the Gospel of the Kingdom to the then-known

world, powerfully transforming it and profoundly impacting nations and society as a whole. They lived the Butterfly Effect. How far-reaching was the impact of their work and Message? As we more thoroughly explained in our January-March, 2024 magazine feature article, titled *Bringing the Gospel to a Crazy World*, the preaching of the Gospel Message by the early apostles and casting out demons was so effective that the “gods” of the pagan nations fell!

Idolatrous cultures and societies were transformed into “westernized” (which originally indicated being “Bible-based”) cultures:

In the end, it was not the gods that prevailed, or the might of the Roman Empire, or the words of the oracle (at Delphi). Against all odds, the overwhelmingly powerless followers of the crucified Redeemer overcame the fires of persecution. And the message of the Gospel, of God’s love and forgiveness, overcame the reign of the demonic gods.

The polytheism and pantheism of the Greco-Roman world gave way to the belief in one God – **Yahweh**, the true God of Heaven. The spell of the gods was broken! Their names no longer inspired fear and awe. Their festivals attracted fewer and fewer worshippers. Their shrines were abandoned. Their temples fell into ruin. It was the twilight of the gods... The carnal and licentious acts of pagan worship and rituals were banned from the public sphere. And human sacrifice became a distant memory...

(Jonathan Cahn, *Return of the Gods*, p21)

Finally, among those who **Yahweh** has used to demonstrate the Butterfly Effect, let us consider Daniel. Similarly to us in these Last Days, Daniel was



a believer living in Babylon. Formerly princes of Israel, Daniel and his faithful friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nigo, were among those taken prisoner when Nebuchadnezzar captured Judah in 605 BC.

Babylon was a powerful and spectacular city in the time of Daniel. It was the capital of the Babylonian Empire. The city of Babylon was sprawling and heavily-populated, with enormous walls and multiple palaces and temples. Famous structures and artifacts include the temple of Marduk, the Ishtar Gate, and stelae upon which Hammurabi’s Code was written.

Babylonians were polytheistic and worshiped a large pantheon of gods and goddesses. Some of the gods were state deities, like Marduk, the chief patron god of Babylon, who dwelled in a towering temple. Others were personal gods that families worshiped at humble home shrines.

Across the city, there were temples dedicated to major state deities like Ishtar, Enlil, Sin and Shamash, in addition to Marduk. In Babylonian belief, a statue wasn’t a representation of the god; it was the god. Amanda Podany, a history

professor and author of *Weavers, Scribes and Kings: A New History of the Ancient Near East*, explained:

“The statue had to be fed three times a day, served wine and beer and clothed with jewelry...”

Into this dark and pagan world, came young Daniel and his three friends—captives from a faraway land. Their surroundings had shifted, geographically, morally, and spiritually. But these young men remained “unchanged, unaffected, and unashamed” (Jason Benham, *Living Among Lions*, p XVI). By living a **Yahweh**-submitted life, Daniel changed Babylon, not the other way around. And the pagan people of Babylon worshipped the true God of Heaven on the plain of Durah, instead of the king’s idolatrous image. Daniel and his friends lived the Butterfly Effect, just as it is our turn to do now.

Like Daniel, and God’s other faithful, servants, it falls to us to transform our dark Babylon of today. **Yahweh** can do it through us, if we surrender daily and abide in Him. If we will live the Butterfly Effect, it will change the world!



Fall Feasts & Tabernacles (Sukkot) Retreat-2024

Join Us Online or In Person—Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, and Sukkot

With the Fall Feasts just ahead, we want to take a moment to alert you of the wonderful, spiritual times which are prayerfully planned here at Lighted Way Ministries. You may join us online (at www.lightedway.org), or in person (please RSVP).

FEAST OF TRUMPETS WEEKEND - October 3-5, 2024

The Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Teruah*) begins with the sunset on October 3. The Day of Trumpets is actually October 4, which is a Friday. For this reason, we will be hosting a special, Trumpets-themed weekend. You may join us online or in person! Here's what to expect:

October 3—Eve of Trumpets

(the events of this evening will not be broadcast online)

- 5 PM - Light Supper of soup and *Challah* bread (at the Lighted Way Ministries ministry center)
- 6:30 PM - Praise & Worship (*Singing, Shofar Blast and Prayer*)
- sunset - New Moon Sighting (going out together to sight the 7th Biblical new moon).

October 4—Feast of Trumpets

- 1 PM - Fellowship Meal (at the Lighted Way Ministries ministry center)
- 2:00 PM - Worship & Broadcast "Feast of the Two Witnesses"
- Mark Manfredine
- 5:00 PM - Light Supper

October 5—Sabbath

- 1 PM - Fellowship Meal (at the Lighted Way Ministries ministry center)
- 2:00 PM - Worship & Broadcast "Days of Awe"
- Shauna Manfredine

ATONEMENT WEEKEND

October 12-13, 2024

The Day of Atonement is on Sunday, October 13, this year. As a result, we will be hosting an Atonement Weekend Event for Sabbath and Sunday:

October 12—Sabbath

- 1 PM - Fellowship Meal (at the Lighted Way Ministries ministry center)
- 2:00 PM - Worship & Broadcast "At-One-Ment with Yahweh"
- Mark Manfredine

October 13—Day of Atonement

- 1 PM - Season of Prayer (*Join us at our ministry center - no online broadcast - for a special season of prayer in place of the usual fellowship meal.*)
- 2:00 PM - Worship & Broadcast "Day of the Door"
- Shauna Manfredine

FEAST OF TABERNACLES RETREAT October 18-26, 2024

Save the Retreat dates and plan to join us for a special Fall Retreat! The schedule for our upcoming Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) Retreat is shown on the following page. You may join us online (for all of the scheduled presentations) or in person. Please RSVP for in-person attendance. To RSVP, call (541) 672-1514.

What to Expect at this Retreat:

- **Mark Manfredine** will give a new series of studies, called "**Priests and Kings**". This series will be focusing on what it means (in practical terms) to follow Messiah as Priests and Kings after the order of Melchizedek. We plan to have a workbook-worksheets-handout to accompany this series.
- **Shauna Manfredine** will give a



new series, called "**Preparing the Bride**". In this series, Shauna will show how the description and attributes of the Proverbs 31 Woman apply to the End-time Bride of Christ—and how to live as that Bride. We also plan to have a workbook-worksheets-handout to accompany this series.

Celebration and Sukkot Joy:

On the non-Sabbath days, we will be doing crafts, taking afternoon trips, hiking, and generally having fun together. **Sukkot** is a time of great joy! Catch the excitement and celebrate with the whole family! Also, each evening, we'll come together for singing, prizes, roasting marshmallows (only Kosher, of course), stories, fellowship - and some star-gazing - around the campfire.

Camping & Retreat Details:

There is no charge for attendance. Camping/hotel arrangements must be made by participants, off grounds. Feel free to call us for information on local places to stay.

RETREAT LOCATION:
12515 Garden Valley Rd.
Roseburg, Oregon 97471

Lighted Way Ministries - Fall Retreat Schedule:

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) 2024

Time	Friday <i>Sukkot-1</i> Oct. 18	Sabbath <i>Sukkot-2</i> Oct. 19	Sunday <i>Sukkot-3</i> Oct. 20	Monday <i>Sukkot-4</i> Oct. 21	Tuesday <i>Sukkot-5</i> Oct. 22	Wednesday <i>Sukkot-6</i> Oct. 23	Thursday <i>Sukkot-7</i> Oct. 24	Friday <i>Last Great Day</i> Oct. 25	Sabbath Oct. 26
10 AM	BREAKFAST (provided by LWM)								
11:30 AM	Priests and Kings Series Mark Manfredine					Day Tour: Visit the Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon with Group Tour Bus & Guide...	Priests and Kings Series Mark Manfredine		Torah Reading & Discussion (no broadcast)
	Part 1: "Thy Kingdom Come"	Part 2: "Priests & Kings"	Part 3: "Key of David"	Part 4: "Laws of the Kingdom"	Part 5: "The Censer & Scepter"		Part 6: "The Crown & Mitre"	Part 7: "Equipping the Breast-plate"	
1:00 PM	Break	Break	Craft Time: Make a Quilt picture to take home	Garden Inspiration: Visit the Discovery Gardens in Roseburg, Oregon	Break		Break	Break	Break
2:30 PM	Torah Reading & Discussion (no broadcast)	Bride Series... Part 2: "More Precious than Rubies"		Part 8: "12 Gates & 24 Thrones"				Priests & Kings Series	
4:00 PM	DINNER (provided by LWM)							Marriage Supper of the Lamb banquet & musical program	DINNER
6:00 PM	Praise and Worship								
6:30 PM	Preparing the Bride Series - Shauna Manfredine								
	Part 1: "Bride of Virtue"	Part 3: "Heart of Safety"	Part 4: "Rising Candle in the Dark"	Part 5: "Like a Merchant's Ship"	Part 6: "Mouth of Wisdom & Tongue of Kindness"	Part 7: "Wool, Flax, Scarlet & Purple"	Part 8: "Buying the Field & Planting the Vineyard"		
7:30 PM	Celebration Around the Campfire - Songs, prizes, fellowship & star-gazing around the campfire								



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Be connected with others in Messiah's Body and help to raise up the Praying Church / Ezekiel Bone Army! Join LWM's Wednesday evening PRAYER MEETING—online on Zoom. To join us go to the Zoom link on our website: www.lightedway.org.

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JOIN OUR ONLINE CLASSES-ON ZOOM!

Prophecy Class with Shauna Manfredine—In Prophecy class, we study Bible Prophecy in-depth. Class meets online on Mondays and Wednesdays

at 9 AM (PST). This class is scheduled to run from September, 2024 to May, 2025. Info at: www.shaunamanfredineprophecyclub.blogspot.com.

Torah Class with Shauna Manfredine—In Torah class we study the Commandments and related Statutes. Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 AM (PST) . For more information, please visit the class blog at www.shaunamanfredine.blogspot.com.

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WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THE FALL FEASTS: RSVP NOW!

