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That eclipse crossed seven US cities named 'Salem.' Those cities are not, as some have attested, named for Jerusalem. No; both the root of the name Jerusalem and each of the aforementioned cities are transliterated "shalom," meaning the Lord Almighty's perfect, abiding, total peace. Jehovah Shalom, the Lord of Peace.

Right on Time

In the Resurrection season we celebrate Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and victory; we look forward to family gatherings, humble celebration, and for too many the infrequent church sermon. This is my favorite holy day, as we celebrate Tetelestai! – It is finished! – Jesus' victory on the cross over the tyranny of sin for all who would receive His free gift.

Calling Good Evil

"Do not be deceived; God will not be mocked. Whatever you sow, that will you reap. If you sow to your flesh, from your flesh you'll reap destruction. But, if you sow to the Spirit, from the Spirit you'll reap eternal life (Galatians 6:7-8)."

Stuck on 'Stop': Don't Remain Between Two Positions

Stuck on 'stop.' Andrew is stuck on 'stop;' he's got a hitch in his giddyup stranding him in this purgatory of in-betweenness that's bearing limited fruit – except for the fruit of identifying, cutting out, and leaving behind whatever thorns in his side hinder his walk (which is commendable fruit indeed).