

# Rainer Salomaa



On 13 Sep 2025, at 9:32 pm, Surfer11 <[surfer11@iprimus.com.au](mailto:surfer11@iprimus.com.au)> wrote:

I was saddened to read Vic Kubik's post on the death of Mr Salomaa (see below). Another fine minister has died and will be a great loss to the Church of God.

Sometime in the late 1970s or early 1980s I got hold of his paper on 'The Identity of Finland'. It must have been 22 or so years ago that I asked him if could have it retyped into Word and I would provide a cover and graphics. Later appendices were added with his permission.

You can find this paper attached and also here along with other old WCG papers and articles [www.friendsofsabbath.org/iframe/ABC/Israel/Israel&Nations.html](http://www.friendsofsabbath.org/iframe/ABC/Israel/Israel&Nations.html) Click on 'Israel Identity' and you will find Mr Salomaa's paper 'The Identity of Finland' and much more!

One e-mail exchange is below fyi.

Regards,

Craig

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From: Rainer Salomaa  
Sent: 01 November 2005 18:27  
To: surfer11  
Subject: Re: Further information on Issachar!

Yes, that would be good. The more information that surfaces, the better!

Carry on your useful work my friend.

RS

----- Original Message -----

From: "surfer11"  
To: "Rainer Salomaa"  
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2005 2:39 AM  
Subject: Further information on Issachar!

Dear Mr Salomaa,

You might find the information below of interest. Would you mind if I added the information below as an appendix to your paper please?

Best wishes,

Craig

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Vic Kubik wrote on Facebook 13 Sept 2025 (Sydney time):

The death of Rainer Salomaa yesterday, September 11, 2025, deeply saddened me. I was notified by Heidi Poffenroth in Canada. Rainer was a very good friend. Our friendship goes back to our freshman year at Ambassador College in 1966. He arrived a few weeks late that year due to family matters that needed to be resolved before he left Canada for Pasadena, California. Being a fellow foreign student from Oulu, Finland, we immediately connected because of our shared international backgrounds.

Rainer was always soft-spoken, never involved in controversy, and carried himself with genuine humility. He truly exemplified a gentle and Christlike character. We also spent time together at Bricket Wood in the United Kingdom before graduation. Afterward, we always kept in touch, often through our shared service in the Church.

Much of my contact with him was through the Council of Elders, where he was always an ally—looking for the very best in what could be done for the Church. He served faithfully as chairman of the Roles and Rules Committee. When he was chairman of the National Council in Canada, he invited me to several events, including the Feast of Tabernacles in Newfoundland in 2002 and National Council meetings in Canada.

Rainer had an excellent habit of calling me randomly, with no purpose other than to say hello. I followed his example and called him just two or three weeks ago, not knowing it would be my last conversation with him. Our talks were always positive and uplifting—a true sign of how ministers and friends can work together in a spirit of brotherhood and love.

Rainer, I will miss calling you in Canada. You were a voice of calm and stability. In our last phone call, you mentioned that you were still pastoring at age 80, which you had either just reached or were about to.

Love you and will miss you my friend.