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# Glory in the Cross



**“God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Gal. 6:14**

Wherein shall I take pride, find enjoyment, boast, and not be ashamed. Consider Rom, 1:15-17 and Philp. 2:5-8. Paul gives wonderful spiritual teaching on the scriptural attitude toward the cross of Christ. Where else could we glory. God forbid, far be it that we glory in any thing or any one else. This is a sobering fact - the only real, true basis for the greatness **produced** and goodness **provided** is realized therein. What God has accomplished - the glorious deliverance wrought and escape made for all fallen condemned corrupt humanity, points to Christ's cross.

## **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Shall we not glory in the multiplied **purpose**? In the marvelous **power** enacted in His condescension in order to reach unto the depths and lift unto glorious heights. No religious concoction, nor supposed enlightened formula could begin to compare. Many such ideas would glory in the flesh of man. Thank God for the realization that “He maketh poor and maketh rich; bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, to make them inherit the throne of glory.” I Sam. 2:7 & 8.

## **HIS CONDESCENSION TO THE CROSS MADE WAY FOR OUR ELEVATION UNTO ETERNAL GLORIES.**

He can reach to the depths and save unto the uttermost. Heb. 7:25. Our Lord's ever living intercession is based on His work on the cross. Shall we not glory in the **purity** He is able to produce in trusting human hearts, placing His Holy Nature within us. Oh, of all the glorious **provisions** He has made at the cross, it will take eternity to tell, or even realize fully it's total scope.

But we will glory preeminently in His **Person**, the Christ of the cross. God's beloved Son in whom He is well pleased, who accomplished all the Father's will. He who is holy harmless undefiled separate from sinners, was made sin for us. That we might be made the righteous of God in Him. He was made higher than the heavens. In whom we do now glory, and shall for ever more!

We gladly glory in Him whose cross made all the difference for us and is making in us. We glory in Him who was made lower than the angels for the suffering of death, that He, by the grace of God might taste death for every man. He who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, made Himself of no reputation, took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

We love Him who is altogether lovely. In Him shall we rather glory?

# THE LAST DAYS

Anita Clark



**“Many shall come in my name saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilence and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matthew 24:5-8**

“And ye shall hear...” Vs. 6. The word, “hear” means “be reported, be noised, come to the ears.” At the present time, with modern technology, it is possible to “hear” almost immediately of any event happening anywhere in the world. So much catastrophe comes to our ears that it is almost over whelming. Bad news becomes common place, and does not affect us as it did years ago. Examples of this are the recent happenings of early May - the cyclone in Myanmar (Burma) which killed 78,000 with 56,000 missing, and the earthquake in China where it is believed that 34,000 people are dead and many others are still buried under rubble. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, this earthquake is the twenty-fifth “significant” earthquake so far this year. The Associated Press reports about China, “A government warning of a major aftershock sent thousands of panicked survivors running into the darkened streets Monday, May 19th, ...the National Seismology Bureau warned of a great chance of an aftershock measuring 6 to 7 on the Richter scale. The long dormant Chaitan volcano in Chili erupted May 2, for the first time in 7,000 years. Two towns had to be evacuated because thick volcanic dust settled over much of the region and into Argentina. The government expert warns there could be a big eruption at any time.

According to World Net Daily, “There were 368 documented tornadoes in the U.S. in January and February of this year, shattering the previous record of 243 over that two-month

period, set in 1999. February's total of 232 tornados also shattered previous records." Some want to blame Global warming for the increase, but Germany's Institute of Marine Scientists say, "We're in for a 10-year period of global cooling." It is wonderful to trust in the Lord, as Proverbs 3:5 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Verse 7 of our text also mentions "famines." While we know that these verses really refer to the tribulation coming upon the world, it does speak to us of our pre-tribulation status at the present time. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization warns that Iran has detected a new highly pathogenic strain of wheat stem rust. This fungal disease could spread to other wheat-producing states in the Near East and Western Asia that provide one-fourth of the world's wheat supply. In Myanmar the cyclone and back surge of ocean water destroyed the area called "the rice basket," an area which was the region's largest rice producing area. Many areas of Africa are in famine. The Ukraine, Europe, Canada and Australia, which are four of the world's leading producers of wheat are experiencing shortage of supply because of severe drought. U.S.A. has recently had to import wheat, although in the past we have been the world's largest exporter of wheat. Although the "famines" spoken of in the text will be much worse during the tribulation, we can see how easily it could happen with weather conditions and natural disasters making it impossible to raise crops. We marvel at how quickly times change.

In Matthew 24:8 the word, "sorrows" means, "a pang or throe, especially childbirth or travail." This reminds us of what Apostle Paul says in I Thessalonians 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape." When they shall "say" - means in the Greek to "lay forth a systematic set discourse." We know that is what the leaders of the world at this time are doing. They meet together and set out ways and means to achieve peace. At the present time there is "The Roadmap of Peace," set forth to bring peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Recently, President George Bush, during a meeting with many of the world leaders, told Israel that he had come representing America with the Road Map to Peace Plan,

and that his plan and hopes were to divide Jerusalem before he leaves office at the end of 2008.

Recently, Hamas, terrorist organization of the Palestinians, made an offer for a 10 year peace deal with Israel. Joel C. Rosenberg, who is an end time scholar, wrote recently about this offer, "This is simply a ruse to get Israel into a false sense of security. But that's not the point. The point is that this is the first time in history that one of Israel's primary enemies has suggested forging not a comprehensive peace deal in perpetuity, but a peace treaty of short and specific time frame." We know that Daniel 9:27 speaks of the AntiChrist making a covenant with Israel for seven years, so this offer by Hamas does not fulfil that prophecy, but for the first time in history an element of time-limit has been offered in connection with an offer of peace, and that is significant, and very interesting. Events concerning Israel are always consequential, and are signs to us of the nearness of the coming of the Lord.

However, the rockets keep smashing into the Israeli city of Sderot, killing and maiming innocent adults and children. This treaty between Hamas and Israel is scheduled to go into affect May 21, 2008. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak explained to Egyptian Gen. Omar Suleiman, "It is a cease fire deal - Israel is to stop targeting Hamas leaders, while Hamas is to cease all Qassam rocket attacks targeting West Negev, as well as terrorist attacks originating in the Gaza." Hamas is to also cease smuggling weapons, funds and persons and training paramilitary activities. It will be surprising if this agreement works out. The Scripture says, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalms 122:6). There will only be true peace when Jesus is accepted as the Messiah by Israel. Today, in Israel, Jews For Jesus are conducting, "Israel, Behold Your God Campaign," witnessing to Jews on the streets. Many have heard the salvation message and many have made inquiry to know more about Y'shua. The Bible tells of 144,000 Israelites who will believe and be filled with the Holy Spirit during the first half of the seven years of the tribulation. God's purposes are being worked out in the earth today.

**THE NEW SANHEDRIN** – In 2004, a new Sanhedrin was brought into being after more than 1,400 years. The Sanhedrin is Israel's ancient court system, who were present at the time of Jesus, and who condemned Him at His trial before the high priest. At that time there was a 70 member court. This group, called the New Jewish Congress, is very outspoken about the need to build a temple, reestablish the priesthood, restore the sacrificial system, and re-institute the temple worship.

They believe that Israel should not give up any of the land because they feel God gave them back the land through the wars they have fought. Because of the political push for Israel to abandon the communities in Judea and Samaria, there is now a move among the settlers to establish a separate Jewish state if the Israel government forsakes them. They say that they will fight if the government of Israel tries to remove them from their land. Rabbi Wolpe said recently that each Jewish father and husband would protect his home and family in any way necessary to keep them from becoming homeless. The clear implication is that the settlers will take up arms if the government attempts to remove them from the land.” (Israel My Gory- May/June 2008).

**RUSSIA SENDS WARNING TO THE WEST** – According to the BBC News, Russia quit the CFE Treaty, which set strict limits in Europe on the number of offensive weapons - tanks, aircraft artillery and etc., called conventional weapons. It is feared that this is yet another sign of worsening relationship between Moscow and the West. This treaty of 1990 was one of the most significant arms control agreements of the cold war years, and was revised in 1999 after the collapse of communism, in part to address Russian concerns. According to the BBC, “President Putin’s (he is now Prime Minister) move will be taken as yet another sign of a more assertive foreign policy - a policy buoyed up by Moscow’s rising income from oil and natural gas...There is real danger that relations between Russia and the West could be heading back to the freezer (referring to the ‘cold war’).” They supply nearly all Europe gas and oil needs. Any change of policy is regarded as very important to the stability of the World.

At this year's Victory Day Parade, held in Moscow, it is reported that Russia exhibited tanks and intercontinental missiles for the first time since the collapse of the USSR in 1991. Mr. Putin said, "It's a demonstration of our growing capabilities in the defense sphere. We are capable of protecting our people, citizens, our state and our wealth." He has announced the resumption of bomber patrols in international airspace and ordered the navy into the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. All this is pointing to fulfillment of end time prophecy of Gog and Magog.

**EU MORE PERMANENT PRESIDENCY** – For some time the European Union has been concerned about not having one voice to deal with other nations of the world. As of right now, the presidency rotates from nation to nation to members of the EU every six months. Recently they are considering what would be the job description of the president. Some of the members feel that it should be a high profile job with real political bite, while others favor a low profile more organizational post. It is reported that they want to "speak with one voice" when conducting negotiations with other nations.

According to the EU Observer they have been considering Tony Blair, once Prime Minister of Britain, but there is disagreement about his nomination. The EU is set to decide both the person and the job description later this year. This person may well be - the AntiChrist. At first he will seem very humble, but after awhile he will show his true origin and character. This man is no doubt on the earth right now, waiting in the wings, ready to step out on the world stage.

During the tribulation this man will come forward having great charisma, with an ability to sway the masses with his speech. Revelation 13:5 says, "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies." Daniel 7:11 speaks of the sway this man's voice will have, "I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn (AntiChrist) spoke." Also, in verse 25 it says, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High..."



**GREAT AND WONDERFUL NEWS** – There will be a change of scenes for the overcoming people of God very soon. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 tells us that Christ shall come to catch away those who are ready and watching for Him. In Chapter 5:2-3 Paul warns, “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night for when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them and they shall not escape.” Revelation 3:10 promises, “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (tribulation), which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” This is the promise to the overcomers. After they, who are the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ are removed from this earth, then “sudden destruction” or tribulation of seven years will begin, the judgement and wrath of God.

In I Thess. 5:4,6 Paul warns, “But ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.” If all believers were going to be taken together before the tribulation of seven years begins as some teach, then why would Paul admonish them to not sleep and to stay awake. No! But the truth is some believers will be sleeping in an unprepared state. Christ will come to them as a “thief in the night.” There would be no need for these precious admonitions if all believers would go in the rapture regardless of what their state is.

“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation (here referring to our bodily deliverance - changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye (I Cor.15:52) by our Lord Jesus Christ” (Vs. 8-9). The “helmet” covers the head, speaking of the mind. We need our minds guarded by the Word of God so that we are renewed in our thoughts continually. Satan would attack our minds and cause us to fear and fail, but as we stand on the Word of God, we are “more than conquerors through Him that Loved us” (Romans 8:37).

## **QUITE SUDDENLY**

**“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...we shall be changed” - I Cor. 15:52**

**Quite suddenly—it may be at the turning of a  
lane,  
Where I stand to watch a skylark soar from out  
the swelling grain,  
That the trump of God shall thrill me, with its  
call so loud and clear,  
And I’m called away to meet Him, whom of all  
I hold most dear.**

**Quite suddenly—it may be as I tread the busy  
street,  
Strong to endure life’s stress and strain, its  
every call to meet,  
That through the roar of traffic, a trumpet,  
silvery clear,  
Shall stir my startled senses, and proclaim His  
coming near.**

**Quite suddenly—it may be as I lie in dreamless  
sleep—  
God’s gift to many a sorrowing heart, with no  
more tears to weep—  
That a call shall break my slumber, and a Voice  
sound in my ear,  
“Rise up, My love, and come away, behold the  
Bridegroom’s here.”**

**—Selected**

# EXAMPLES FROM THE PAST

Orville Freestone Jr.

## DANIEL - A PURPOSED LIFE

### **“But Daniel purposed in his heart” - Dan. 1:8**

When the Babylonians conquered the Kingdom of Judah they exiled the Jews to Babylon in three separate deportations. They left only a small population in Judah that soon fled to Egypt. (Jer. 43:7 & 52:16) The first to go into exile were the princes and prominent persons. Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were among these. It was the policy of the Babylonians to “pick the brains” of the conquered peoples for their own benefit. Daniel and his friends were thus picked. Their “education” was learning the Aramaic language, the lore of the “wise men” and various government responsibilities. Such positions, some with considerable power, brought pressure to conform to the society, to assimilate. Thus began the twenty-six hundred years of Jewish resistance to “assimilation.”

The first problem Daniel faced was the matter of food. He “purposed in his heart? not to “defile himself” with the kings food. (Dan. 1:8) The reason for this was the kings food was not kosher. The wine and the flesh had been dedicated to the gods of Babylon. By courtesy and diplomacy he and his friends were excused from this requirement. This meant that their diet was of necessity vegetarian. A second problem was idolatry, Israel was the only nation that was not idolatrous. The third chapter of Daniel is about Daniel’s friends, not him. They too were true to their convictions, ready to face death in Nebuchadnezzar’s fiery furnace rather than to conform. Doubtless Daniel faced

like pressure. Another problem arose over the matter of prayer. Daniel's non-Jewish peers were jealous of his success. They observed that he was a man of prayer. Daniel openly prayed in the manner Solomon had prescribed. (I Kings 8:46-53) His enemies succeeded in making this illegal, but Daniel had the courage to continue to pray for his people. He did not fear the lions den. God assured him that his prayers were heard. (Dan. 10:12) but He had plans for his people and they were very long range plans.

Because of Daniel's courage and faithfulness he was in a position to influence the government for good concerning his people. He also was entrusted with revelations concerning the future. Thus he ministered to those of his time and also to us. Daniel lived in an alien society, but not of his own choosing. He realized that he must live apart from the world around him. He was faithful to his responsibilities, but would not conform to the spirit of the age. We also are in this world but not of it. (John 17:14) We, too, must not be conformed to this world. (Rom. 12:2)

**Tho' the world has gold and grandeur,  
Yet by God 'tis reckoned poor.  
He alone has riches truly,  
Who has Christ though nothing more.**

**Naught cared He for earth's attractions,  
Nor its rich and varied store.  
Why then should its power charm me?  
I have Christ. and need no more.**

**—Selected**

# Beloved, let us love. . .

## Part 5

Doug Delhay

### 1 John 4:7

**“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”**

There is an immensity that the child of God possesses that shrinks the vast distances of the universe to inconsequentiality, and renders meaningless the much sought, intricate mysteries of what makes our existence what it is. Being armed with the absolute truth regarding who we are, why we are, where we are, what we are, and when this truth will be fully manifest to all creation, is to possess every meaningful answer to every worthwhile question. Such knowledge will neither put a man on the moon nor build a nuclear power plant. It will not discover a cure for cancer or prevent disease. But it will satisfy the needs of a thirsting soul and render all technological endeavors irrelevant at the end of time for there will simply be no need for them when Christ comes in glory. If we possess with full confidence the knowledge of the Eternal God, we realize that there is nothing of this world that we would want to take into eternity except the joy of a life lived uprightly before God.

To adopt this reality, and to adapt to the significance of it, the beloved of the Lord are solicited by Paul (Romans 12:1-2) to *“present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* As stated in the introductory chapter,

understanding immensity is something that we humans are just not very good at. But when we have offered up our bodies with the activities and thoughts that occupy its days in submission to the greater purpose and pleasure of our Creator, the Almighty God will fill us with information and power that will transform our beings and our purpose on earth. We truly have a *“treasure in these earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”* (II Corinthians 4:7). In order for this light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Christ to impact mankind around us (for their minds have been blinded by the god of this world through unbelief), the divine person of Christ must be ministered to the world through those who know Him and give themselves to be utilized by Him. Prayerfully read the entirety of this 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of II Corinthians.

One could say that, while we are in this world, we will present our bodies to the service of the love of something. We will either give ourselves to love me and mine, or to love Him and His. With each decision, with each action, with each word we will do one or the other. In the reference verse for this writing, we are now looking at the words *“let us love”* and the context instructs us to love as God has loved that we may manifest His love, person, and purpose. This can only be done as we are incrementally cleansed from the sin-darkened approach of placing self above all else and embrace the Spirit-enabled abandon of our will to the will of God.

The instruction, *“Beloved, let us love . . .”*, would not be given unless we were graced with the capability of God to do so. What He has placed within us, the very Spirit of His Son, immediately and increasingly provides a supply of His great, eternal love that stirs our hearts to seek out and receive to ourselves that all-fulfilling reason for being that connects us to the spiritual origins of our beings. Having tasted of His love and experienced its redemptive and renewing powers, we are

compelled by that same love to love others. God, in love, loves. Even as He is love in essence (I John 4:8), He acts in love, for this is who He is and what He does. Is it any wonder then that those who have benefited from His love and its breathtaking purity, seek to love Him in return in like manner? And, if we are to love Him in return, we are at once pointed to the means by which we can most clearly manifest our love for Him. We are called to love Him and His.

This is not a charge laid only upon the mature or the specially gifted believers, but a commandment or instruction that the incarnate Christ revealed to the disciples who had yet to understand the depth of His love's work on the cross. *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."* (John 13:34-35) *"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* (John 15:12-13). It is foundational, fundamental, and essential to a successfully lived Christian life. The example of Christ's redemptive love is the grand heart of God laid bare for all of the world to witness. It is His message to the world. It was for this reason Jesus came into the world and it is this message that is to be borne by the lives and words of His followers.

And it was not a previously unknown or unheard message, but a message ingrained in each of God's dealings with mankind throughout history. It is a message now made as plain as plain can be in God Himself coming into His creation, in the likeness of those He created, speaking face to face with those precious ones created in His own image, proving Himself to be God in word and deed, and then fulfilling His own word by laying Himself down as an atonement for the sin of His beloved ones that He might remove any and all barriers before mankind that

we might know His love. This is the good news! What we have failed so miserably at, God in Christ has triumphed in, and whosoever embraces this immeasurably priceless gift of His love is made eternally inseparable from the blessings of His love through the power of His love. We can tell the story of salvation in no other terms; we can utter spiritual truths founded on no other basis; we can rejoice in no other victory or hope than that of the great, great love of God.

And the desire of God is that we become like Him in desire and manifest the desire of His heart to those whom He loves even as He has toward each of us. What else do we really have to offer? Everything else, no matter how sincere, will fail along with its mortal zeal and earthly intentions. The love of God cannot be declared without the love of God being both source and sustenance.

Peter boldly declared his allegiance to Jesus and stated with all his fleshly sincerity that he would stand by Jesus to any end (John 13:37). His zeal inspired the same reaction from each of the disciples even though he was quickly informed that he would within a matter of hours deny any relationship with Him three times. This saddened Peter greatly after it came to pass the next morning. How could he feel so much love and devotion one moment, and then so quickly abandon it out of fear? Even with Jesus' knowing glance, Peter withdrew himself in shame. What a horrid way to end such a glorious friendship and adventure.

With the resurrection of Christ came exhilarating moments, hours and days. There were glorious things to think about that Peter could have never imagined would ever inhabit his brain. And even after several meetings and conversations with the resurrected Christ, there was still a topic that weighed heavily upon Peter's heart. It had to be addressed, it had to be cleared



up, it had to brought out into the open. Jesus' kind, supportive actions toward the puny intentions of the disciples seemed to be filled with understanding, but it had to be discussed and the wound opened.

*“Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?. . . Feed my sheep.”* (John 21:16). “Peter, do you want to manifest godly love and devotion toward Me?”, Jesus seemed to say. “Then love, nurture, and care for those that I love, nurture, and care for.” Look upon those that God loves, in spite of all their sin and failings, with a Christ enabled and inspired love, and the commandment that Christ gave the disciples will become your life. Seek Christ's perspective of the world around you. If you truly love Him, you will truly love His.



**O love, that sought me when in sin,  
That went to Calvary love to win;  
That fills and thrills and burns like fire,  
Makes sense be dumb and flesh retire,  
And meets the depths of man's desire!**

**O love, constraining and constrained!  
This all consuming, uncontained;  
Which flows in billows, deep and wide,  
True essence of the Crucified,  
There is no other love beside.**

**O love, that would not let me go,  
That moved my will and brought me low!  
I find my happy home in Thee,  
A captive bound, yet ever free,  
I could not live apart from Thee.**

**—Mary M. Bodie**

# The Book of Daniel



## Chapter 7:1-7

This chapter begins the second half of the book, in it we find a series of visions given to Daniel by God in symbolic language and all are interpreted.

**V. 1** - The kingdom of Babylon was still in existence when Daniel had this vision. It was in the first year of Belshazzar's reign, so it is going back a little ways in Israel's history for in chapter 6 the Medes and Persians reigned. Daniel being an old man at the time no doubt devoted much time to writing, for Belshazzar left the aging statesman to obscurity. This gave Daniel a good opportunity to be used by God. He received the revelation and wrote every word of it, moved by the Holy Spirit.

**V. 2** - The vision came to Daniel at "night" which was so appropriate for Gentile times are dark times for the Jews. We will read nine times in this one chapter "I saw" or "I beheld" (vs. 2,4,6,7,9 and twice in v. 11,13 21) indicating a continuous action of moving pictures passing in front of Daniel. In the first reel he sees the **4 winds of heaven** strove upon the great sea. Winds in scripture always speaks of spirits (sometimes good and sometimes bad spirits). In John 3:8 we read "the wind bloweth where it listeth, you hear the sound but cannot tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth." So also is the spirit of God, intangible and yet we can feel it. You can't get a handful of the wind. **Four is the number of the world** in Bible numerology, so it is world spirits or spirits of the world. In Rev. 7:1, God is **holding back** the evil spirits from hurting his people. So we see God is in control weather they are good or

bad spirits. These spirits are of the heaven and they **strove upon the great sea**, speaking of unstable conditions. The **sea speaks of the Gentiles (land speaks of Jews** in prophetic language). Isa. 8:7 the king of Assyria is called strong waters and in Isa. 17:12-13 nations are like rushing mighty waters. God sees Gentiles as unstable people, being tossed to and fro. So these winds striving on the sea have to do with spirits stirring up these Gentile world powers. We will see what they are. A procession of **4 beasts** come up out of the sea, moving one after the other upon the screen before Daniel's eyes.

**V. 3** - Beasts in scripture speak of unredeemed humanity, God sees the unsaved as beasts. These are **beastly people that come up out of this Gentile world system**. They are not the same, but different one from another. They are different in the sense of deterioration and in operation, but they are all beasts.

**V. 4** - The lion is the king of beasts. This is the Babylonian Empire, that head of gold in Nebuchadnezzar's dream image. This lion is the Babylonish system. To begin with Nebuchadnezzar was very much like a lion (Psa. 17:12), he was greedy, vicious and sinful (a beast spiritually) before he experienced becoming a beast literally. He had **eagle's wings**, the ability to soar over other nations and capture them. Eagles can soar up and they have very good perspective, they can see a little bitty mouse down on the ground and when they see it, they just dive down and scoop it up. "I beheld" until the wings were **plucked**. This was the time of Nebuchadnezzar's insanity when he was living in the field like a beast and eating grass like an ox. God certainly plucked his wings. Then he was **lifted up** and **stood** on his feet as a **man**, God made a man out of that beast. God restored him out of that condition. Daniel had to know what God was talking about up to this point.

**V. 5** - Daniel had to recognize the first beast, but all the rest of these were yet future at the time the vision was given to Daniel (because the Babylon Empire was not over in Belshazzar's first year). The **bear** represents the Medo-Persia Empire. One side is raised up higher than the other. Persia was stronger than the Medes in this dual Empire. A bear is slow and methodical and strong. The three ribs in its mouth represent three nations they devoured (Babylon, Lydia and Egypt).

**V. 6** - A **leopard** relies upon its craftiness and speed. It is a very fast animal, its speed is greater than the other two (the lion and the bear). This represents Alexander the Great, as his army overcame the nations by swiftness. The leopard had **"four wings as a fowl"** again we see a deterioration, for it is not the wings of an eagle, which is much stronger than a bird's wings. Also an eagle soars much higher than other birds do. We see a fluttering, a flittering of just birds than soaring. Alexander did not soar like Nebuchadnezzar, he had less powerful wings, relying on speed instead of strength. Have you ever watched a sparrow it flutters over here and then its over there - that is how Alexander defeated these armies. He would even break up his army in divisions and be in a lot of places at the same time. This is how he conquered. The beast also had **four heads** - history tells us that after Alexander the Great's death, the kingdom was divided among his four generals, they are seen here as the four heads of the Empire. These four kingdoms were Syria, Egypt, Greece, Asia Minor (or Rome). **"Dominion" was given to it,** God gives dominion to whom He wills. Rom. 13:1 - "the powers that be are ordained of God." In Dan. 4:17 and Hosea 13:5-8 we see the swiftness of God's operation in disciplining Israel. God was in all this, He uses the unregenerated people to discipline His people. Everything God does, He does it for a purpose. When He tears a nation down, it is for a purpose. When He lifts up a nation, it is for a purpose. Everything we see in this world are

providences of God. They are not haphazard, unplanned situation at all. God never has to scratch His head and wonder what to do. It isn't a chess game to Him. He knows just where to move a nation or where to bring them down.

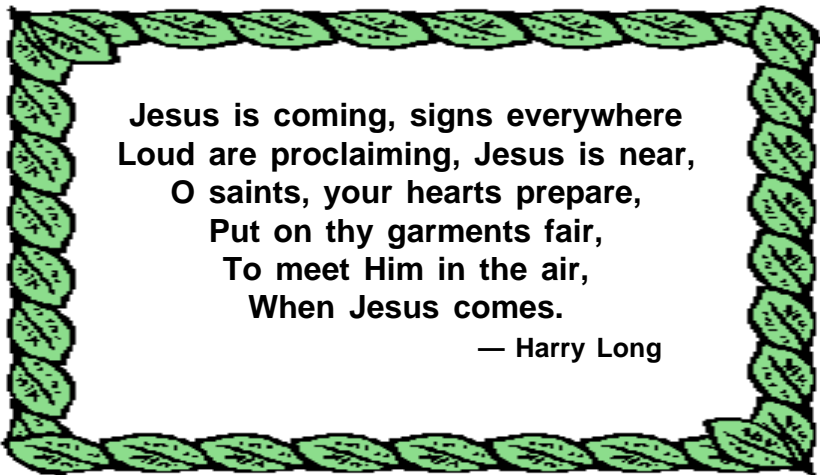
**V. 7 - This fourth beast is the Roman Empire.** Rome began to gain power by defeating all the other generals. These were all one time friends, being in the same army, but one general Augustus Caesar began bringing them down, defeating them. He was still in power when Jesus was born. About 395 AD the government was split in the two divisions (Eastern and Western division). The Roman Empire was never conquered. It deteriorated from within by sin and loose living (sounds familiar). People cry for revival, but there is not going to be a world wide revival. How do we know this? The Word of God tells us that things are getting worse instead of better. There are **eight descriptive statements** concerning this fourth beast: (1) dreadful and terrible, (2) strong exceedingly, (3) had great iron teeth, (4) devoured, (5) break in pieces, (6) stamped the residue or; people with its feet. (7) was diverse from all the beasts before it. (8) had 10 horns. Eight is the number of something new, a new beginning. It was diverse, unlike the beasts before it, especially as it deteriorated which is represented by the legs and feet of the image of chapter 2. Remember four generals ruled the Grecian Empire after Alexander the Great's death and one of these Augustus Caesar ran over his General friends and none could stand before him. It was inferior in a sense of division, but not in **power**. It became a divided nation. Jesus said, anything divided against itself cannot stand. So this was the problem. Rome was great and terrible and broke nations in pieces and stamped the residue with its feet. Rome certainly treaded upon the Jewish people and stamp the remnant of the people of God with its feet. Notice the semi-colon after the word "it." The Hebrew text doesn't have punctuation. It was put in by the translators and it is in a good place, because the

rest of this is at a later time. The first portion of the Roman Empire comes right down to that semicolon. All of this is history as far as we are concerned, but the remainder of verse 7 is yet future. Which we will consider in the next issue.

One last note - What is the difference between Nebuchadnezzar's dream image and these four beasts? Both visions were God-given and God-explained, yet the view is so different. The stately impressive image of chapter 2 depicts world rule from the human view, while world dominion as seen in the form of world beasts is the divine view. Man sees the kingdoms of this world as great exhibitions of human's extraordinary ability. God looks upon them as being bestial in character. The divine view-point of the times of the Gentiles shows human government to be brutal and terrible, it is the true picture. The same deterioration of quality in the metals in the dream image is likewise suggested in the four beasts.

In both visions we see the final overthrow of all earthly kingdoms by the second coming of Christ to earth and the setting up of His everlasting universal kingdom from heaven.

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**Jesus is coming, signs everywhere  
Loud are proclaiming, Jesus is near,  
O saints, your hearts prepare,  
Put on thy garments fair,  
To meet Him in the air,  
When Jesus comes.**

— Harry Long

## Joshua 24:15

Lately the Lord has laid on my heart the scripture “*Choose you this day whom ye will serve*” (Jos. 24:15). In the past year I have looked back at choices people have made and some are sad choices and some are precious choices. The Lord reminded me that He does set before us choices and pathways and opportunities and then He waits to see what we will do, what choice we will make. He is proving us, and it is not because He doesn’t know what is in our heart, it is because sometimes we don’t know ourselves until we make a critical choice.

Sometimes we can choose a path that looks wonderful but the motive is wrong and the outcome will be one of spiritual loss. I was thinking about how the Lord proved Israel in the wilderness and the reasons He gave for doing so. He said, He would prove them so that He would know what was in their heart (He knew, they didn’t) and in that proving there was a humbling (Deut 8:2). Their actions and reactions told Him what was in their heart.

It is one thing to say something is in your heart and another to have it really put to the test. That is what is hard sometimes, to realize what has been hidden, even from ourselves and then having made a choice we suddenly see what was in our heart all the time.

I have come to realize that the choice to let Jesus be my “first love” has become more real to me and I do choose this day whom I will serve and it is the Lord, no matter what the cost. I love David’s cry and heart’s desire and his willingness to let the Lord prove him and in that proving he knew (and we know) who he wanted to serve. “*Search me, O God, and know my*

*heat: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Ps. 139:23-24)*

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## **GOD IS**

**Heb. 13:5**

**When I see no way before me,  
When the path with light seems dim,  
There comes to me a blest assurance-  
God is there! God is there!**

**Tho my eyes see not His face,  
Tho my ears hear not a sound,  
Yet this comforting assurance-  
God is there! God is there!**

**Faith seems small and, oh, so weak,  
Footsteps tarry to walk on,  
Still His Word holds this assurance—  
God is there! God is there!**

**Then the morning light shines on me,  
Gone the night of doubt and fear.  
For He whispers to assure me-  
“I am here! I am here!”**

**—Martha Wainright**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This issue of Glorious Gospel (also Higher Ground and King's Kids) is for June and July. The next issue (the Lord willing) will be August.**

**Camp Joy Haven (youth/family camp):** Aug. 4th-8th at Camp Pomme de Terre in the Missouri Ozarks near Pittsburg, MO. Web address is: <http://camppommedeterre.com> We need all registrations in by July 4th. E-mail: [ggospel5@juno.com](mailto:ggospel5@juno.com) or phone: 316 943-4190 for more information. Pray much for the camp.

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## **Booklets:**

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Pauline Sanctification  
The Oneness of Christ  
The Five "Much Mores"  
Grace - What Does it Signify?  
Law, or Grace, Which?  
The Two Adams  
The Adam's Case  
Diamonds in the Rough

Dying Daily  
Not legislation, but Revelation  
Women's Ministry  
Predestination  
Eternal Life  
The Unforgiven Sin  
Baptism in Water  
When Jesus Plunders  
Numerology  
Saints of Caesar's Household  
Tabernacle  
The Holy Spirit (Baptism & Anointing)  
Phoebe, Woman's official Place  
Death, Hell, and the Lake of Fire

**Tracts:**

This is That!  
God - A Triunity  
Why Am I Not Healed  
Friend, Listen  
A Burning Truth (John 3)  
It is Finished  
Is God in Everything



**GOD WITH US**

**God is with us today  
Through the fire or the flood  
Or whatever our trials may be.  
He's the same God today  
As He was in the past  
When He parted the mighty Red Sea.**

**—Beula Clark**