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God is Able



HOW DO WE KNOW?

“Who art thou that judgest another man’s servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for **God is able to make him stand.**” Rom. 14:4. But we are also blessed to realize by tests of trying experiences of our faith. We enjoy the privilege of proving our Father faithful. He does hold us up as we learn to lean upon Him. We are urged to be steadfast unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58. Thank God that we are enabled to depend upon Him to make us stand. Let this encourage us in our prayers for one another. I must always take courage in 2 Cor. 9:8, “*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*”

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

There are good and sad examples of those on their course, before us; some truly depended upon the Lord for their enabling. “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh, he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but *God is faithful*, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” 1 Cor. 10:11-13.

Glory to God, I am joyfully persuaded that what God has done for us, in us, and with us is by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the

development of the life of Christ within. And this unto His praise, honor and glory. So, whatever is trying, tempting, troubling, grieving you: He that abides faithful, is absolutely able to enable us, (make us able) for what ever is aggravating, hindering or holding us down. He has provided deliverance for us to overcome in every trying experience, that others before us have passed through. Are we able to endure? Even overcome all things through Christ which strengthens us? Phil. 4:13.

Consider Heb. 2:17-18: “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, **He is able to succour** them that are tempted.” He graciously relieves, aids and helps us along the way.

POWERFUL PRESERVATION FOR GLORIOUS PRESENTATION

We are given to realize by faith in God’s Word that our faith life is to be constructive as we pray in the Holy Ghost. Jude 20. In God’s purpose also that our love life is to be receptive, responsive, and especially expectant; “Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ...” In Jude verse 24 we see that we are urged to be confidently aware of His ability to **PRESERVE US**, (keep us from falling) enabling us to stay upright in His sight on a winning course. Then the end result - **to PRESENT US FAULTLESS**, in his sight before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (for Him and for us). We read in Ephesians five of the wonderful **provision** Jesus has made for us and is working in us in order to be *able to PRESENT US* onto himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

J. D.



GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

***Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah,
Pilgrim thro' this barren land:
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.***

***Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey thro':
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and
shield;
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and
shield;***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Song of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Song of praises I will ever give to Thee.***

— W. W.



THE LAST DAYS



Anita Clark

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy” (Rev.13:1)

We are near to this period of time when the “beast” will arise out of the sea (Gentile Powers). Daniel saw a similar vision in Daniel 7:23-26. The four beasts spoken of there represent the Four World Empires. The beast out of the sea in Rev. 13 represents a revival of the fourth one, which is the Roman empire. Daniel saw that this last beast was “dreadful, and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue (the remnant of Israel) with his feet” (Dan. 7:7) The beast of Daniel and the beast of Rev. 13 both had “ten horns.”

As Daniel looked at this incredible site there came up from among the ten horns “another little horn,” which destroyed three of the horns, and had “eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things” (Vs. 8). The horns speak of powers or governments, which the “little horn will conquer, probably through his great ability to persuade men. What an orator he will be! Verse 25 says, “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of times (3 1/2 Years)” Rev. 13:2 speaks of “there was given him a mouth speaking great things.” All the people of the earth will worship him. (Rev. 13:8). He is called the Antichrist or beast in Rev. 13 & 17 and other places.

Verse 24 says that “he will subdue three kings,” thus repeating Vs 8 for emphasis. We are not sure who this man is. He could be in the world today, recently we have been seeing how one man can sway the masses with his speaking. I’m not saying Pres. Obama is the Antichrist, but he does seek to change the world (which sets the stage for Satan’s man to come on the scene). When Obama gave his acceptance speech the people in a frenzy, chanted “Obama, Obama, Obama. No doubt these attitudes are preparing the road for the Antichrist to appear.

“All that dwell on the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” When Obama went to Europe before he was elected, thousands turned out to see and listen to him. Recently, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France said, “I am eager for Obama to get to work to change the world.” The Foreign Minister of France, Minister Bernard Kouchner said earlier that he “shared the admiration of the whole world” for Obama.

NEW WORLD ORDER - Henry Kissinger, as he spoke on CNBC to host Mark Hain, said, “Conflicts across the globe and international respect for Barack Obama have created the setting for establishment of a New World Order.” He further states, “The president-elect (now President) is coming into office at a moment when there is upheaval in many parts of the world simultaneously...He can give new impetus to American Foreign policy partly because the reception of him is so extraordinary around the world.”

One thing that will bring about the rise of “The Man” with all the answers is the global economy. Everyday we hear of the economy, financial chaos, bankruptcies, factory closings, job layoffs, bailouts, etc. The whole world is affected and is now experiencing unprecedented sudden shaking in the global economy. Kissinger says, “We stand at a unique and extraordinary moment. Out of

these troubled times a new world order can emerge: a new era...in which the nations of the world, east and west, north and south can live in harmony.” Recently Pope Benedict XVI challenged world leaders to make major changes to the global financial system, saying “short-term answers weren’t sufficient.” He said, “The crisis should be seen as a test case about the future of globalization. Are we ready to read it in its complexity as a way for the future and not just an emergency to respond to with short-term answers?”

WHAT’S NEXT? Daniel 9:27, “ And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...” This word, “week” means seven years, or a week of years. From Dan.7:25 we see that the Antichrist will rule “a time (year), times (2years) and a half time(6 Months), or 3 ½ years. Rev. 13:5 tells us, He will reign “forty-two months.” At the beginning of the 7 years of tribulation which is coming upon the earth in the near future, the Antichrist will be one in a group of national leaders, but as time goes by he will die in someway (probably assassination Rev. 13:3) but will rise from the dead and from that moment will be incarnated of Satan. He will come rapidly to power and be the one world ruler. He will have an answer for the economic problem. He will control everything. Rev. 13:16,17, all “will have to receive the mark or the number of his name, and that no man can buy or sell save he that had the mark.”

The Scriptures confirm, and a careful study of the dates found in Daniel show us that approximately thirty days before the 7 years of tribulation begins, the man who will be a leader of the nations will make a treaty to guarantee Israel’s safety for the duration of the seven years. This will usher in a time of world peace, and will probably include the building of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. (Note: I Thess.5:2-3) At the middle of the seven years approximately, when this man dies and arises up out of the pit, incarnate of Satan, he will break his promise to Israel, and as the

Scripture says in Matt. 24:21, “Then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” Read also, Dan.12:1. This time is rapidly approaching.

Are you ready? Jesus will come before the tribulation to take His waiting bride away. This will be a group of people who have yielded their lives to God, who have stood steadfast for the truth of God’s Word. The Lord warns us to watch and be ready. If all believers were going to heaven at the same time, whether carnal (fleshly) or spiritual, why would we be asked to “watch” and be ready? NO! We see in Revelation different groups in heaven. Rev. 4, we see the overcomers, the Four Living Creatures and the Twenty-Four Elders in heaven in the midst and round the throne. In Rev. 5 we read that these are redeemed out of every nation, kindred and tongue.

In Rev. 7 we see a great company which cannot be numbered being taken up to the heavens. They represent another group of believers - those who were occupied with the world and not given whole heartedly to the Lord. They are taken up out of the tribulation. Later we see other groups in heaven. God has a marvelous plan to get all His family home with Him. We have the privilege to go first if we will seek after that place in Christ. Read Phil. 3:7-21,- a precious passage showing what it means to overcome all things. Look up! Jesus is coming!

***Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves around me roll,
Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.***

A GOOD REPORT

Hyderabad, India

The day was January 28th 2005, the time 7.00 pm and it was dark and raining. As I put the wipers on, suddenly my car started stalling. I knew instantly that my car battery was almost “dead.” A look around only added to the worry-lines in my forehead, the road was lonesome and no emergency help would be forthcoming, if the car were to suddenly ground to a halt. There I was all-alone, a good 100 kms away from home and helpless (!)!

The somber settings of that journey perfectly matched *my own life voyage* at that point of time. There I was returning home after attending my own farewell function in the Company, I had served for 13 years. A few months back, quite unexpectedly I had received a Divine call to enter into full-time spiritual service. When I initially hesitated to respond, some arm-twisting of the good Lord (remember Jonah) to wrench me out of my comfort zone followed and only then would I put-in my papers. Now who would like to voluntarily quit a lucrative, secure job in a prestigious Company (Note: My erstwhile employer Indian Oil Corporation is one amongst the Fortune 500 companies) at the age of 38 and enter into a spiritual service with so many imponderables! Now here I was in a “sick car,” not knowing how the road (read future) before me would pan out!

Well... Well... my car on that sentimental journey on that dark, rainy night did not stall till I reached the gate of my house and then... it “dropped dead.” A gentle push from the back by the security guard... and I had reached the “warm” safety of the portico. The next morning, the visit of a friendly mechanic confirmed that I had driven a good 100 kms on a “dead battery!” The Lord whilst teaching a valuable lesson was speaking to me in and through this experience at a critical stage of my life “*My child, do not worry*

about your future, just as My power carried your car, from now on My power will propel you in My work also” (Zech 4:6). Four years down the line, I can proclaim not from rooftops but from mountaintops that my God is a faithful God providing wondrously for all my and my supportive wife’s needs, even as we are thoroughly enjoying working in His vineyard.

THOT: We may not know what the future holds but we know the ONE who holds the future!

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Dear Brother Jack, may the good Lord continue to bless every facet of your Ministry, especially the Magazine wing which is a source of blessing to many around the World, including our family in faraway India.

Thanking you,

Yours in His Glorious service,

Suresh Manoharan



I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Ps. 16:8

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Enhanced Vision 2008

Part 5

Bonnie Richards

Pondering God’s amazing plan for a New Creation, gives my visit to the land of His choice (Israel), the people, and the city of Jerusalem, more vivid meaning. God is doing an amazing work in the land of Israel. The fact that Jews from around the world are once again in the land shows God does not recant on His promises to bring them back and to bless them and the rest of the world through them. When Mark Twain visited the land of “Palestine” he reported only negatively about it — desolate, god-forsaken, unfit for human habitation, etc. Today the “desolate” land boasts ultra modern cities, industries, exports of fruits, vegetables, flowers to many areas of the world. If he could revisit Israel today he would not believe what he would see - dry bones coming together — no longer God=forsaken because there is a remnant in the land, albeit small, who love the Messiah Jesus.

The Tour covered many places we had not visited when I was there two years ago, together with some we had. Much of Old Testament history took place in the northern part of what is present day Israel. As we traveled in the northernmost area of Israel we saw the exact area of the fighting in the last war that ended with no real victory for Israel. In the Golan Heights were large scraped areas, the staging ground for the tanks which we had witnessed on our TV screens in our homes. The areas

damaged from the incoming rockets from Lebanon were already well healed over.

At one stop we stood only inches from the border of Lebanon. What we saw was far from a war scene — a few yards away was a tranquil view of clothes hanging on a line behind one of the homes of a Lebanese family. Looking to the East as we left, we could see into Syria. The significance of this area in time past included a war led by Joshua against the many neighboring kings who had joined forces opposing the Israelites. They were in number “like the sand of the sea.” The multitude camped at the Waters of Merom to fight against Israel (Joshua 11). This is where Joshua came against them and the Lord defeated the multitude until no survivors were left. This was one of the many places we walked in the sites the Bible talks about!

After Samson’s death, the Danites became discouraged with their lot and looked for a “better” and easier site to claim. (The Philistines who were such a problem for the Danites were not Arabic, but Greek sea people.) So they went from the Mediterranean coast and inland to the mountains of the north where they fought for the city of Laish (Judges 18:14 & 27-29). Laish was a beautiful, productive, well-watered area situated at the foot of Mt. Hermon’s south end. Laish was without walls, tranquil and unsuspecting, so it was taken easily by the Danites. Today this is the location of Tel Dan.

In 1998 Tel Dan produced a significant archeological find in a piece of fossilized tablet dating to the 9th century BC. This tablet boasts of a victory by Hazael, King of Damascus, over the King of Israel and the King of the **House of David**. In I Kings 19:15 is the record of Elisha anointing Hazael to be king of Syria; and in II Kings 8:8-12 Elisha prophesied with tears that ..(He) “knew the evil Hazael would do to the children of Israel.” II Kings 10 to 13 tell of the many ways that Hazael oppressed the

Israelites and even came against Jerusalem and took the sacred things of the temple and the gold in the treasuries of the House of the Lord as price for not attacking Jerusalem. This artifact is the *only know* artifact that mentions the “House of David.” Many skeptics, including the Muslims, claim there was never a “house of David” or a King David, but that he is only a myth of the Jews. The fact that the Bible mentions David’s numerous exploits and his name around one thousand one hundred forty-four times, to them means nothing. The Bible narrative is (to them) not hard evidence that he existed. So God has used a fossilized tablet to refute their lie.

Just outside the gate of the wall of the old City of Dan, we saw the remains of the seat where the Judges (or King) sat to hear the problems of the people and to pass judgment. Accounts of this are in the various books of the Old Testament, so once again there is the feeling of having touched those ancient people.

Stopping for lunch at a Druse Village in the Golan Heights, I was surprised to learn about these secretive people. They were accommodating of course, but not overly friendly. Their modest cafe was situated on a small lake (Lake Hulel?) which eventually feeds into the Sea of Galilee. According to a book called Israel Places and History; “There are 72,000 Druse, a people which live in the mountains of the north: they adopted their religion a thousand years ago in Cairo when Darazi, their founder, wrote the basic texts. We know only that their religion is a mixture of gnostic (claiming superior knowledge of spiritual things), “new-platonic” (pertaining to Plato as well as influence by Oriental mysticism), “messianic and reincarnation influences, but not much more, since a feature of Druse thought is secrecy. Only **a few** of their wise men are party to all the secrets of their religion. They do not permit conversion (into their society) or marriage outside their community.” You can only be born into the community. The average Druse does not know what their

religion believes! How diabolically clever Satan is at keeping men blind and bound! There are many other Druze colonies in several countries and on other continents. They are Arab, claiming to be Muslim. They are usually loyal to the country they live in, unless that country requires that they compromise their own customs.

Israel is experiencing a very serious drought this year. It was evident that the crops and flowers in the gardens were not nearly so lush as two years ago. The top of Mt. Herman had a very small cap of snow (in March), which affects the levels of the Sea of Galilee and so the available water for irrigation of crops as well as domestic and industrial use. The shoreline of the Sea of Galilee was well over two hundred feet from the spot where I sat at water's edge two years ago to watch fish jumping the shallows. It has been opined that the drought is God's judgment on Israel for giving away parts of the land. (Significantly, this is the seventh year when the land was to rest as God instructed. He can withhold the rain or snow and remind the people that he does take notice of disobedience.) If the Golan Heights is given away, the rights to much water will too. Even the Dead Sea continues to grow smaller at an alarming rate.

An article from the publication *Israel Today* dated August 19, 2008 headlined "Arabs caught stealing water in Judea." It tells that over 30,000 miles of water piping was confiscated this week from Palestinian Arabs who were stealing water from Israel's water carrier. "The main pipes were no longer delivering enough water as they were being tapped so many times along the way." This has been going on for years with many more Arab towns still being furnished stolen water from Israel's pipelines. There is still another 85% of Israel's pipelines which are accessed by Palestinians in Judea.

Beloved, let us love . . .

Part 12

Doug Delhay

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

1 John 4:7

When we began this study, it was stated that “Understanding immensity is something that we humans are just not very good at.”, but that partaking of the benefits of the immensities that surround us and are within us is not limited just because we do not fully understand them. And as we have continued this study, we have found that understanding the immensity of God’s love is also something that does not come naturally though we are eternally blessed by its benefits. Yet, by the witness of the Spirit of God within us, we know when we have been impacted by the love of God and we know it with a certainty. The working of His love is both humbling and uplifting, even as it is challenging.

Love is entwined with our affections. Even with such overwhelming blessings given us in Christ, we are still affected by other forces in our lives and our affections are solicited by other “loves” that are incomparably lesser, but deceptively powerful. Paul exhorted the Colossian believers according to the mighty truth of their now being heavenly beings, to set their affection on those things that have to do with their eternal realm in Colossians 3:1-3. *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”* When Paul was instructing them to “set” their affections, he was exhorting them to thoroughly consider the depth of the reality of their resurrected standing in

Christ. From Strong's concordance we learn that to "*set*" means "to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience). This goes beyond mere emotion (though it can be done with emotion), it is an exercise of the mind to choose and to obey what is known to be true or of great importance.

When people fall in love, it is the result of one "heart" being affected by the other person in some way so as to draw them closer together in many ways. Having strong affections or being strongly affected by another person can radically change the way we conduct ourselves and radically change the course of our life. Long held life goals and interests (good or bad) can suddenly be cast off without second thought because of the affect of the beginnings of love. The affects of love change destinies, transform lives, bring light into darkness, bring hope into chaos, and unspeakable joy into time of deepest sorrow. And when it comes to the things of God, this is exactly what the love of God in Christ is supposed to do.

Once affected by the love of God, the human life can never be the same whether or not His love receives the appropriate response. An immense change is sparked in an individual's universe when they experience a manifestation of the love of God. The divine revelation of the existence of a loving, caring, nurturing God floods the heart with a never before imagined depth and purpose to life. Whether a person allows His love to transform their lives or affect the course of their lives is, at the time, secondary. Most importantly, the revelation of the existence of God and that He is a loving God, is at that moment implanted into their consciousness and the powerful gravity of its pull is sensed. At that point (and from that point on), the individual must decide whether to "*set*" their affection to the proffered love of God.

In the Apostle Paul's experience (which is given to us as an example and pattern of the Lord's will toward all who believe), drastic change became the norm. He saw the love of God in Christ as the basis of a fully transformed life even to the point of abandoning any and all self-determined undertakings, and even individualistic boundaries. In II Corinthians 5:14-15, Paul writes, *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."* Christ became a life arresting, destiny changing individual to the love-stricken Paul.

Paul then taught the depth of this revelation to all those to whom he wrote or spoke. In I Corinthians 6:19-20, he wrote, *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* And not only does he instruct us that we should yield ourselves to the pleasure and purpose of God, but (as we have previously discussed) also to the benefit of those whom He loves. 1 Corinthians 10:24 reads, *"Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."* 1 Corinthians 10:33 further states the same in saying, *"Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."*

So radical is the change that the love of God brings into our lives, nothing less than that which points us or others to the love of God in Christ the Lord is to make up the content of our lives forever. Paul, who once persecuted Christ by persecuting those who believed in Him, and we, who were once *"enemies"* (Romans 5:10) of God, can be so transformed, so affected by the love of God that the vast distance between enemy and committed servant bound by love is crossed at a speed that cannot be measured nor

quantified by any science or ability known to man. Love transforms. It can turn thieves into laborers, liars into those who declare the truth, unschooled fishermen into apostles of God, the selfish into those who pour out their lives for the benefit of others, and the fearful into bold heralds of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was the affect it had upon some of the earliest disciples and this is the affect that it can have on any and every child of God today. His love has not changed and the power of His love has not diminished.

John 4:23 tells us of the Father's search for those who will respond to His love. *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."* When they are found, He guides them by the Spirit of truth on a journey to manifest His love to a lost and dying people whom He loves. *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."* (John 13:35) His love is to be manifest to the world in which we live by the way in which we live and love one another.

There is one book in the New Testament in which there is no direct, written reference to the love of God in Christ. As a matter of fact, the word "love" is not even found in the entire book. There are a couple of references that touch lightly on words inferring affection or kindness, but there is not one direct reference to the love of God as was manifest in the life and person of Jesus Christ. Yet in this book, the spreading of the gospel of Christ is documented throughout its pages and the fruit of the ministries of many of the apostles and disciples is recorded for our sake. The documentation of the birth of the ministry of the apostle Paul himself is recorded within its pages, yet not a word is spoken about God's love. The roots of most every New Testament church are found recorded in this book. It is not that the love of God was not instrumental in these events, for all the works of God are founded upon His eternal love. And its not that His love was not manifest as a result of these ministries, for it was in abundance.

His love was powerfully manifested in the transformed lives, words and “Acts of the Apostles.” The acts. The acts. How mighty are the acts. For they undeniably manifest the unworldly power and nature of the immeasurable love of God in the man from Galilee.



Wonderful Love

***How wondrous His love, He came from above
And rescued a sinner like me;
His glorious name, forever the same,
A gracious Redeemer is He.***

***Oh, rapturous tho't that I have been bought
With price not of silver or gold;
But His blood alone for me did atone,
My joy now can never be told.***

***In His loving face are treasures of grace
I find while I trust and obey;
Washed whiter than snow in Calvary's flow,
My glad heart now sings all the way.***

***Oh, matchless love, oh, changeless love
That bro't Him to me from the courts above!
My load of guilt on Him was laid;
His blood was shed; the debt was paid.***

— Mrs. J. Lindley



The Book of Daniel

Chapter 9:26-27



V. 26a - We left off last time at the colon in this verse, because that is where a change takes place. All that we read before the colon were blessings to Israel during Gentile Times, but from the colon on, is what will take place because of Israel's rejection of their Messiah. It is a change from blessings to judgment. If they would have received their Messiah, the judgment would have fallen on the Roman Government. The Caesar's who were the rulers of the Roman government claimed to be God. This is why they hated the Jews and later the Christians, because they claimed to have another God.

If Israel had received their Messiah, that which is recorded from the colon on would have been toward the Gentiles. Because the Roman government would not have wanted to give up ruling, and would have ruled in usurpation, Jesus would have taken His throne by force. But Israel rejected Him and by their attitude opened the way for Satan and his man and delayed their blessings, not only for the years of the Church Age, 2,000 years plus, but 7 more years of terrible judgment. There is more than 2,000 years in that colon.

V. 26b - Who are "the people of the prince that shall come" and what shall be destroyed? Because Israel rejected their Messiah, they are going to receive another messiah that will come in his own name - John 5:43. He will exalt himself (Jesus exalted His Father). This is how we know the other is antichrist, because of

who he exalts. Col. 3:17 - This is how we are to govern our lives and know that it is right. We know Jesus is right because He gave thanks to His Father in everything He did.

We read in II Thess. 2:3-4 of the man of sin, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, showing himself that he is God. They will accept this one and give him honor and glory. John 5:44 asks a good question, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" They shouldn't be able to, but they will seek (honor) that one who claims to be God. The false prophet will be honoring the Antichrist as well as himself. Vs. 45-47 - In rejecting Christ they honor another king and this other king "shall come" - V. 43.

The last part of Dan. 9:26 had a fulfillment by Titus in 70 AD. He came and destroyed the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (the temple). But Titus was only a picture of another prince called the prince of the power of the air, also the prince of this world - Jn. 12:31, 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2. Satan's man will come and he will destroy the sanctuary and the city. And the *end* thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the *end* of the war desolations are determined. We know this is yet a future fulfillment, because Titus was not the end. That was a terrible war and thousands of Jews were slain, but it was not the end, they went on. There has been 2,000 years plus. When will the *end* be? It will be during the tribulation period, verse 27 explains this.

V. 27 - The "he" we read of here is the prince that shall come, the Antichrist. He will come under the authority of Satan. "He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week. Isa. 28:14-16 tells us about that covenant with death and with hell. How

they will make lies their refuge. The Lord God saith, “Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste (or not be put to shame).” The R.V. reads or shall not be forced to flee in shame. This takes us on into the tribulation.

In Zion the foundation has already been laid - Jesus is that stone. He is the tried stone, a precious stone. a sure foundation. He is that One disallowed of men, but precious to God - I Pet. 2:6-8. Those that believe on Him shall not flee in shame. The apostate nation will make an agreement called a covenant with death and hell and they will hide under this “refuge of lies” for their protection, but it will be their undoing. The reason they will do this, is because it will give them the opportunity to offer their sacrifices. They cannot offer them now, it must be on the temple site. They don’t have to have the Temple, but it must be on the temple site - Ezra 3:3,6.

We know by the scripture they will build a temple, some agreement will have to be made, possibly with the Moslems, I don’t know. It will be in this Temple that the abomination of desolation will be set up, which is the image of the Antichrist.

The Antichrist will “confirm the covenant with many (or the mass of the people, the Jews, in contrast with the few, the remnant, for there will be some faithful ones, a minority). It will be for one week, a week of years or 7 years (a contract for 7 years). They will think this means peace and safety, but “in the midst of the 7 years the anti-Christ will interfere with their religious observances. The sacrificing and the things pertaining to it will be stopped in the midst of the 7 years and he will wage war against the Jews. So the 7 years will be divided into 2 parts. The first part follows the signing of the covenant. The second part is when the sacrifice is stopped.

This brings on the **great Tribulation**. There is a picture of these 2 parts found in **Rev. 6:2,4**. The **white horse** is the first part when the covenant is signed with the Antichrist (the white horse speaks of loveliness and all things that are good - peace, etc.). A bow and a crown was given him. The way he conquered was not with war equipment, but great words. He will raise himself up to high honor. But in the middle of the week things will change. Peace will be taken away and great Tribulation pictured by the **red horse** will be ushered in (the last 3 1/2 years), which must be shortened or no flesh would be saved. The Antichrist has 2 comings or advents, a counterfeit of Christ. His first advent the first 3 1/2 years is a counterfeit of Christ's first advent. Rev. 13:3 tells of his second advent, he receives a deadly wound which is healed and comes back from the dead. He will institute the worship of himself. The people will not only deny the truth, but believe the lie as we read in II Thess. 2:11,12. acknowledging and bowing down to the claims of Satan's man.

Mk 13:14-16 - People will worship the image set up. It should not stand in the holy place, because it makes the holy place worthless as far as offering sacrifices any more. So the covenant is broken in the midst of the week of 7 years. We know Satan will be cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:9) and he enters or empower a man, the Antichrist shortly before the middle of the week, but the sacrifice will be taken away in the middle of the week.

“For the overspreading of abomination or in other words the abomination will overspread. Abomination is any worship that is contrary to the purpose of God. This worship will take place after the resurrection of the Antichrist, for he will be slain with a sword and raised from the dead by Satan. His resurrection from the dead will convince people that he is the messiah. The

majority of the people will run after this man. They ignored the Lord Jesus Christ that arose from the dead and this was proof of His Sonship - **Rom. 1:4**. Christ resurrection showed that God accepted that sacrifice for the atonement of sin.

Here is a man that will rise from the dead and he will not spread righteousness, but abomination. There will be an "Overspreading of abomination and he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation." All will be brought down. God will make this abomination as nothing, "bring it down even to the consummation of this and a determination, and the determination shall be poured out upon the desolate. How terrible this world will be at the end of tribulation time. It will be a desolate place. It will have to be completely rebuilt by the power of God

The whole consummation or that which God has decreed against the Jews, must take its course. "That determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

E. J. D.



***When Jesus comes to reward His servants,
Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright?
Oh, can we say we are ready, brother?
Ready for the soul's bright home?
Say, will He find you and me still watching,
Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come?***

From Our Mail Box

A brief update from a letter sent by David & Jo Ann Cloud,
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The year 2008 passed very fast, I guess because we keep so busy. Besides all the home work and other jobs, David tries to help others. We do volunteer work at a Food Bank in Donna, TX. We work in the office, interviewing the clients and maintaining their records. It is becoming a never ending job, with so much growth the past two years.

I teach a children's Sunday school class at the church here in Pharr. Sun., Wed. and Thurs. nights are at the church in Mexico, and the Friday night Bible study is in the home of a church family. It is held outdoors, and now, thankfully, there is a metal roof overhead instead of the tarps.

The saints have added 12 feet to the second church, but still have not made the roof trusses. We purchased the sheets some time ago. The pastor's wife went blind (from sugar diabetes) some time ago, then, one leg was amputated about a year ago. a few months ago the second leg was amputated, so he has been at the church very little since then.

In December over 130 churches and a few orphanages were given candy rolls, toys, and clothes. About 50 ministers divided into groups and visit churches in Mexico, including ours and after the service give out toys and candy. It is a yearly endeavor that we enjoy participating in.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers and remembrances. We trust that the coming year, as we all wait for HIS return, that you will be blessed with All spiritual blessings and the material ones you need also. In HIM, David & Jo Ann

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fellowship Meeting: March 7, Grace Assembly, 796 N. St Paul St., Wichita, Kansas. Services begin at 10:00 AM with lunch served at noon and meeting in the afternoon.

Retreat England 2009: April 17-19, Brockley Hall, Saltburn, North Yorkshire, England. Come and enjoy the Word and fellowship. Call 316-943-4190 or e-mail: ggospel5@juno.com if interested in attending this retreat.

Dedication & Fellowship Service: April 25th at Grace Chapel's new church building (419 S. 3rd, Carbondale, Kansas). All day services begin at 10:00 AM with lunch at noon.

January 4th was the last day Brother Tommy Weaver ministered at Christian Assembly, Weston, MO. after 10 years as Pastor. Because of health problems he and his wife Sheila have moved to Eufaula, OK to be close to their youngest son, Bobby. Pray for them to regain strength as they get a needed rest. Their son, Tommy, Jr. is now the pastor of Christian Assembly of Weston. We pray for God's special anointing on him for the assembly and God's richest blessings to the dear saints there.

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