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# REIGNING IN LIFE



“They that receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.” Rom. 5:17. Herein we read of the present overcoming activity in the life of the believer in fellowship with and dependance upon our dear Lord Jesus Christ. We might also express it like this, living victoriously, being a crown winner, or prevailing. There will be no prevailing without availing ourselves of an *abundance of God’s grace*.

Grace must be received, appropriated, claimed, laid hold of, seized upon, or grasped *by faith*. As Paul tells us it is by faith that we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God - Rom. 5:2. Oh who can tell the full dimension of such a room? Such a standing should produce wholehearted rejoicing from recipients of amazing grace divine.

By the new birth we are destined to reign with Christ, but our capacity for reigning then is being determined now, being developed now. It is taking place by the present *workings of grace*.

Grace works: The apostle Paul could say I am what I am by the grace of God, it was not bestowed upon me in vain. He found it sufficient to make him something special for God’s glory and so may we. 1 Cor. 15:10. Paul spoke of the saints at Philippi as being *partakers* of his grace (Phil. 1:7), and they were in many ways. Let us consider some aspects of “*reigning in life*.” Let us receive grace of God’s peace plan,

power plant, and provision pavilion. In the peace plan we find incomprehensible peace whereby we are *preserved*. At the power plant we may receive energizing grace to *persevere*. In His provision pavilion we gain exhaustless supplies to *prevail*. By God's grace we are secured, strengthened, supplied with where-with to get there with.

### **Peace Passing Understanding**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the *peace of God, which passeth all understanding*, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:4-7.

The grace of God's peace plan is enjoyed by those who by faith are at peace with God. Rom. 5:1. We experience a peace that *keeps* (guards as with a garrison) “our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” This is realized when we let our request be made known with thanksgiving. God does resist the proud and gives grace to the humble, that cast their care on Him. Therefore we are challenged to come boldly to the throne of grace, and thus enjoy the comfort of His peace.

### **What a Winning Attitude**

In Col. 3:15 we are admonish as to what we are to do with this peace - Let it *rule* in our hearts. This is to submit to divine control, expressing yielded obedience. In other words we are to allow His peace to act as umpire or be the ruling principle of our living. We may allow peace to decide all issues. Is that not the secret of enjoying divine protection?

There have been forts and castles built over or around deep springs or fountains giving important protection to their water supply, which was guarded by a peace force during time of siege. A channel bringing their water supply from without could be cut off or controlled by their enemy. But when they could not stop the spring within, the siege was most difficult. Thank God, we have an *everlasting source* within of the life of Christ and the Holy Spirit *springing up* in life everlasting not as the world could give nor take away. The world's peace depends on surrounding conditions and in times of trouble such is cut off, but divine peace is for us a personal well or spring *within*. Jesus said "My peace." He is the peace bringer, peace maker, The Prince of Peace. I am so glad for His peace that overcomes anxieties that would arise in our hearts and minds as we stay focused by faith in Him. Unbelief, and the fear of a troubled heart seem to equate to each other - John 14:27.

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. Does it not give peace to our heart to know how much Jesus wants us with Him? Can we believe all that He went through in order to prepare a place for us?

I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is *stayed* on me because he *trusteth* in me - Isa. 26:3 We are prone to fear the unknown, but how comforting to know that our future is in His hands. It is the Holy Spirit's place to reproduce the peace of Christ in us. He inspired Paul to write, to be spiritual minded is *life and peace* - Rom. 8:6. We are taught to bring

every thought into the captivity of the obedience of Christ - 2 Cor.10:5.

That which Jesus can impart, is a deep settled calm. It is not a downer that can ware off or leave bad after effects. This that he gives does far more than subdue our anger or quiet our anxieties. His giving is enjoyed by faith which enables us to *rise and reign*, lifting us above our troubles. We are enabled to look beyond this earthly scene, and unto being caught away to our eternal home. What will the little frets amount to then? How small will those things actually be that seem now so large and threatening? Ah, yes, remembered then will only bring a smile.

Our peace well be entwined with Jesus, who could be at rest and sleep in the midst of a threatening storm. Yes, we certainly face frustration, anxious moments and pass through very disturbing experiences here. They seem to grow and glow and rage. The elements against us on our course seem to multiply as we near the end of this age. The sea and waves are roaring. Yet, He can still any storm. He speaks to the wind and waves saying, "*Peace be still*" - Mk. 4:35-41. Oh yes, he did it then and does it now, even in our most troublesome times. Oh praise God, soon he will again, finally! Our Beloved will arise and rebuke the winds and the stormy sea, and there will come the greatest calm the world has ever known since the fall of man. Therefore the grace of God extended unto us has provided *perfect peace* which we cannot fully explain, we have not fully understood. Thank God he has promised as ours to enjoy and employ to make us victors - **Reigning in life.**

by J. D.

# THE LAST DAYS

Anita Clark



**“In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing.”  
Zephaniah 3:16,17**

We are very near the time for Jesus to come and catch away His bride. So much is happening very fast. It is looking more and more like the Antichrist is in the wings ready to step forward, and bring in the one world government over which he will reign as a sovereign lord. The nations of the world are seeking help out of the economic quagmire. They think that if they bind together they can do anything. Soon the Lord will appear to those who are watching and waiting for His return. The counterfeit Christ cannot reign over the earth until the true Christ reigns in the heavens, and we see how near we are to the time of the False.

**THE TEMPLE MOUNT FAITHFUL ANNOUNCE** – “Now is the time for our temple to be rebuilt. This is the time of redemption of the people.” This group is made up of ultra-religious Jews. These are not believers in Christ Jesus, but may become the remnant of Israel, which will be kept during tribulation. It is estimated that there are now 15,000 Messianic Jews (those believing in Jesus) in Israel, and 300,000 worldwide. (Israel My Glory Magazine).

## **TEMPLE MOUNT FAITHFUL RECEIVE OFFERINGS OF SILVER AND GOLD TO USE IN THE NEW TEMPLE.**

– Many people have contributed vessels, priestly garments, incense, the silver half-shekel, a model of the golden altar of incense and other items, such as precious stones. They now have the twelve stones for the breastplate of the high priest. Their latest project was to complete the High Priest's golden crown, inscribed with the words, "Holiness unto the LORD." It is made of pure gold, and is worth approximately \$30,000. They are getting all things ready for the reestablishment of the earthly temple in Jerusalem. This is sad because they will be fooled by the Antichrist. A time of reckoning will result in many being slain. Great persecution is ahead for them.

**ARCHEOLOGIST FINDS SILVER PLATES** – Recently an archeologist in Israel dug up 2 silver plates, on which was written in the Hebrew language the blessing from Numbers 6:24-27. He says the testing shows these to be from the time of Jeremiah the prophet. The first word etched into the silver is the name for God.

**PASSOVER SACRIFICE OF A LAMB** – In 2008 a Passover lamb was offered in Israel by one of the priests. It was said to be the first Passover lamb to be offered in Israel since 71 A.D. After offering the lamb, the priest blew a silver trumpet. (Numbers 10:2). However, there have been many times they have tried to perform an offering upon the Temple Mount and have been stopped.

At the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, after the Babylonian captivity, the Jews offered sacrifices outside, because the temple stood in disrepair. So, they do not have to have the temple to offer sacrifices. Why is this significant? Daniel 8:11-14 speaks of the Antichrist, "taking away the daily sacrifice."

Daniel 9:27 says, “And He shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.” We know at this time that some of the sacrifices are being made, and this makes us to know that we are very near the seven years of tribulation. The rapture of the overcoming saints will take place before the tribulation. We are very near that time. Are you ready?

**ARABS CONTINUE TO DESTROY REMAINS ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT** – Muslims deny that Israel ever had a history in the land of Palestine (they call it - refusing to call it Israel.) They say that Israel has no rights to the land, and should be sent back to Europe or where ever they came from. The Palestinians have been using heavy equipment on the Temple Mount digging up a large area and dumping the dirt to the Kidron Valley. The Jews are very concerned that this act will destroy artifacts from the 1st and 2nd temple eras. They and volunteers from other countries have been sifting the debris, and are finding many bones of animals that have been sacrificed in the past, and ancient coins, and other objects. Great pillars have been dug up, cut into pieces and strewn out as worthless objects. Though the enemies of Israel try to wipe out anything that would link Israel to the Temple Mount, it will never happen. God has restored them to the land, and even though they must go through terrible persecution during the tribulation, being tried by fire, they (the believers in their God) will remain in the land.

**WORLD ECONOMY AND GLOBAL GOVERNMENT** – One world government is coming. These troublesome economic times are affecting all the world. Many have voiced opinions about what the solution might be. Recently, the G-20, made up of twenty nations who are working to bring global financial stability to the whole world, met in England. This group rapidly grew from G-8, to twenty members almost over



night. They are striving to bring about “an international architecture of institutions.”

Leaders of the European Union feel that now is the time to create an “economic council to bring in a long-term reasonable economy.” This council would “establish rules for global financial governance.” The global society of which the Bible prophesies, is rapidly coming into being. It is almost as if the clock is running faster than before. Russia has been calling for a new world reserve currency, and a setting aside of the Dollar, as the reserve currency, to be accepted by all the nations. There was much discussion about this as nations met for this G-20 meeting. Germany Chancellor Angela Menkel said that “No country can act alone in this day and age, not even the United States, no matter how powerful they may be.” She said, “There is hope that out of the economic crisis, governments can construct a new architecture for managing global capitalism in every aspect of life on this earth from economy and government, to religion. There are strong indications that we are closer than ever to the time when world-wide identification system is a likelihood rather than a wild impossibility.” Realize what this means. The Mark of the beast is nearer than we think, maybe just 3 ½ years. It will not come until Christ takes out the bride. Actually, about the middle of the seven years of tribulation.

Gideon Rachman, a columnist for the Financial Times, says, “For the first time in my life, I feel that the formation of some sort of World government is possible.” He says, “A World government would involve much more than co-operation between nations. It would be an entity with state-like characteristics, backed by a body of laws. The most difficult issues facing national governments are international in nature; there is global warming, global financial crisis and a global war on terror.” He emphasizes that, “The European Union has managed to unite many nations with a currency, thousands of

pages of law, a large civil service and the ability to deploy military force.” The signs are compounding everyday Geoffrey Blainey, an eminent Australian historian states, “A change in the political atmosphere suggest that ‘global governance’ could come much sooner than thought.” Some European leaders state that they believe that some form of Global government cannot come too soon.

Does it make you marvel at the blindness of the world to the things prophesied in the Bible? Revelation 17:12-13, says, “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast (Antichrist). These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” verse 17 states, “For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled.” In Revelation 13:16, it records, “And he (False Prophet ) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name, or the number of his name of the beast, or the number of his name.” We are very near this time. It is coming very subtly. To the natural mind, it seems like the right thing to do. It will not regard the stations of people, no matter if they have great bank accounts or the very poorest, all will be equalized by this system.

**THE NEXT THING ON THE AGENDA** – The Lord will come as a thief in the night and catch His waiting bride away. We don’t know exactly when that will take place. About thirty days before the tribulation starts the Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel, which will probably guarantee their existence as a nation and may give them their longed for temple. Read Dan. 9:27. The Antichrist will come in under a false guise, a man of peace, who has answers for the world’s

problems. He will unite the world, creating one government. He will promote programs to equalize the riches, and feed the poor. Talk about a welfare state, it will truly be under this evil person. He will demand complete allegiance to him and his cause. People will have to comply with his demands, and it will seem to be for the good of all. How ignorant of God's Word and plan men are. Where do we stand? Are we awake or are we seeking our own good, and not after Christ? Now, is the time to rally the troops and stand fast in the Lord! Will we be like Enoch who walked with God, until God took him? No doubt he had faith in God's word to him, no doubt that he would go to heaven without dying. How precious! Do we have that faith, also? Let us be diligent and hold the line, until He appears for us. It will be soon. Praise the Lord!



*A little while, 'twill soon be past,  
The time to watch, to pray and fast;  
Oh, privilege rare, to us is given,  
To wait for Christ our Lord from heaven;  
He's coming soon with wordless power;  
Oh, let us watch the little hour.*

*A little hour twill pass away,  
And Christ will come at dawn of day;  
Oh, blest indeed, the ones who hear  
The trumpet calling loud and clear;  
Come up above the watch is past;  
The gathering home has come at last.*

— M. M. B.

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

## **Enhanced Vision 2008**

### Conclusion

Bonnie Richards

As we stood at different sites in Israel and heard the Scriptures being read which referred to them, I was greatly impressed with the fact of God’s *desire to bless*. BLESS, not judge. Tel Dan, Capernaum, Chorazin, Bethsaida, Jerusalem were among the many places Jesus offered blessing, but because the “religious” element refused and influenced many against Him, they were cursed for their departure and unbelief. This evidence from millennia ago warns us that God MUST and DOES judge sin. The one who ignores or refuses His offer of redemption through His **grace**, stands in the line with others who will be judged at the Great White Throne. But HE IS NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT ALL TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. That wonderful “Book of Life” spoken of several times in Scripture, contains only those who have received God’s offer of Eternal LIFE. The judgment for our sin was borne by the One Who redeemed us—**paid in full**. It IS suggested that names may be blotted from the Book of Life. But only the ones who have **refused** the Redeemer will *not* be named in the Book of Life. They have chosen to bear their own judgment. Other books which contain names and deeds, provide the evidence for judgment to be handed down to each individual. Rev. 20:12 & 15.

Today the people of Israel have had only a small part of their land restored to them. They have now been recognized as a nation for 60 years. It is marvelous that God does not change

his promises or purposes for the Jews or for that **promised** land. Of the 5.4 million Jews today in Israel, some estimate only about 0.3% or 15,000 have realized that their Messiah has come. There are other sources estimating many more than that. Orthodox Jews are still praying for Messiah to appear. Sadly, the leaders of the nation Israel, the ones in places of authority, are in no way acknowledging *God* or *His authority* regarding the land. They purely want to gain the end of preserving a place for the Jews to live at peace. How elusive peace is apart from Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

John, in Revelation 4:6, saw Saints in heaven that are described as living creatures “full of eyes before and behind” and V. 8 they “were full of eyes around and within.” These Saints, in and around the throne, earned their place and appearance by **walking with God**, recognizing and submitting to Jesus as He is revealed from Genesis to Revelation. It is not necessary to go to Jerusalem to learn Him this way. It is by taking hold of God’s power to transform us from all that is darkness and blindness in the Old Creation to **all** that is light and is glorious (eventually to be “fashioned like unto His glorious body” - Phil. 3:21) in the New Creation.

Walking in the Spirit, learning from the Scripture about the place God has given us (if we desire it,) judging all that is of the flesh, — will produce these wonderful Creatures that have been given eyes before, behind, within and without, perfect in Christ Jesus.

We are blessed by those of faith as we look back, as well as being blessed when we look forward to His coming. Our hearts cry as we look within should be “Search me O God and know my thoughts.” The thing we must remember to do daily is to **look UP**. What was written in Hebrews 12:2 **to** the

early believing Jews and **for** the edification and comfort of Gentile believers, is for *today*, with our needs and opportunities: “Seeing we also are compassed about with *so great a cloud of witnesses*, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**THERE IS COMING A DAY** very soon...when He will call us to Himself. Thereby fulfilling God’s plan from before the foundation of the earth, and fulfilling our earnest desire to be with the One we have loved because He so loved us. We will be displayed with our Bridegroom, the focus of **THE NEW JERUSALEM!**



*The city is built by the Architect wise,  
A heavenly home for the King in the skies.  
He dwells in her bosom, enjoys her deep love:  
She reigns with Him jointly on His throne from above,  
And gone are the sorrow, the tears and the care:  
The curse has been lifted from City up there.  
And there's a pure river, the streams which make glad  
The City of God, She is never-more sad:  
But lives on forever most holy and blest,  
The Bride of the reigning Lamb; She's loved and  
caressed. And God the great builder rejoices to see  
The beautiful City, which He has made free.*

—M. M. Bodie

# A GOOD REPORT

by Ben Morgan

Was it an accident that king Ahasuerus could not sleep on that particular night? Esther Ch. 6. And was Haman's visit to the king at that precise time a mere coincidence? And was the king's order that Haman make public proclamation before Mordecai the Jew a thing of chance? Or was it all by God's divine appointment, who though unseen and unsuspected was standing in the shadows keeping watch about his own?

Likewise all the ingredients of disaster were present on Sept. 26, 2008 when I wrecked my truck on North bound 1-435 about 8:00 P.M. A speeding car abruptly cut across two lanes of traffic to take the exit ramp just ahead. The rear bumper of that car momentarily caught my front bumper causing my truck to shift to the right. I reacted too slowly losing control of the truck which left the road and traveled down a long rocky bank turning over and over. My old truck was totaled. The first recollection I had was the highway patrol breaking the glass out of the driver's door to help me out of the wreckage and into the ambulance which took me to the hospital where they discovered I had walking pneumonia and a broken neck.

The doctors were surprised that I survived the wreck or was not paralyzed from the three breaks in my neck.

What do I think of it all? "Surely the Lord was in the place and I knew it not."

From the night I had the wreck the Lord has marvelously provided beyond all our expectations.

Gail and Jeanelle McDaniel took me into their home and treated me like the Lord himself. Shannon Anderson and

Clifford Clements preached for us Sunday mornings. The saints from many quarters prayed and God wonderfully answered. Blessed be His name. Someone asked, “Why did this happen to you?” I say, why not me? Whom the Lord loves he chastens and scourges every son whom he receives - Heb. 12:6.

Why waste time on all the “If only’s” and “what ifs?” It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness - Lam. 3:22-23.

May the Lord enable me to render to him according to the benefit received. I feel I am one blessed man. To God be the glory.

*When the early morning breaking,  
Slumber from my eyelids shaking,  
Comes the blessed thought with waking,  
I am in His keeping.  
Day advances, labor bringing,  
Care, her mantle ‘round me flinging,  
Yet midst all my soul keeps singing,  
I am in His care.*



# **This Thing Is From Me**

## **(I Kings 12:24)**

Life's disappointments are veiled love's appointments.

My child, I have a message for you today; let me whisper it in your ear, that it may smooth the rough places upon which you may have to tread. It is only five words, but let them sink into your soul; use them as a pillow upon which to rest your weary head. *This thing is from ME.*

Have you ever thought of it, that all that concerns you concerns Me too? For, "he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of mine eye" (Zech. 2:8). You are very precious in My sight (Isa. 43:4). I would have you learn when temptations assail you, and the "enemy comes in like a flood," that this thing is from Me, your weakness needs My might, your safety lies in letting Me fight for you.

Are you in difficult circumstances, surrounded by people who do not understand you, who never consult your taste, who put you in the background? This thing is from Me. I am the God of circumstances. Thou camest not to thy place by accident, it is the very place God meant for thee. Have you not asked to be made humble? See then, I have placed you in the very school where this lesson is taught; your surroundings and companions are only working out My will.

Are you in money difficulties? Is it hard to make both ends meet? This thing is from Me, for I am your purse-bearer and would have you draw from and depend upon Me. My supplies are limitless (Phil. 4:19). I would have you prove my promises. Let it not be said of you, "In this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God" (Deut. 1:32).

Are you passing through a night of sorrow? This thing is from Me. I am the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief. I have let earthly comforters fail you, that by turning to Me you may obtain everlasting consolation (2 Thess. 2:16-17). Have you longed to do some great work for Me and instead have been laid aside on a bed of pain and weakness? This thing is from Me. I could not get your attention in your busy days and I want to teach you some of My deepest lessons. "They also serve who only stand and wait." Some of My greatest workers are those shut out from active service, that they may learn to wield the weapon of all-prayer.

This day I place in your hand this pot of holy oil. Make use of it free, My child. Let every circumstance that arises, every word that pains you, every interruption that would make you impatient, every revelation of your weakness be anointed with it. The sting will go as you learn to see Me in all things.

—C. A. Fox

*"This is from Me," the Saviour said,  
As bending low He kissed my brow,  
"For One who loves you thus has led.  
Just rest in Me, be patient now,  
Grieve not for things you've seemed to miss.  
The thing I send is best for thee."*

*Then, looking through my tears, I plead,  
"Dear Lord, forgive, I did not know,  
Twill not be hard since Thou doest tread,  
Each path before me here below.  
So I will sing, "Whatever be  
God's way for me is always best." "*

—L. A. B. S.



# TIME

by Debra Isenbletter

***“Redeeming the time, for the days are evil.”***

**Eph. 5:16**

Lately I've been thinking about how important our time is and how little time there is left before the Coming of the Lord. This scripture has really spoken to my heart. We are to use our time wisely, we are to make the most of the time we have, we are to *“buy up every opportunity”* and I think there should be an eagerness on our part to do this.

I believe with all my heart the Holy Spirit will show each individual how to “redeem the time,” how to use our time for the Lord, how to recognize the opportunities that are before us. I think how important going to meeting is, and being faithful and how many let that opportunity slip by. One commentator wrote the following: “Redeem implies the *preciousness* of the opportunity, a jewel to be bought at any price.” It is a precious privilege to serve the Lord and to yield to the Lord and to let Him work through us.

It's easy to forget how precious each opportunity is and it's good to be reminded, I don't want any opportunity to slip by unnoticed. I think that is an urgency to do this because the *“Days are evil,”* that's a fact every child of God can agree on, but also *the days are short*, so let us each use our time for the Lord, use every opportunity and count it a precious privilege.

## From Our Mail Box



Grace and peace be unto you beloved brethren in Christ,

We have been thinking to write unto you for a long time, but we didn't have opportunity to do it. The Lord has been with us as we continue preaching in our country. Last year two new places has been opened near to Rosario (our city) and several people have accepted Jesus as Savior, also we have a miracle in Villa Constitucion; a young woman came to our meeting with a babe sorely sick, he was born before his time and his lungs were very small and he needed assisted breathing, doctors said unto her that he wasn't to live more than a year because he had lung pressure. We spoke to her about Jesus and she was saved that night and we prayed for her babe. Next week she came to the meeting with the babe, he was very well and without the assistance of oxygen, she gave testimony of the miraculous way in which the lungs of her baby had grown, doctors were astonished when they saw that. Praise God! Jesus Christ is the same! He still is the good Samaritan who has mercy of us! We are having our meetings in a new place now (our garage wasn't big enough!), an elderly brother who has a church has invited us to have our gatherings there, so we have more space now and at least more than seven people have accepted Jesus there, so we are very happy and we wish be able to follow with the Lord until the end. We always remember you in our prayers and your magazine is a useful help for us, we are still editing "Mi Evangelio" (our paper) and we have translated many of your articles to our magazine. Thanks a lot for your mailing! Many times the Lord speaks directly unto us through your articles even with the verse which is on the cover! Thanks again, we hope to meet you soon with all saints who love our Lord's return! Greeting to all of you,

Adrian y Carola Bogado, Argentina, South America



# The Book of Daniel

**Chapter 11:2-35** is the second section of Daniel's last vision. This portion is history to us but in Daniel's time it was yet future and God gives details of what will take place. **V. 2-4** - Daniel was given assurance he was to understand the vision. The Lord desires us to know it or He wouldn't have revealed it to the prophet Daniel. Verses 2-4 had already been shown to Daniel in other visions and yet now more detail is given. The messenger tells of three successive Persian kings to Cyrus leading up to the fourth Xerxes, who was far richer than all those other kings. With an army of one million men and a navy of 1200 ships, he wages an impressive invasion of Greece. But a mighty king from Greece, Alexander the Great took revenge on Persia and began a lightning-like conquest of Asia. In 12 years he was a world wide conqueror. Thus the Grecian empire was launched. But as suddenly as he came to prominence, he was cut off, dying at age 33 by excessive drunken carousal. His kingdom fell into four divisions - eastern (Chaldea), western (Greece), southern (Egypt), & northern (Syria). Each division ruled by one of Alexander's four generals. None being the natural seed of Alexander. The empire sadly weakened never regained its former glory nor power. Daniel had already been shown this in the vision of chapter 8 that Greece was to follow the Medo-Persia Empire. In chapter 10:20, we read that the world Empires coming into view **in the will of God** was objected to by the devil. He moved his realm of wicked powers against every purpose of God. No doubt, the return of the Jews to the land at the beginning of the Persia Empire is why he was against that realm. But his objection to the Grecian Empire may be because it was the order of God. Anyway we know that the wicked princes in the regions above withstood the Messenger and sought to hinder and counteract God's work in national

affairs. Satan did not and cannot succeed. What God says shall be done. **V. 5** - The “king of the south” was Ptolemy 1 of Egypt- (His given name, Soter). He was powerful and added other small kingdoms to his. Under him (one of Ptolemy’s princes, Seleucis Nicator), ruled Babylon, Syria, and Media. In time he gained more power and became king of the north. **V. 6** - “End of years” is God’s time, under God’s controlled years, as a revolution of time. “They shall join” - Bernice, daughter of Ptolemy Philidelphus as part of an agreement to end a long and bloody war, a marriage was planned. The condition was, the war would stop and that Antiochus would put away his wife Laodice and her son would be disinherited. But Antiochus took back Laodice and her son. Laodice then poisoned Antiochus and caused Bernice and her son to be slain in order to raise her son Seleucus to be king. “They that brought her” - Bernice’s maids strived to defend their mistress and died in the attempt. He that begat her and he that strengthened her, would have been her husband Antiochus. **Vs. 7-8** - “Out of her (Bernice) branch” is her brother Ptolemy Evergetes, He brought a great army against Seleucus to avenge his sister’s death and conquered all Asia even to India. He took spoil of 40,000 talents, precious vessels and images of their gods and returned to Egypt. **V. 9** - The conflict ceased for a while. **V. 10** - Seleucus had two sons, Seleucus Ceraunus and Antiochus (later called The Great). The oldest son assembled a great army, but the army rebelled and he was poisoned by one of his generals. **“Passed through” meaning the land from Syria to Egypt as far as Gaza**, and after much killing and robbing cities along the way he returned to Syria victorious. **V. 11** - “king of the south” Ptolemy Philopater was easy going, but became bitter over Syria’s aggression. With a great army he marched northward toward Syria in revenge. When Antiochus III heard he gathered an army of 75,000 men and met Egypt at **Raphia near Gaza**. Syria was defeated - “Given into his hand.” **V. 12** - When Ptolemy went back victorious, his heart

was “lifted up” with pride and because of his pride he did not remain strong, “not be strengthened by it.” Ptolemy made peace dishonorably with Syria (he did not follow up his advantage). **V. 13** - Fourteen years later after the death of Ptolemy Philopater, Antiochus warred against Ptolemy Epiphanes who was very young. Antiochus had gained riches from the spoils of Persia and India before going south. After some years the north progressed, but the south declined. **V. 14** - Not only Antiochus III, but Philip king of Macedon came to gain prestige and over run Egypt because of the youthful king. “The robbers of thy people” were Jews who had gone to Egypt for protection. “Established a vision” - they had hope to establish the temple, but their hopes did not come to pass. **V. 15** - Again Egypt was defeated, General Scopas of Egypt met Syria’s army at panias, by **Dan, north of Galilee**. The Egyptian army fled to Sidon but was over taken and surrendered saving only their lives. **V. 16** - So Antiochus the Great recovered **Judah** taking spoil of whatever he wanted, there was no resistance. “He shall stand in **the Glorious Land**” - the Jews had helped by supplying provisions and therefore he favored the Jews. **V. 17** - Antiochus thought to march to Egypt but changed his mind and decided to defeat by fraud. He proposed a treaty of marriage between his young daughter Cleopatra and Philopator’s son and heir to the throne of Egypt. Antiochus wanted to use her to manipulate Egypt from within. The plot failed when she fell in love with her husband and became loyal to Egypt. “She shall not stand on his side” was fulfilled. **V. 18** - “Turn his face to the isles” after failing to corrupt Egypt Antiochus turned his attention to the coast of the Mediterranean and took a group of islands belonging to Greece. “A prince for his own behalf” - Antiochus was defeated by equal power of Greece and Roman soldiers, and forced to pay tribute for the expense of the war. The reproach he hoped to cause was put on him. **V. 19** - His own fort, which would be Antioch, not knowing how to raise the money for wars, he attempted to plunder the Temple of

Jupiter at Elymais, he was slain. **V. 20** - The successor of the throne was Seleucus Philopater who reigned only a short time. Syria was so in debt that taxes had to be raised. He sent to seize money from **the temple in Jerusalem** which is "The glory of the kingdom." Seleucus was murdered by his treasurer. **V. 21** - This vile person was Antiochus surnamed Epiphanes which means a madman. He was known to visit the common taverns, eating and drinking with the meanest fellows, foolishly jesting and throwing stones at passers-by. Living below the dignity of a king. **V. 22** - "The arms of the flood" - was the forces of Eumenes, king of Pergamus and his brother Attalus, also Rome helped. "The prince of covenant," this would have been Onias the high priest. Antiochus removed him and put Jason in his place who had given him a large sum of money. **V. 23** - After Jason made a league with him, a wicked man named Menelaus offered Antiochus more money for the position, so acting deceitfully he removed Jason. Antiochus became stronger with the little people who were willing to fight for him. **Vs. 24-25** - Gaining power he invaded Egypt. Taking great spoil he went home to Syria. Being different then his fathers before him he shared his gain with others making more friends. We are told in 1 Maccabees 1:16-18 of his taking Egypt, and even though the king of Egypt fled, his generals stood firm to fight but could not stand and Egypt was defeated, and Memphis was taken. **V. 26** - Antiochus corrupted the ministers and officers of Egypt, those who had fed at Ptolemy's table betrayed him resulting in his defeat and because Ptolemy was Antiochus' nephew he was left in power under Antiochus. **V. 27** - Antiochus professing friendship and concern for his nephew's interest was deceitful, he turned the heart of his younger brother Physcon against him and also the people of Alexandria were led to renounce their allegiance. So at the same table they exchanged lies. NOTE, "Time appointed" used in Verses 24,27,29 and 35 meaning that **God is still in control.** **V. 28** - Antiochus returned to Syria very rich and set his attention on



**Jerusalem and especially the Jew's Covenant.** In 1 Maccabees 1:21, says he entered proudly into the sanctuary and took away the **golden altar and candlestick** and all other furniture including the silver and gold and sent to his own land. **V. 29** - In the meantime the kingly brothers of Egypt had united and had gained political strength. When Antiochus saw that his treachery didn't work, he marched again on Egypt, but not as before, when he arrived at Alexandria the ships of Chittim was there from Rome. **V. 30** - The Syria army in full march to take the city but when seven miles away they heard of the ships he stopped the troops to talk to the Roman general, Antiochus was commanded to stop the war against Egypt. Returning to Syria exceedingly angry he vented his rage **against the Jews**, sending 20,000 men **against Jerusalem**, plundered and **set fire to the city**. His army killed many people especially the poor. He **polluted the temple** so that the services could not be attended. It was the covenant that he was against, in order to establish his own worship of the gods of Greece and consecrate the temple to Jupiter. **Many of the Jews had forsaken the covenant of God.** **V. 31** - At the same time that Antiochus left Egypt, Rome had conquered Macedon which was the end of Greece and the beginning of the Roman Empire, the last act of Antiochus was **against the Jew's God**. He polluted the sanctuary by installing ungodly priests. Zeph. 3:4, her prophets are light and treacherous persons...they have done violence to the law. They also took away the daily sacrifices and place an abomination on the altar. 1 Maccabees 1:54-57, tells how they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar and built idol altars throughout the **cities of Judah** on every side and burned incense at the door of their houses, and in the streets. And when they had rent in pieces the books of the law, the king's commandment was that they should be put to death. This was only **a type of another abomination that will be in the temple in the last days**. There was another incident that happened in 132 AD. The Emperor Adrian of Rome, even after

the Jewish temple was destroyed, built another temple to Jupiter on the same spot of the other temple, this was an abomination. The Jews rose up against the Romans and 80,000 men were slain. **V. 32** - Those who would listened to Antiochus and his words against the true God were seduced by his flattery and promises of favors, went into Apostasy. There were some that stood fast to God and He strengthen them and gave them courage even unto death, the Maccabee family was an example. **Vs. 33-35** - These verses are a type of the end time remanent who will believe God and receive Jesus as the Messiah.

All this sounds like a soap-opera between nations. God allowed these nations to fight battles on His holy land and the Jews suffered much because they trusted not in their God. God knows all the deeds of these Gentile nations and it is recorded. A day is coming when all national powers will have to submit to God's King. Ps. 2



## Announcements

**Our trip to Israel** was fabulous. We thank the Lord for the opportunity of going, we also thank the saints that contributed to the fund that made it possible. Words cannot express our gratitude and love. Jack & Earlene

**Home with the Lord:** Loretta Roewert went to glory April 3rd. She loved the Lord and had a calling to hold Bible Studies and she also pastored an assembly for several years in Ontario, Oregon.