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The Eyes of the Lord



“The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.” Ps. 34:15

It is interesting how our God expresses himself in different ways to help our understanding. He speaks of Himself as having a mouth, hands, arms, legs, feet, and eyes because he possesses spiritual form. It is interesting to my thought the several places that he speaks of his eyes. These are comforting to consider. Our Father told Moses; “I have *seen*, I have *seen* the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.”

Thank God, that our groaning is being heard today, to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven! Praise God, our gracious Lord, our glorious Deliver hears the longings of our hearts, and rejoices in seeing the work He has accomplished in our lives and longs to take us home to himself. In the mean time it is most comforting to know that His eyes are in every place. Pr. 15:3.

The children of Israel were told that although the enemy was a huge host with very many chariots and horsemen, yet because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart was perfect toward him.” 2 Chron. 16:8-9. They were defeated badly when they relied not on

the Lord their God. A word to the wise should have been sufficient! The same fact stands true today! Our Father knows full well of all His people that do not fully rely on Him. Some say that they do, but do not.

See Mark 9:22-24. Jesus said unto the father of the devil - possessed son, "If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth. The father cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief." Jesus took the son by the hand and lifted him up and he arose." What a blessed testimony to faith. "All things are possible to him that believeth." We are certainly blessed as we view matters from His focus.

"Noah found grace in the *eyes* of the Lord." Gen. 6:8. "Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Heb. 11:7. Because he lived and walked by faith, conducted his life in doing the will of God, his house hold was preserved, saved by God's *overseeing* grace.

"But the land, whither you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven; A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the *eyes* of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year." Deut. 11:11-12. Our God had special purposes for placing Israel in that land, and not all of them have been fulfilled yet, and their enemies would do well to watch out, and consider the danger of what they intend to do.

Well, the place of our eternal home is well cared for also, and has also been prepared for us, and He is also preparing us for that place, as we truly submit expectantly, reliantly,

watchfully to his handiwork in our lives. We gladly look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our beloved Lord's return. "A mutual watchfulness" Glory!

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people: Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in a waste howling wilderness; he led him about, instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his *eye*." Deut. 32:8-10. YES, THEY WERE DIVINELY KEPT. God did such for Israel, can he do any less for us today? Thank God, Satan has not succeeded in making our God blind today, neither is he able to pluck us out of our Father's hand. Praise God for the protection of our Father's watchful all seeing *eyes*.

Ps. 32:8; Shall we not be exceedingly encouraged by depending upon His dependable guidance? "I Will guide the with mine *eye*." Ps. 73:24. "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Oh what a sustaining privilege to our lives! To walk in our Lord's counsel daily, and be able to sense the way he would focus our attention. He lovingly teaches us to *see* the way He *sees*, taking us step by step into the appreciation of His glories.

"Behold, the *eye* of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Ps. 33:18,19.

J. D.



Camp Joy Haven

I am so very glad to have partaken in Camp Joy Haven this year. We invite you all to rejoice with us. It was so good to see so many touched, stirred, refreshed and exceedingly blessed.

I have been told of several giving their hearts and lives to the Lord. At least three publicly. Four partook of water Baptism. Seven were wonderfully filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Especially our young people shared in a thrilling prayer, praise and worship services.

Only the Lord knows what all was worked marvelously in individual lives, eternity will tell. The Bible classes were most edifying, encouraging, stirring and strengthening. Sermons were so excellently nourishing and challenging. Especially the young people were most cooperative and children eagerly teachable. The double craft sessions were constructive and enjoyable and uplifting. The skits quite a blessing with scriptural spiritual insights.

The recreation taught friendly cooperation and teamwork - enjoyable competition and care for opponents an encouragement. Even in the room care and cleaning, which was important there was challenging competition. Each and all were blessed. Thank you all and especially thank the Lord! The camp management and food service was quite a blessing. It takes a lot of hard work (for 96 to 100 plus) it was a precious benefit.

J. D.

THE LAST DAYS

Anita Clark



“Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces and stamped the residue with his feet. And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld until the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most high; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” Daniel 7:19-22.

As the song says, “Troublesome times are here, filling men’s hearts with fear.” We are living in the last days of the Church or Grace Age. Troubles and bloody demonstrations in Iran and the threat of a possible nuclear attack from North Korea has brought great fear to many. Events are coming swift and hard, pointing us to the near arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ. Satan is rampaging because he knows his time is short. Do we know our time is short? It will not be long until it will be over! Daniel saw ugly wild beasts as recorded in chapter seven, representing the Gentile times. Gentile times began when God took Israel into captivity to Babylon because of their disobedience to Him, and their increased idolatry. Since that time Gentiles have been ruling this world. Right now, we are in a transition period. God has been dealing with the Israelites again, allowing them to return to their land and to form a modern state of Israel. Christ will soon come for His overcomers of this Church Age, and then will begin the most horrible time of the 7 years of

tribulation. Christ will be reigning in heaven, but the majority of people on earth will give their allegiance to a counterfeit Christ, known as the “beast” in Rev. 13. There must be the true Christ ruling on His throne before the AntiChrist can rule as a counterfeit of the True. During that seven years there will be terrible unparalleled persecution of Israel.

The Fourth Beast of Daniel 7 was a monster, which is the fourth world empire - Rome. We know the history of that kingdom, when they persecuted and killed thousands of Jews, and also Christians. They were ruling the world, when our Lord Jesus Christ made his supernatural appearance as a babe, born of a virgin. Jesus predicted that God would bring judgment on Israel, and in 70 A.D. horrific persecution and destruction took place, routing Israel out of their land to be scattered among the nations. They have struggled living in many nations of the world, being persecuted until finally they have returned to the land of their fathers - Israel. Yet, they will suffer in the tribulation time greater than ever before. This Fourth Beast is still in the world today. Its roar has been quiet for several centuries until the time of the end of all things. Now, in the recent past it has awakened out of its stupor and has come to a place of dominance in the world. The European Union fills the bill as the Revived Roman Empire. It will become the ruler of the world, with the man of destiny, the AntiChrist. He will come up out of one of these European countries. He will be the best orator the world has ever known, and will fool many to follow him.

The EU as the revived Roman Empire will rule until the Ancient of Days (the Lord Jesus Christ) comes back for His own and takes His throne to begin putting down His enemies under His feet. Then, overcoming saints will rule with Him. They will help in the judgment as the Word says. Praise the Lord! We are looking for that time. He will soon come and be exalted as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

An intelligence official recently said that Washington intends to abandon Israel in favor of the Arabs. He believes that Israel will soon be completely on their own or worse. Also, the EU has recently issued a threat to the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu through the EU Foreign Policy Chief Javier Solana. He stated to reporters, “The European body of nations will change its relationship significantly with the Jewish state if the Netanyahu government does not back the establishment of a new Arab state within Israel’s current borders.” The influence of the EU toward Israel will increase as time goes by, finally culminating with a covenant, which will guarantee Israel’s safety. In the meantime, the EU has promised to prevent Hamas from replenishing their weapons supplies, but it hasn’t happened, instead Hamas has succeeded in smuggling in new weapons. God promised Abram in Genesis 12:3, “I will bless them that bless thee, and I will curse them that curse thee...” Nations should be very careful about doing anything against God’s people, Israel.

According to Arutz-7 (A Middle Eastern news agency) “Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists have amassed an arsenal of 50,000 rockets aimed at Israel.” This has happened since the withdrawal of Israel from Gaza after the latest scrimmage between Israel and Hamas. In the natural Israel has no defense against this threat, but we know a secret that the majority of the world does not understand, that is, that God often intervenes for Israel, even when they are in unbelief. Whatever He does or allows will ultimately bring about Israel’s obedience and recognition of Himself, God of their fathers. We know that there will be a group of Israelis left after the tribulation who will accept Jesus as Messiah, and will go into the Kingdom Age ruling with Him on the earth.

BLAIR: MIDEAST PEACE DEAL COULD HAPPEN WITHIN THE YEAR. – International Envoy Tony Blair said that a peace agreement is possible this year if all sides agree to peaceful negotiations. He said, “there is a great sense of hope and expectation.”

He says that the U.S. has made this peace agreement a clear priority, and feels hopeful that Israel and the Palestinians will commit themselves to a two state solution. If that happens he says, “We could have this deal within a year.” The United States president believes that a peace deal will be ready within two years.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a speech recently saying, “I accept the two state solution, so long as the Palestinian state is demilitarized.” The Palestinians have rejected this offer. Israel believes it is essential that the Palestinians abide by the Roadmap to Peace, which demands that in order for the two-state solution to work the Palestinians must: disarm the terrorist, condemn the PLO charter, which demands that the Israelis be exterminated, recognize Israel’s right to exist, and stop teaching Palestinian children hatred toward Israel. Most maps in their schools don’t even show the Jewish state.

Daniel 9:27 says that Israel will make a treaty with the AntiChrist for seven years. The signing of this treaty will happen just before the seven years of tribulation begins. Signs of the times show that time is near. The world is crying for peace and safety, but it will be short-lived. According to the Word, the AntiChrist will break the covenant at about 3 ½ years into the seven years of tribulation. War will again break out. We are so near the time for Christ’s return. The rapture will take place before the tribulation. Jesus warned us to be ready and watching.

ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT – In the days right after the great flood of Noah’s time, Genesis 11 records the story of the earth’s unification, “to make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” (Gen.11:4). They determined to build a tower to reach heaven in the plain of the land of Shinar, which is Babylon or Iraq. There they would dwell in unity and peace. Their thoughts seem reasonable to the natural man, after all there had been the great destruction of the flood. They needed to hang together for their own safety. The problem is, they were not

putting their faith in God, their Creator to protect them, but in themselves. If they could just get the tower tall enough, then where ever they went they could always see the tower in the distance and return to it's proximity. It was trust in self, instead of God.

This same thing is happening in the world today. We read and hear about "globalization." It is proclaimed to be the answer to many of the problems of the world. The cry is, "If we can unify, then there will be no more war. We can sit down and reason with one another and solve all our problems." Their trust is in their high tower, where they have fixed their eyes, instead of dependency upon God.

Some other features of this unification is the identification plans, computer chips injected into the arm or shoulder making it easier to identify victims in any disaster. On this chip would be recorded all the information relating to that particular individual, which would make it so much easier to administer medical treatment. Doesn't that sound Reasonable?

Another idea to help the world economy is for all to unite and come under one single world currency. In the year 2009 the Euro celebrated its 10th anniversary. It has risen significantly against the U.S. dollar and is considered by many financial experts to be the future world currency. Along this line, national leaders have been meeting trying to map out a plan to bring about these financial changes needed to stabilize world economies. They will seem to succeed, and short lived unity and peace will come upon the world.

CHRISTIAN RIGHTS BEING CURTAILED – More and more our Christian rights are under threat in the U.S.A. In a public High School recently, when the valedictorian gave her speech and mentioned God, the Bible and her faith in Jesus Christ, school officials turned off the microphone. Other instances are: A high school coach was about to bow his head while a pre-game prayer was offered by the team, but school officials refused to let him; a nine year old child prepared a report about Jesus being his "hero,"

but was not allowed to read his speech except to the teacher in private. While many schools are allowing Muslims prayer time, all Christian prayer is banned. Some of these cases have gone to court, but others are still pending.

Another news report tells that PBS is going to phase out all religious broadcasting. These instances show that the world is becoming more evil and opposed to Christianity, while honoring other religions, especially giving allowance to Islam. Romans 1:28 says, “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things which are not convenient.” God’s Spirit will not always strive with man.” (Gen. 6:3).

One day there will be total unity in worship as the whole world will worship the beast. “And he opened his mouth in blasphemies; and power was given him to continue forty and two months.” And all that dwell upon 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.” (Rev. 13:5,8).

CHRIST WILL SOON CATCH HIS FAITHFUL ONES AWAY – We are living in the last days of this Church Age. We need to believe the warning and witness of the signs around, which are challenging us to be ready and listening for the trumpet sound. I Thess. 4:13-18 explains very plainly what will take place when that trumpet sounds. “And so shall we ever be with the Lord.” Is that the longing of your heart? The Lord is looking to see, who really loves His appearing. (II Tim 4:8). This is an individual matter. Each of us must have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus. Our part is to yield ourselves to His divine working. His part is to work the needed things in our lives to prepare us to rule and reign with Him. Let us press forward to the finish line which is in sight. Look up! Look up!

A GOOD REPORT

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for the bulk mails you have been sending, especially for the ones you have been sending me since this year. They have been getting to me in good condition and early too.

Yes, by His grace I have been a regular distributor of “Glorious Gospel” publications for some years now. Over these several years, your bulk mails have been getting to me for free distribution, to groups and individuals in Nigeria.

I thank God for answering our prayers for you .Yes, it requires the finger of God for the “Glorious Gospel” literature ministry to be on as usual, especially during this serious global economic recession!.

I do humbly appreciate your support, because it requires extra sacrifices on the side the supporters of this Ministry to continue to make finances available for the work of the “Glorious Gospel” ministries. That is why we will not relent in praying for them, that the Owner of the work will continue to provide for their needs out of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

“Glorious Gospel” publications are needed more now than before, as it has proved to be one of the only sources of getting free Christian literature nowadays, as most other ministries overseas are no longer able to supply free Christian literature to my country. In that regard, many other gospel workers share from the ones you have been sending me. The demands in most cases are so much that at times some of these co-gospel workers do not get from me as many as they need.

Thank God with us for the lives that are being touched and transformed through reading your publications. My partners in the spreading of the gospel here in Nigeria are found in schools, hospitals, Government service centers and departments, prisons, churches, etc. These materials you have been sending are being used in reaching people in these various institutions and locations with the gospel of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, and for the edification of the saints.

It is worthy of note that the bulk mails have been getting through safely and very much earlier now than in the previous years. Since last year, your bulk mails have been taking less than three weeks to get to me; unlike in the past when bulk mails used to take several months to get to me. May God receive all the glory honour and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Thank you very much for being faithful co- labourers and partners in the spreading of Christian revival messages in Nigeria, by the means of your free publications.

I am therefore renewing my subscription for the usual bulk supplies of free “Glorious Gospel” publications

Let me close this letter with these words of encouragement from the word of God: **“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown, and increase the fruit of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)**

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JESUS IS BETTER

A TOPICAL STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

By Carolyn Brown

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;” Heb. 1:1

God has spoken to men down through the ages by many portions. The learning of who He is comes precept upon precept and line upon line, here a little, there a little. It comes in diverse manners, i. e., in many different ways. Down through the ages God revealed Himself through visions and revelations and experiences depending upon the spiritual condition and the need of the recipient. The various names of Jehovah show us how The Self-Existent One - The I AM — progressively revealed Himself to men in the Old Testament:

To Hagar He became the one who saw the need and provided, Jehovah-jireh - Gen. 16:13.

To Israel at the bitter waters of Marah He became the Lord that healeth, Jehovah Rapha - Ex. 15:26.

To David He became the Great Shepherd, leading, feeding, comforting, protecting His flock, Jehovah-raah - Ps. 23.

Over Moses and the children of Israel at war with Amalek, He was a banner of prevailing strength, Jehovah-tsidkenu - Ex. 17:15.

The Sabbath was given to Israel as a sign that the Lord had sanctified (set them apart) for Himself, Jehovah-mekoddishkem - Ezek. 20:12.

Always the Lord meets men at the point of their need and shows how He is the answer to it. This was in time past, a time that had run its course and was now to be replaced by a new order of things.

Now we are in the last days, or the last of these days that God has been speaking to men. The Lord Jesus Christ has become God's Spokesman, a Better Prophet than any who spoke unto the fathers for He alone could not only speak of the will of God to mankind but also be wholly obedient to it. He had perfect communication with His Father because there was no fleshly filter that inhibited the transmission of God's perfect will to men. He is the Prophet of whom Moses spoke in Deut. 18:15-18. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto Me; unto Him ye shall hearken...I will...put my words in His mouth; and He shall speak...all that I shall command Him." He is a Better Prophet because He IS the Truth, not just the bearer of it, not just another voice crying out from God to men in this wilderness of sin.

V. 3 "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

In this exceedingly rich verse we see the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ expressed. He is the out-ricing of God's glory. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4:6.

He is the express image of divine essence. Express image means character or an impress or a stamp. All that marked deity can be seen in the Lord Jesus Christ, everything that is essential to the person of God, His character. The man Christ Jesus is the reproduction in human form of that essence. All that we want to know about God we can find out by coming to know Jesus Christ. That is why Jesus said to Philip, who asked to be shown the Father,...”he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father;” John 14:9. Did Jesus mean “see” with human eyes? No, He meant “see” with the heart. If we fill our heart with who Jesus is we are seeing the Father.

“...upholding all things by the word of His power...” means that the Lord Jesus is maintaining and sustaining all things pertaining to this world which is in constant motion and through all the constant change that has marked our world down through the ages. He has been and is still carrying out God’s purposes in a planned and progressive way, all things under His authority, all parts working together cohesively for an expected end. “...by Him all things consist...” Col. 1:17. By Him all the heavenly bodies maintain their orbits, this earth ball is kept in tact and all the various forms of nature carry out His purposes each in their own designed way. By Him the church, His body which He has “...fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple...for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Eph. 2:21-22.

“...when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;? When Jesus had “by Himself,” not by His own power, but by the submission of His will to His Father and the surrender of His human life on Calvary, when He had in His own body on a tree purged

our sins, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. He took His place as Head of the new Creation. He was brought forth from the grave and received His appointment as our High Priest and He now sits as our Mediator before the Father.

These three verses at the outset of this great epistle set forth the superlative excellence of Christ Jesus our Lord. There are 13 times in this epistle that the word better is used to detail the many ways Jesus exceeds, excels, is excellent. These we will consider one by one that we might apprehend that for which we have been apprehended of Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:12

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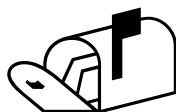
Excellency Of Christ

*He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, He is bread;
If any be a bondman, He is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is He!
To dead men life is He, to sick men,
health;
To blind men, sight, and to the needy,
wealth;
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without
stealth.*

—G. F.

From Our Mail Box

The Clouds



How interesting to see the way the Lord is orchestrating the affairs of the nations and ours also! Just after my heart surgery over 10 years ago I went into mild depression for two or three weeks. Although I was glad to be alive at times, I kept wondering why I should have kept living, and if it were not better that I had died. As I regained mobility and usefulness, I determined to **enjoy** the rest of my time. What a “ball” we have had! I would never have thought nor asked the Lord for the development and activities since that time. My, what God has done! Overall, the trials and tribulations have been enjoyable: even with all the momentary disappointments and adversities.

Some GOOD news about our second church - it is now paid for - we hope! In 2007, understanding that the land had been donated to the church, we began applying available funds toward the construction. Later that year water was brought into the community. Last fall, they started bringing in the electricity (it still is not available for the homes). Then we were advised that the land owner wanted the money that the church owed for the water and other expenses, besides 40,000 pesos (\$4,000_ for the property. I rebelled and refused to pay, but last month repented and we took what funds we had been saving and last Thursday **joyfully** paid the 40,000 pesos (over \$3,000 now). we understood they took care of the other expenses: will know for sure next week. They had their anniversary services Fri., Sat., and Sun.

nights. Next Sunday we start two weeks of celebration for our sixth anniversary, instead of the 40 nights as the last two years.

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and interest in these whom we have been able to serve. It is good to see their development in the Lord, and ministry unto him.

We have **not** been bothered by the terrible drug dealings nor the “swine flu” but the government ordered all businesses and churches to close for several days. We closed so as not to offend the weak who wanted us to respect the government’s wishes. We feel as safe over there as here in the U.S.

As we approach the 80 mark (in 10), and output is reducing, the children are advising us to relocate close to them in the near future so they will be able to care for their mother, or both of us, when we are unable. They could not render much aid now, living 300 - 500 miles away. So 2010 or 2011 might see us pulling up roots and moving north. Thank you so much for all your faithfulness.

In HIM abiding and confiding

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*Of my heart He is the Portion
Of my joy, the boundless Spring;
Savior, Sanctifier, Healer,
Glorious Lord and coming King.*

The Book of Daniel



Chapter 12

THE MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

V. 1 - “And at that time” and what time is that? The time of the end (11:40) when the Antichrist will come on the scene and vent his fury on Israel.

Daniel does not disclose much of the Messiah’s reign of glory. You may wonder why. Remember chapter 10:14 at the beginning of this last vision given Daniel. Daniel brings us right up to that point of Messiah’s reign. He shows us that which will introduce it, this gives us the execution of judgment that precedes the setting up of His Kingdom.

At that crisis time of unparalleled trouble for Israel (such as they never experienced before, greater than the holocaust) they shall be given supernatural help. God will fight for His people, when they shall come to their wit’s end. Michael, the great warrior angel for Israel will stand up for their help. It will be a real turning point, not just a little victory of temporary deliverance but a complete and miraculous overthrow of all Israel’s enemies. It will be the greatest battle ever fought. Michael is said to be their prince, the defender of Israel, their guardian angel. It is Israel’s triumphant hour after centuries of defeat and misfortune. Their prophets have written of this triumphant hour. They will never again be hunted and trodden down. The clock will strike the hour of their resurrection. The dry bones will

begin to shake and there will be a great awakening - Ezek. 37:1-14. Israel will arise from the ashes and put on her garments of Salvation and praise and sing with joy as she has never sang before.

In Rev. 12:7-9 we read of a war in the heavenlies, not where God's throne is but somewhere in the vast expanse above the earth. Amos 9:6, tells us there are spheres of vast extent, stories in the heavens built by the great Creator. Some of which Satan and his forces (the wicked spirits) have ruled over. This war in heaven precedes the one on earth. When Satan is cast down, his time is short, he makes one last desperate effort to control the situation. It is Satan that stirs up the nations in a combined struggle to exterminate the Jews. For through them Christ shall reign over the earth. He is the King of the Jews. Their King shall reign when Satan has been bound in hell a thousand years. But Satan fights hard, resists with all his power, so there is trouble like there has never been before - Jer. 30:7. It is the travail time of Israel. Her birth pains, from which she shall come forth a nation new born - Isa. 66:8. She shall be purged, a glorious kingdom of priests to reign and bring blessing to the whole world.

Notice, not all the natural lineage of Abraham, living and dead or good or bad shall be saved. The deliverance and resurrection is for those that believe, everyone found written in the book. The nation will be new born, but as for the people they will be contrite and humbled, a new creation, a holy seed, a spiritual people.

V. 2 - This statement is of immense scope. There is a millennium in its embrace. The many of Israel that awaken to everlasting life precede the many that awaken to shame

and contempt by a 1,000 years. Compare Jn. 5:28-29 and Rev. 20:6,7,11-15. But the point that stands out is the fact that there is going to be a resurrection. This is comforting to Daniel. Israel's faithful dead shall come forth out of their graves and participate in the glorious kingdom of Christ, but these shall not be part of the earthly population. They will have their glorified bodies and may visit and reign over the earth, but this will not be their abiding place - Mt. 19:28 & 8:11.

The earthly people will not enjoy their glorified bodies until the end of the millennium. We see that there are ranks in the resurrection of Israel. Some of the worthies of faith of Old Testament fame were raised up when Christ arose - Mt. 27:51,52. They have been in heaven for two millenniums already. They are a first rank, the full overcomers of their day. Heb. 11:35 - "they obtained a better resurrection." The second rank will arise when Christ will appear and call them out of their graves. But the restored nation will not enjoy their resurrection bodies until the end of the 1,000 years reign. But the rebellious will be cut off at 100 years of age in the Millennium, for there will be no toleration of wickedness - Isa. 65:20.

V. 3 - The "wise ones" refers exclusively to Israel for that is all Daniel understands. He knows nothing of the church. There will be some men of understanding that shall instruct others. There were some in former days, also in the days of the Maccabees, and there will be some wise ones in those still darker days. These loyal ones shall shine, spiritual teachers that will instruct and exhort the believing remnant. They shall shine in that darkness and later their glory will be manifested to the whole world. They will adorn the nation.

V. 4 - Daniel's prophecy was sealed, for the nation did not understand the prophecy. The vail was upon their heart, but in their hour of need, they shall understand. They shall run through the pages of Daniel searching the Scriptures to find the deep things. When their eyes are opened, they will find some rich hidden treasure. Such illumination as few Christians have never found. They will not sit listless and inattentive as the Word is given out. "Knowledge shall be increased" - the Jews will understand the situation. They will find that the end is at hand and they will rest in hope.

Vs. 5-8 - Two other persons appear beside the Glorious Man which has been with Daniel since the beginning of the vision (Ch 10:5). The Glorious Personage appears above the waters. The other two are standing on the back of the river, one on the right, the other on the left. One calls to the Man upon the waters, 'How long unto the end of these wonders?' The Man lifts up His hands and swears by Him that liveth forever that 3 1/2 years shall be the exact time in which these closing wonders shall be consummated. It agrees exactly in length and purpose with the statements of chapter 7:25 and 9:27. It refers to the time when the Antichrist shall have absolute power in his hands and shall devastate the Jews. God will allow it for Israel's chastening. But when His purpose is accomplished, He will suddenly put an end to the false despot and his kingdom.

The Jews for that determined time will be utterly helpless and shut up to the mercy of God. They will learn the hopelessness of trusting the flesh (not only their own, but all flesh). They will call upon the Lord, not just with their mouth but with their heart. The Lord will preserve a third part of that nation and plant them as a seed in the renewed earth when He is King. Their cry to Him will be answered

when they humble themselves, then He will look on them in grace. - Isa. 64:1; Isa. 66:2; Mt. 23:39; Isa. 25:9.

Vs. 9-10 - We read in verse 8 that Daniel heard the conversation between the heavenly visitors, but he did not understand the meaning. The Messenger does not endeavor to make it any clearer. It is not the time for him to understand. He would not be on earth when these wonders would come to pass, so it was not necessary for him to understand everything. But the people of the end of which he is a type, there will be the opening of the prophecy to them. Even unto us at this present time.

Daniel is assured that he is a prophet. His words shall stand till the time of the end. The Messenger also guarantees that all that is declared to Daniel shall be fulfilled.

V. 10 - Many shall suffer, their faith tried in the furnace of affliction. They shall come forth in victory, purified. The fiery trial which will melt the wise and prudent will only harden the heart of the foolish. The following verses give us 2 more measurements as to end time events.

V. 11 - The first of these time dates, 1290 days is the days between the date that “the daily sacrifice is interrupted and the abomination of desolation is set up. We know from an earlier revelation (9:27) that it is set up in the midst of the week or 7 years. So reckoning backward from that time, brings us to 30 days before the beginning of the 7 years of 1260 days. When we get our starting point, then the remainder of our study of these time dates will be simplified.

So the basic offering, the daily burnt offering is taken away just 30 days before the covenant with the false prince is ratified. For the Jews to give up this principal offering will be equivalent to the letting go of their faith in the Messiah. Thus proving the nation not believing in the God of their fathers (a sign of their apostate condition). They can blame no one but themselves when the trouble comes.

V. 12 - The second measuring line - 1335 days, gives us the very day of Christ's appearing to the Jew. Beginning at the very same time as the tribulation and counting brings us to 75 days after its close. No doubt those days will be spent in mourning and supplication for the one they have pierced. The Jews that will endure to the end of the tribulation will be blessed indeed, for the Lord will appear and take vengeance on their enemies.

V. 13 - Daniel's life was at its close, happy in the anticipation of that coming day. He had been faithful here, so how much greater shall be his service in that glorified place in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will be rewarded for the things done in his body.

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The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us. In its stead are programs, methods, organizations, and a world of nervous activities which occupy time and attention, but can never satisfy the longing of the heart.

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