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He shall feed his flock
like a shepherd:
he shall gather the
lambs with his arm,
and carry them
in his bosom.

ISAIAH 40:11

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Editor: Gene Hawkins



“And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:” Dan 2:21

“Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.... Remember the days of old,... ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. 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 of Israel**. For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.”

Deut. 32:1-9

Isa 45:1 “Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two **leaved gates**; and the gates shall not be shut;”

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There seems to be a multitude of people, even among believers, who are very much opposed to Pres. Trump. It is vitally imperative to our own spiritual wellbeing to remember the scriptural fact that God “...removeth kings, and setteth up kings:...” Events of our day clearly indicate that Pres. Trump is God’s “man of the hour,” because God has purposely put him there. Neither is it an accident that an assassin’s bullet did not end his life, as it only grazed his ear. There seems to be large numbers of people who are very critical of his “big, beautiful, bill,” but how many of these same folk have actually read it? If they had, they would understand that if it were not passed, every American would endure a major tax increase for years to come. Many have insisted that his “tariffs” on other nations would alienate them and bankrupt the U.S., but just the opposite has happened. The U.S. treasury has been greatly enriched, and a great number of nations are literally “lining up” to speak with Mr. Trump because they want to gain a part of the American Economy which has been touted by many as being “the hottest in the world.”

Another lie perpetrated by some is that this “big beautiful bill” is designed to take away Medicaid and Medicare from elder

Americans. Just the opposite is true. This bill is targeting those who are in this country illegally, yet they are collecting benefits for which they have contributed nothing. This “BBB” is designed to stop such nonsense, and thus preserve the benefits of those for whom it was intended.

However, the major focus of this bill is on the Middle East in direct agreement with God’s Plan for His Chosen Nation. Pres. Trump is trying very hard to bring peace to the Middle East and has taken major steps to do so. He is the author of the “Abraham Accords” which are designed to bring a number of Middle East Nations into peaceful co-existence with Israel. Present day events taking place before our very eyes are closely akin to the pattern set when God raised up Cyrus King of Persia as leader of the second Gentile World Empire. This man succeeded Nebuchadnezzar after Babylon fell, and God chose him for a very special purpose regarding Jerusalem. “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up
4 the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; (even he knew that God “...removeth kings, and setteth up kings”...) and he hath charged me to **build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.** Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.” II Chron. 36:22-23

Isaiah called this man “...his anointed...” announcing that “...the two leaved gates (in Jerusalem) shall not be shut.” God’s purpose of building a temple in Jerusalem was committed into the hands of “an outsider.” President Trump very easily slips into that same mold at this very hour as he endeavors to bring some semblance of peace to the Middle East and to the entire world.

Scripture emphatically states that God “...set the bounds of the people **according to the number of the children of Israel.**” Both Iran and Hamas have not gotten that memo and will be satisfied with nothing less than the complete elimination of Israel. But none can fight against God and win. Therefore,

the desires of Iran and her terrorist organizations will not be realized. Instead, Pres. Trump once again is actively engaged with a number of nations, trying to bring forth his peace initiative. That has meant arming Ukraine in an effort to force Russia to the negotiating table. Pres. Putin says one thing to the President then continues his onslaughts against Ukraine even targeting civilians. Sanctions against Russian oil are also being employed and it remains to be seen whether or not Mr. Putin will bow to that kind of pressure against him. It is reported that N. Korea imports oil from both Russia and China and thus Russia's funds would be greatly reduced due to the sanctions imposed by Pres. Trump. There are also reports indicating that Putin's own economy is in a dreadful state and the question remains whether or not his own people may rise up against him because of it. Thus, once again, Pres. Trump is proving to be a powerful influence on the world stage.

Such men as Putin are obsessed with power and will do anything to retain it. However, be it ever remembered how God insists that all nations, "...may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else." Isa. 45:6 All men will one day surrender to this fact for, "...the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Isa. 45:23 5

Pres. Trump has also collaborated with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in bombing select Iranian nuclear targets, indicating in some cases that the Iranian Nuclear threat has been obliterated. That, according to God's Word, is not true. The following account from Rev. 8 aptly describes a nuclear holocaust which is yet to come. "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;" Rev. 8:8 The most likely candidate for this "...great mountain..." is Iran due to the fact that she is predominantly motivated by hatred for Israel. She is so obsessed with Israel's destruction that she is even willing to abide the fire of a nuclear holocaust herself; that is, her own kingdom "...burning with fire..." as she casts herself into this

sea of nations. Thus, President Trump's victory in sending even buster bombs to these sites only represents a temporary pause in Iran's quest to obtain a nuclear warhead.

The "timing" for this event is also well into the tribulation period. It will occur around the middle of the week just prior to the time when Satan is cast out of heaven, wherewith his first order of business will be to loose the antichrist from the bottomless pit and begin his 1260 day of terror.

6 That day of terror will also include Israel. God's Word is once again very clear that the "...man child..." or the 144,000 will be caught up to heaven around the middle of the tribulation week. However, Israel, or the woman who produced that child will be protected in the wilderness for the entire 1260 day reign of antichrist. "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days,**" that is, through the entire reign of antichrist. Neither Iran nor any other force will ever destroy Israel. God will use all these enemy forces "against" her for a time, but their efforts will only serve to eventually drive the nation as whole to bow before Jesus and eventually accept Him as their Messiah. Such a scenario will take place for this choice nation and at the end of the tribulation period, they will become the head and not the tail of the nations and will lead all other nations during the Millennium to understand God and His Ways.

The good news for those longing for Jesus to come is that Paul's letter to the Church at Thessalonica strongly suggests that a time of "peace and safety" will occur just prior to Jesus' coming for His Bride. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Thess. 5:3 It has been previously reported in these pages that the Thessalonians were a tremendously elite group who were indeed watching for Jesus to come in their own lifetime. Paul clearly informed this same company: "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." I Thess. 5:1-2

They well knew the "...times and the seasons..." or the signs which would prevail at Jesus' second coming, but it seems from the text here that Paul added a new one with the little word "For..." He then informed them that "...when they say peace and safety, then cometh sudden destruction," indicating that such a scenario would be manifest BEFORE Jesus would come for them and before the 7 year week of tribulation would ensue. This entire world is on the verge of "nightfall," that is the night of tribulation. It is also a time when many Christians are asleep even as Paul warned these saints "...let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." I Thess. 5:6 Some might think that these "...others..." are sinners, but that cannot be. Sinners are "...dead in trespasses and sins..." Eph. 2:1 Only believers sleep. Therefore, Paul once again counsels, "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, (of the great tribulation) but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." I Thess. 5:8-11 7

Let us repeat: President Trump is "God's man of the hour." Therefore, it is imperative for all believers to rally behind him and in view of this "peace and safety" issue pray earnestly that he will be able to complete his desire. It is to our great advantage for these peace deals to prosper, because surely these events unfolding before us are indeed great proofs of the fact that Jesus is even now at the door! Is it not also rather intriguing that when the disciples asked Jesus "...what shall be the sign of thy coming?" His first reply was "Take heed that no man deceive you..." We must not allow ourselves to be deceived in regard to the false reports surrounding Pres. Trump's "BBB."

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

Louis A. Jacobsen

(Written in 1968)

"WE, WILL DESTROY THEM ... WE WILL DRIVE THEM INTO THE SEA"

These were the boastful words of the Cairo Radio Station as monitored in Israel and other nations.

Little did Nasser of Egypt realize that, in his effort to destroy the Jews, he was undertaking an "impossible" task.

Before Nasser could ever hope to destroy the Jews, he must destroy the ordinances of the sun, moon, and stars and plunge the world into darkness and blackness; destroy the solar system and then Nasser could have destroyed the Jews. But until then, and not before, can the Jews ever be destroyed as a race. The Word of God says:

8 "Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is His Name: If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever. Thus saith the Lord; If Heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord" Jer. 31:35-37).

If Nasser had been aware of these words of the eternal God before undertaking his military blunder of Jew-extermination, he then would have known the utter futility of his task.

Who is the man or superman or arrogant dictator who can frustrate God's power to hold the universe together? Can impotent man tear the sun, moon, and stars out of the heavens? Can a Pharaoh, a Hitler, a Nasser or any finite man plunge the world into total darkness and wreck God's solar system? Can man in his vain arrogance and pride fly the airways of Heaven and measure it? Can any mere human being probe into the foundations of the earth? If a Nasser or any man can do all this and succeed in it, then he can accomplish his evil purpose and plan of Jew-extermination.

Oh, the sheer folly of evil man to put his puny insignificant mind against the God that sitteth in the heavens and holds him to derision and scorn. God has promised to bless, preserve, and protect the Jew. The nation or individual who seeks, as Nasser, Hitler, and his Nazi followers, to exterminate the Jew is treading on very dangerous ground.

For this is what the God of Heaven and earth says: "And I will bless them that bless thee (Abram's seed the Jews), and curse him that curseth thee." Gen. 12:3

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts ... he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of His eye." [Zech, 2:8. See Deut. 32:10].

"Behold, I will undo all that afflict thee" (Zeph. ,3:19).

Can we not see the hand of God in delivering the Jews from Nasser and his Arabian allies? Hemmed in on all sides - North, South, and East - by an overwhelming army with superior numbers in tanks, planes, and rockets, the Jews rallied with patriotic zeal and fervor. Men and women drove the enemy in flight before them, knocking out their air fields, destroying innumerable planes on the ground and hundreds of tanks. In approximately two and a half days the Jews were in complete control, the Arabs ignominiously defeated. I believe that God had His hand in this overwhelming victory for the Jews. The Jewish prophetic clock is beginning to run again. It is God's time, in the near future, to reveal Himself as Israel's true and only GOD. 9

No individual or nation or allied nations can ever destroy the Jews. Nations of antiquity have vainly sought to exterminate the Jew and have been humiliated in their futile attempts.

Authenticated news reports from Russia indicate that there is any increased tempo of anti-Semitic programs initiated against the Jews.

THE JEWS' HOMELAND

The national and natural homeland of the Jew is Palestine. This is the land that God gave to them when He made the covenant with Abram, Isaac, and Jacob. God's Word is settled in Heaven, and He has never failed or will fail to fulfill His Word or promise. Palestine is the geographic, political, and prophetic center of the earth. When the prophets speak of other nations, it is always in

relation to Israel and the land of Palestine.

BUT GOD is behind this frantic feverish desire of the Jew to go back to Palestine. It is His time NOW to fulfill His promise and give this land back to the Jew, to whom it was given unconditionally almost four thousand years ago when God promised the land to Abram and his seed "forever;" ••• Unto thy seed will I give this land." Gen.12:7 This promise was NEVER abrogated by God. It is just as true today as when uttered by God ages ago. God NEVER can and NEVER will go back on His Word. Centuries and millennia, may intervene before final fulfillment of some of His promises; but fulfilled they WILL BE. "The Word of the Lord endureth for ever." I Pet. 1:25

PARTITION OF LAND A PROPHECY NOW FULFILLED

10 We have witnessed the- fulfillment of this age-old prophecy: "...and PARTED MY LAND." Joel 3:2 This prophecy (latter part of verse), uttered by the prophet Joel approximately 800 B.C., has been fulfilled in the year of our Lord 1947, or 2747 years later, The first part of this verse, the gathering of the nations for judgment is still future. What a thrill it gives to every Christian's heart to SEE this prophecy fulfilled before our very eyes. THIS and the Jewish trek to Palestine are sure signposts that the Lord is even now on the threshold.

However, partitioning the land is not God's plan for the Jews. Egypt's dictator, Nasser, may seek to oust the Jews from the land; but neither he nor his allies will ever succeed.

God says the land is His. "Oh, the land is Mine." Lev. 25:23 It can never be given away nor sold by anyone. This land belongs to God, and He has given it irrevocably to the Jews. Read carefully God's promises to the Jews, and the covenant He made with Abram and to his seed forever after.

The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land IS Mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me." Lev. 25:23

"And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him." Gen. 12:7

"And I will establish My covenant. between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting

covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Gen. 17:7,8

At this writing, the Jews are in possession of the entirety of Jerusalem. The wall that separated the Jews from the old wailing wall (the temple) has been knocked out by heavy dozers. The Jews declare that they intend to keep the entire city of Jerusalem. Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and other Arab nations are doing their utmost, appealing to the United Nations, to oust the Jews from this area of Jerusalem. We are living in historic and momentous days. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Is this God's time to deliver all of Palestine into the hands of the Jews? Only God knows the answer to this question. Well-meaning Bible teachers may say this is the time or this is not the time. But only God knows if this is His time to deliver the holy city into Jewish hands. "No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." II Pet. 1:20

Jesus, when on earth, said: "...Jerusalem shall be trodden **11**
down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."
Lk. 21:24

THE JEW A THREEFOLD MIRACLE

The Bible predicts Jewish preservation, assimilated by the nations; the Jewish national revival; and their return to their own land.

This has been predicted by God in order that His Name may be magnified and sanctified in His earthly people before the nations of the earth.

Therefore, my dearly beloved in the LORD, when you see a Jew think kindly of him and utter a prayer for his conversion to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that his eyes may be opened to see the Christ of God as the suffering Messiah-Redeemer; pictured for us in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53.

Remember Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have, done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40

THE JEW - PROOF OF THE BIBLE'S INSPIRATION

The Jew is indeed an unanswerable proof of the Bible's Divine Inspiration.

A chaplain, when asked by Frederick the Great to give proof in one word of the inspiration of the Bible, replied, "Israel, your Majesty."

ISRAEL'S GLORIOUS FUTURE

Israel has a glorious future in store when God plants them again in their own land, Palestine.

God said, "Unto thy seed will I GIVE this land." Gen. 12:7; Deut. 4:20,21

"And I will bring again the captivity of My people of Israel and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God." Amos 9:14,15

12 Christians, keep your eye on the Jew in these closing days of the dispensation of grace. Israel has been well called God's Sun Dial. The Jew is God's unerring timepiece.

THE JEW, A BLESSING

The suffering Jew, the hated despised Jew, will in the future become a blessing and benediction to mankind and the nations of earth.

Indeed, the Gentile of the future day will feel it a privilege and blessing to befriend the Jew.

"...as ye were a curse among the heathen (Gentile nations) "...ye shall be a blessing" Zech. 8:13

Can you picture the popularity of the Jew of tomorrow in God's program, when He uses the Jews to bless the Gentiles who have so sorely mistreated them? This is surely returning good for evil, and thus fulfilling God's will and command.

"Thus saith the LORD of HOSTS: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that

God is with you." Zech. 8:23

JEW-HATE IS SATAN'S WORK OF DARKNESS

If you, my Reader, are inclined to hate the Jew, may I warn you on the authority of God's Eternal Word that you are treading on dangerous ground. Hatred may be found in the darkened heart of the unbeliever, but NEVER in the heart of the true believer who loves His Lord and seeks to live Christ daily. "For to me to live is Christ ... " Phil. 1:21 "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in DARKNESS, we LIE and do NOT THE TRUTH." I Jo. 1:6

JEW-HATE BRINGS GOD'S JUDGMENT

As Haman was hanged upon the cross he built for Mordecai, so Hitler found his Waterloo to be the Jew. Great nations of antiquity, Babylon and Egypt, have either ceased to exist as a nation (Babylon) or have become an inferior nation (Egypt) because of their persecution and evil dealings with the Jews. God pronounces woes upon the individual or the nations that deal treacherously and vindictively with His earthly people, the Jews.

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"Behold I will undo all that afflict thee." Zeph. 3:19

"...all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord." Jer. 2:3 (Read Ezek. 25:1-17)

God does and always will have the last word.

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will BLESS them that BLESS thee, and CURSE him that CURSETH thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:2,3

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psa. 122:6

- * Happiness multiplies as we divide it with others.
- * We should step on our stumbling stones instead of falling over them.

Draw Me

Mildred Bond

“And I, if I be lifted from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” – John 12:33.

There is a constant drawing to Christ. He says, “He will draw all men.” To those who have yielded their all to His calling are now the sons of God. The walk down the pathway of life becomes sweeter each day because you have been drawn unto Him.

When we are fascinated by some interesting object, we become drawn to it, we examine it, read about it and study until it becomes a part of us. As a youngster watches an artist paint beautiful pictures on a clean sheet and sees the paint making objects, [suggest a period after “object” and new sentence “He then becomes...”] he becomes fascinated by it, and will try to do the same thing with his young hands until it grows more real to him and he becomes a master artist.

14 There likewise is something fascinating about the story of Christ. We begin to ponder the things that took place the day of the Passover --- why was He taken prisoner in the garden, --- why taken to Pilates hall, --- why was His back beaten with many strips, --- why spat upon, --- why the robe of mockery, --- why the crown of thorns, --- why did He bleed and die? As these questions are on our minds and hearts it begins to grow on us until we must know the answers. As we study and read and reread, listening to the story it becomes a part of us. It draws us to Him. “I will draw all men unto me” – yes, everyone who will listen will be drawn unto Christ. It is precious to see men and women drawn unto Christ in the closing days of this dispensation.

“The Lord hath appeared unto me saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee.” Jer. 31:3. With an everlasting love, a never-failing love, a present and future love has Christ drawn us that we might be close to Him, talk and walk with Him hourly. When we love we are kind. Christ draws with a loving kindness, and places His arms about us and hushes the cry and dries the tears from our eyes. He draws us closer to Himself and places His arms about us and hushes the cries and dries the tears from our eyes. He draws us closer to Himself and wraps us in His loving kindness. “Let us draw near with a true heart in full

assurance of faith." Heb. 10:22.

As Christ draws us and enfolds us, let us surrender, not doubting but with full assurance in Him. It hurts when those whom we love do not trust us when we do all we can to love and help them, so in like manner it grieves our Master when we do not trust Him fully. Remember He gave Himself for us. Let us draw close to Him in full assurance of faith. Jesus never fails.

With much thanksgiving and praise let us be grateful to God, and as the writer of the Songs of Solomon says in 1:4 "Draw me, we will run after thee" – because of the Saviour of the great ointments of His name, therefore do we love Him.

Lay aside every weight, loose every fetter to run after Christ – draw near unto Him through much prayer – scripture reading and testimony. Stand fast for the Gospel and spread the good news everywhere you go, brighten every corner with the light of the Gospel of Christ. Seek Him in the night time and in the early morning hours, call upon Him and He will show you great and mighty things. Thou knowest not Him? Open your hearts unto Him and search, listen for the voice of my beloved, His voice is soft, kind and loving – be still and listen – there is much for you to do.

15

Jesus says in Luke 11:9, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." "But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works." Psa. 73:28.

Some refuse the strong conviction and turn their backs, but nevertheless they will be drawn into judgment. Read Rev. 20:12.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I know not when He sends the word
That tells me fervent prayer is heard.

I know it cometh soon or late -
My part is but to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.

I leave all care with Him above,
Whose will is always one of love.

Anon

They Know Their God
Mary M. Bodie

"But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" - Daniel 11:32.

Here is a marvelous verse of Scripture. It is found in strange surroundings. Up to this point in the chapter, we read of great things. Kings and armies, one against another, with their conquests, are shown to us. In fact, the whole book of Daniel is of such a character, generally speaking. Empires rise and fall. Visions and dreams of far-reaching importance occupy our attention. A veritable pageant of world dominions passes across the stage; then out of the great drama, as it were, we read these words which seem to have fallen here by chance - for men to do things. According to the natural, they are the failures of earth, the visionary dreamers, who never get anywhere nor do anything. They leave no footprints on the sands of time. They are in the discard when it comes to world business, politics, or government. None of them become the dictators or presidents of the nations. They are not even recognized by world autocrats nor brain trusts.

16 And yet, that small despised company move out and on with some secret vital force that is invincible. They have an energy for surmounting difficulties and getting over hindrances, a buoyant cheerfulness in the face of apparent disaster and certain destruction, that is unusual and phenomenal and wholly beyond the natural mind to comprehend. "What is their secret?" we might well ask. I answer -

THEY KNOW THEIR GOD

That is the secret. It is a mighty potent force. They know Him as the Creator, the Maker of the universe. the powerful God. They know Him as the Omniscient One, all-wise, and all-sufficient. They know Him as Sovereign in His power, in executive authority, in supremacy; not only in the heavens and on earth, over nations and individuals, in purpose, plan, and execution of His will, but as Sovereign over their individual lives. Here is the knowledge which is invincible. It. makes the fact of their relationship to the Infinite a reality. They know that they have been brought into vital union with Him through the death and resurrection of Christ. They learn this in the Scriptures and make use of the knowledge. By faith in their relationship to God, they who know Him, release the power that is in Him. Thus they develop spiritual muscle, and take on divine life and power which make them strong. They do exploits. They perform the

impossible. The supernatural becomes increasingly easy for them. They stagger not at the promises. They know their God.

Someone asks, "Where are those people today? What great things are they doing? I would like to see them and view their exploits." Well, they are all around. They may be in the families of those who are questioning. It is not at all impossible. They are the overcoming Christians; but they are so few and so commonplace that they are generally unnoticed. Isolated, despised, unknown, they go their way. The world does not seem aware of their existence: but they are well-known to God. They know Him, even if they do not know the great ones of the earth. They realize more and more what a great heritage is theirs by being brought into association with God in a heavenly realm of life.

Such knowledge affords spiritual energy. It lifts their daily toil above the humdrum. They are strong because they know God through His Word. They do exploits. They fight and force the issue against wicked principalities and powers in the heavenlies, powers that would be far too much for them if they did not know their God. They utilize their knowledge and make it effective --- not only in their own lives, but in the lives of others who are overcoming. They may be only a few in number here, there, and everywhere; but they are "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing" - II Corinthians 10:4,5. By association with Christ, they are kings in a great realm of life. 17

These overcomers know that God is faithful and doeth all things well. He is righteous and He will reward them even as they deserve. They will receive exactly what is due them. But even if there were no reward over yonder, they who know their God would be the same and do the same. They feel so insignificant in themselves; and the best that they do seems so little, that they are ashamed to talk about it. Nevertheless, God calls their doings "EXPLOITS;" but they do not feel that way about them. Those who keep their bodies in the death state by reckoning with God (Rom. 6:11) are truly doing something great in His eyes. They are overcoming vast spiritual dynasties, fighting battles unseen; and they will be manifested among the worthies of faith, whose names are inscribed upon God's Honor Roll. This will be written of them: **THEY KNEW THEIR GOD.**

REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

...From the Editor

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” Rom. 8:31

18 These words are very familiar and rather powerful to most believers. However, they become even more meaningful when we put them in context with Paul’s assertion of God’s goodness throughout this entire chapter. The first benefit, for example, is “...no condemnation...” followed immediately by “...Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” Verse 26 promises that “...the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:” and then comes the age-old favorite among God’s people, “...all things work together for good to them that love God...” V. 28 Thus, Paul concludes in view of all “...these things...If God be for us (and He is) who can be against us?” The only answer to this question would be “Absolutely no one!” Satan and all his host cannot infringe on what God has promised.

However, it must also be understood that Rom. 8:28 is highly qualified and men must measure up to certain requirements in order to receive the full benefit provided.

Consider the exact wording of this verse: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” There are two specific stipulations here. One, the promise is to “...them that love God...” Two, it is to “...them who are the called according to his purpose.” This simply means that one must love God pre-eminently to the point of total submission to Him. He must be close enough to Him in order to first HEAR the call, and then be saturated with love for God to complete the mission. The result is that God now has a wide open path to literally make “...all things work together for good...”

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The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

The Doors

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There are three doors which you must pass through in the Tabernacle to reach the Holy of Holies. They all represent Christ and His different aspects in our spiritual growth, starting from initial salvation all the way to bridehood, the deepest place of communion which we can experience with Him. In John 14:6 Jesus proclaims, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." I would like to compare these three titles of Jesus in this verse to those three doors.

The first door is the gate of the court, which is described in Ex. 27:16. This gate separates the court of the Tabernacle from the outside world, from those that need salvation. It is the only entrance to the court, and everyone must pass through this gate. This gate is the way, the only way. It is a type of Christ as the Door of Salvation, as He declared Himself to be in John 10:9: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..."

This gate was not locked. It was not made of bars of steel. It was a beautiful cloth hanging fabricated of fine twined linen wrought with needlework, and blue, purple and scarlet. It was twenty cubits long and was hung on four pillars that were five cubits apart. Four is the number of the world (four corners of the earth) and signifies that this gate is available for all who recognize their need of salvation. Five is the number of grace, which portrays the fact that salvation is by grace alone and not by our works. The work of salvation was accomplished for us by Christ when He died on Calvary. Our part is to believe and to enter in through the Door.

The first object which is encountered as one passes through the gate of the court is the Altar of Burnt Offering, which is a spiritual picture of Christ who offered Himself as a sacrifice for us. Jesus is the only way to God, through His death on the cross. Jesus said plainly in John 14:6, "... no man cometh unto the Father but by me." We cannot approach God's presence in the Holy of Holies except by first entering through the Door of Salvation at the gate of the court.

Our journey through the courtyard takes us past the Laver of Brass where we must cleanse our hands and feet in the waters of God's Word before entering the next door: the door of the tent. Only the priests could enter through this door. This door is the passageway into the Holy Place, the place of worship, praise, and priestly ministry.

This door is described in Ex. 26:36: "And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework." The hanging for this door is the same in appearance as the one used for the gate of the court. It is hung on five pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold, which picture Christ as the God-Man (humanity combined with deity). The number five again speaks of God's grace.

20 This door shows Christ as the Truth. In John 1:14 we read that "...the Word was made flesh, and dwelt [tabernacled] among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The Word, of course, was Jesus Himself who tabernacled among us in a tent of flesh. He was the very truth of God's Word in human form.

John chapter four records the story of the woman at the well whose thirst was quenched when she met Jesus face to face and drank freely of the living water which He offered to her. In v. 24 He spoke these words to her concerning true worship: "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Not all worship is done in truth. We cannot worship the Father apart from His Son, who is the Truth.

Straight ahead, after entering the door of the tent, was the Altar of Incense. This altar sat in front of the inner Vail. It was used to burn the Holy Incense morning and night. The smoke of the incense ascended upward toward heaven. It also penetrated past the Vail into the Holy of Holies. Only the priests could offer incense. This incense represented worship and intercessory prayer. Spiritually it pictured Christ as our High Priest interceding for us.

Our prayers are likened unto incense by David in his prayer in Psalm 141:2: "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice." In

Rev. 5:8 we read that the living creatures and elders fall down before the Lamb in heaven and worship Him: "... having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, [incense], which are the prayers of the saints."

According to John in Rev. 1:5-6, we have been given a priestly ministry if we choose to accept it: "... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God..."

Also, in the Holy Place we encounter the Golden Lampstand and the Table of Shewbread. Both of these represented Christ as the Truth. One of the duties of the priest was to fill the lamps with oil and trim the wicks to keep the light burning brightly. It provided the only light with which to minister, since there were no windows in the Tabernacle. The light is Christ in us who enables us to minister and not walk in darkness. Christ is the main stem of the Candlestick, and we are the branches. He is the True Light that came into this world.

The Shewbread is the True Bread from heaven. The priests enjoyed fellowshiping around the table as they ate the bread each week when fresh bread was placed on the table of Shewbread. The bread strengthened them. As believer-priests, we, too, can feed upon our risen Lord and commune with Him and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. **21**

The third door, the inner Vail, was also made of blue, purple and scarlet and fine twined linen with needlework, but in addition it was embroidered with heavenly cherubims. This was a special door which could only be entered by the High Priest once a year on the Day of Atonement, when he placed the blood of the sin offering on the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies. This door would represent Christ as the Life because, according to Scripture, "the life of the flesh is in the blood." Lev. 17:11. It was His blood that brought life to us.

Paul declares in Heb. 9:11-12 that Christ as our High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies with his own blood: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands .Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once

into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” He gave His life to give us eternal life.

At the time of Christ’s death, the Veil was torn in half (Luke 15:37-38) by God’s hand, signifying that the way into the Holy of Holies, into God’s presence, had been opened for us to enter.

Paul explains this for us in Heb. 10:9-20: “Having therefore, brethren, boldness, to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” Jesus’ blood has forever opened up the way for us to come boldly into the presence of God. It is a new way, it is a living way, because Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Oh, how glorious it is to be able to enter into his presence day or night with any need which we may have, or to simply worship Him and adore Him, or to allow Him to speak whispers of love to our hearts.

The Coverings

22 There were four coverings on top of the Tabernacle building. These are described in Exodus 26: 1-14. The first covering was composed of curtains of fine twined linen. Then came the curtains of goats’ hair. Above these were rams’ skins dyed red, and lastly, a covering of badgers’ skins. Each of these had a spiritual meaning which we will discuss separately.

In v. 1 we read that Moses was instructed to make “...ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.” These ten linen curtains would therefore form the beautiful ceiling of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. They would only be seen by the priests who ministered in the Tabernacle, and not by the outside world. The colors in these curtains have the same significance as in the other curtains which we have studied, but in this instance the fine twined linen is mentioned first instead of last, indicating that it is the most prominent.

The white fine linen speaks of the righteousness of Christ, and also of the righteousness of Christ in us. In Rev. 19:8 we read that the bride of Christ will be “arrayed in fine linen, clean and white.” The rest of that verse reveals to us the true significance of that linen: “... for the fine linen is the righteousness (righteous

acts) of saints.” These righteous acts are performed by the life of Christ in us; they are not self-works. They bring glory to God, not to us.

The blue, purple and scarlet colors were used for embroidering the cherubim upon the white linen curtains. As stated previously, the blue represents the heavenly character of Christ as the Son of God. The purple refers to His royalty, for Christ is King of kings. Scarlet is typical of the blood of Christ as our sacrifice on Calvary.

When the priests in the Tabernacle looked upward at the ceiling, they could see the outstretched wings of the cherubim over their heads. Perhaps David was referring to this in Psalm 61: 4 when he said, “I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings,” and also in Ps 17:8: “... hide me under the shadow of thy wings.”

The cherubim overhead on the linen curtains could represent full overcomers in the heavenly places with Christ, as in Eph. 2:6: “And he hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” They could also represent the ministering angels which God sends to watch over us.

There were ten linen curtains total, but they were coupled together in two groups of five according to Ex. 26:3. As previously mentioned, five is the number of grace. This would indicate a double portion of grace. God’s grace is always sufficient. Verse 6 tells us that these two groups of five curtains were united together with taches of gold. These gold couplings united them together to make one. Everything in the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was either made of gold or overlaid with gold, which speaks of the deity of Christ and shows the riches of God’s grace.

The second covering of the Tabernacle was curtains made of goats’ hair, as we read in Ex. 26:7: “And thou shalt make curtains of goats’ hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.” The coverings of goats’ hair has a significant meaning spiritually. The goat was mainly used for a sin offering. On the Day of Atonement, two goats were used: one for the sacrifice and one for the scapegoat to carry the sins away into the wilderness.

Goats' hair was black which is a picture of sin. The goats' hair curtains therefore represent Christ as our sin offering. He who knew no sin was made sin for us (II Cor. 5:21). It should be noted that according to Ex. 26:11-12, these curtains were coupled together with taches of brass, not gold. Brass always speaks of judgment. The judgment for our sins was poured out on Christ on Calvary.

In Ex. 35:26 we find that these goats' hair curtains were spun by the women, which points to the fact that Christ is called the "seed of the woman." It was prophesied in Gen. 3:15 that the seed of the woman (Christ) would bruise the head of the serpent (Satan). That was the first promise of a redeemer, which was fulfilled when Christ died on the cross.

The goats' hair curtains completely covered the linen curtains, as they were long enough to reach the ground.

24 On top of the linen and goats' hair curtains were two more coverings. These are mentioned in Ex. 26:14: "And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins." The main purpose of these would have been to hold the curtains in place and to provide water proofing, but they both have a spiritual meaning.

The ram was the sacrifice used at the consecration of the priests (Ex. 29). In addition, we learn from Gen. 22 that it was a ram that took the place of Isaac when God told Abraham to offer up his son as a burnt offering. Isaac was bound up on the altar, and Abraham had the knife raised to slay him, but then he heard the voice of an angel telling him to do his son no harm. Verse 13 then declares, "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

That ram was a spiritual type of Christ, our Substitute, who was caught in the thicket of God's will as He offered Himself up for us. The rams' skin covering was dyed red, which represented the blood of Jesus that was shed for the remission of our sins.

According to the KJV, the outer covering was made of badgers' skins, but this is apparently a mistranslation of the Hebrew word "tachesh." The badger is an unclean animal, and nothing

unclean could have been used in the making of the Tabernacle. Other translations call these seal, dolphin or porpoise skins. However, these are also unclean animals. The best information that I have found relating to the word "tachesh" is that it probably indicated the color of the skins and not the kind of animal. These could, therefore, actually be rams' skins dyed a dark color (dark blue or violet is suggested). At any rate, the skins would have to be from a clean animal. No consensus exists regarding the meaning of the word "tachesh", and no actual dimensions are given of these last two coverings.

In summary, the beautiful embroidered linen curtains which formed the ceiling of the Tabernacle were on the inside. The other coverings completely hid the inner beauty and glory which only the priests were able to enjoy. The dark outer covering would likely represent Christ as He appeared to men while He was here on the earth, as described in Isa. 53:2-3: "...there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men...we hid, as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not [as nothing]." But to those who entered into the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, He would be seen as the Shulamite in S.O.S. 5:16 described Him: "...he is altogether lovely..."

Jesus is Coming

Jesus is coming,
He's coming, I know--
Coming for those
Who are longing to go
Way up to heaven
To live with Him there.
He's coming with glory
That is debonair

We don't know the hour,
We don't know the day
But we know He is coming
To to take us away.
Come, dear Lord Jesus,
Come quickly I pray!

Beulah Clark

A LIFE OF FAITH

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“AND GOD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT IN THE EARTH .. AND THE LORD SAID, I WILL DESTROY MAN WHOM I HAVE CREATED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH “. BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD ... NOAH WAS A JUST MAN AND PERFECT IN HIS GENERATIONS, AND NOAH WALKED WITH GOD .. AND GOD SAID UNTO NOAH, THE END OF ALL FLESH IS COME BEFORE ME .. , MAKE THEE AN ARK OF GOPHER WOOD; ROOMS SHALT THOU MAKE IN THE ARK, AND SHALT PITCH IT WITHIN AND WITHOUT WITH PITCH ... AND, BEHOLD, I, EVEN I, DO BRING A FLOOD OF WATERS UPON THE EARTH, TO DESTROY ALL FLESH ... AND EVERY THING THAT IS IN THE EARTH SHALL DIE THUS DID NOAH; ACCORDING TO ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM, SO DID HE.”

26 The above extracts from Genesis six give us some idea of how God enabled Noah to live by faith. First of all, only to those who walk with Him does He give the privilege of living by faith and not by the sight of human reasoning. God gave Noah full instructions as to how to build the ark. He is always kind to His people. When He wants them to do anything, He gives them the wisdom necessary to carry out His will. Noah was obedient and started to build the ark. The Lord helped him and sent him all the materials he required. The devil probably came along and said, “Has God told you to build an ark, saying that He will send a flood? Do not believe Him. Look at the fine weather we are having. All the people will laugh at you. Why build a great vessel on dry land? Do not believe that He will send rain enough to drown the whole world and make that ark swim.” But Noah had faith in God, and went on building the ark for one hundred years. Genesis 5:32; 7:11; 9:28,29.

While he was building, God still walked and talked with him. He also had many open air meetings. Almost every day, some people came by and asked him what he was doing. Then he took the joyful chance of telling them that soon a flood was coming, for God had told him so; and that he was making an ark big enough for any of them, if they cared to come into it. Many of them laughed him to scorn, and all passed on their way. Some thought, “If it starts to rain and looks like we might be drowned, I can get there quickly. If it is necessary, I can offer

Noah some money to let me in; for money will buy anything." But they made a serious mistake that time; for God was in charge. What He was offering "without money and without price,..." Even safety in the ark, could not be bought with all the gold and silver in the world. Neither can salvation today, nor safety in Christ, be bought with money. The Lord shut in Noah and all that went into the ark, seven days before the flood. So those who came panting after the rain had begun to fall, found the door shut; and neither man, nor Satan could open it. Their pleadings to him to open the door were too late. They had had one hundred years to decide to go in; but God had closed the door.

While the shipbuilder was busy at work, many types of people passed by. In their worldly wisdom and unbelief, some reasoned with Him. The devil thought that if he himself could not move Noah, he might cast him down from his faith in God through the people.

Said the scientist, "Never will enough water fall to lift that great vessel, and you will never be able to get sevens and twos of all animals and birds into it. It is scientifically impossible for one man to catch all those ferocious beasts and birds, and house and feed them. Why, the first lion he pursues will eat him." But the record says, "There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah" Genesis 7:9.

The astronomers said, "Be not so ridiculous, Noah. Such a thing has never happened, and it will not now. See how fine the weather is, and the barometer is going up. Oh, no; it will not rain. The forecast is fine and dry." But the Word declares, "The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of Heaven were opened." Praise the Lord! His Word always comes true. Just Noah lived by faith in the living God, and was safe inside the ark; while those outside, who thought God a myth and went by the barometer, were drowned instruments and all.

A doctor came along and thought to put Noah into an asylum for religious mania. Praise God for his mania of faith. Would that all the saints were infected with it. As Moses exclaimed, "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets." Num. 11:29 The shipbuilder was saved, but the doctors and the asylums and all their inmates perished in the waters. Who was the lunatic --- the believer, or the unbeliever?

A business man passing by stopped to hear what Noah was preaching. He had heard about him. Now Satan insidiously whispered that he was wasting time listening to a man who was not quite right in his mind. He had better get back to business and go on piling up money;

for money was his god. Besides, he wanted to erect a mansion, educate his children, and get to himself a great name. Hence, off he hastened. But when the flood came, his business, his money, and his well cared for children, were seen no more.

A drunkard came along and exclaimed, "What a waste of good money in buying all that timber." What a lot of sparkling drink he could buy, and sing and be happy and make merry with his friends. Soon he had more drink than he wanted, and was drowned in the waters of the flood; and all the cursed drink was destroyed.

But from the Word of God, we know that His man went on building and preaching, by which he condemned the world. By faith in God, he finished the ark. As it is written, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." That is the way the Lord wants us to do that the same thing may be said of us. We should obey God as Noah did; that is, do exactly what He bids us to do, not considering what others may think as is so common to the human heart. Immediately, in the next chapter, we read that.

28 "The Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation." By the obedience of faith, he pleased the Lord; so that He, the Holy God, called him righteous. Noah had found grace in God's sight, and he believed in that grace, for which faith he was counted righteous. He walked on with God by faith; hence, he was pronounced righteous as to his conduct or walk as well as his standing. His state balanced with his standing. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" and to hearken than the fat of rams," said Samuel to Saul. I Sam. 15:22 Most people like to obey God when it suits them and when it is congenial and fits into their pet plans, which are usually of self. Often folks deceive themselves and try to deceive others, supposing to do the will of God. That is abominable to Him, "...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23 Thus Noah lived a life of faith, and he and all his great flock were carried safely over the flood, while the unbelievers and procrastinators perished.

"Noah opened the window of the ark,..." and removed its covering. Gen. 8:6 He did not jump out and take his own course, but awaited God's command. He went in on schedule time and came out on schedule time. Then we read, "Noah builded an altar unto the Lord and the Lord smelled a sweet savor." Oh yes, it was a sweet savor of Christ unto Him; because Noah offered a sacrifice to God, looking forward by faith to Calvary. Anything that reminds God of the Cross,

where Jesus bled, is very precious to Him and a sweet savor. Thus, Noah showed that he stood not in his own righteousness but, by faith, in God's righteousness. His faith "was counted unto him for righteousness, even as with Abraham. So it is with all today who believe in Christ's death. Their faith is counted to them for righteousness.

The great time of "trouble is Soon coming upon the earth. Rev. 3:10h God is saying, "Come thou and all thy house into the Ark," the Lord Jesus Christ. Soon the flood of God's fierce wrath will fall. Where will you be, Oh Reader, inside or outside the Ark of safety? Will you be among the scoffers, procrastinators, and unbelievers? Will you be among those who are eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling, as Jesus said in Mt. 24:37-39 and Lk. 17:26,27? These are solemn questions. Now is the time to face and settle them for time and eternity. Tomorrow never comes. God always says, "Now..." "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK"

"Fear not, little flock."
Christ journeyed alone,
From heaven to earth—
And cross to the throne.

"Fear not, little flock."
He went up above
To represent there
All the sons of His love.

"Fear not, little flock."
Be strong and true.
He's coming again,
His reward with Him too.

Anon

Attitude To Shepherds

Lillian Gruver

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." - I Thess. 5:12,13.

These words of exhortation were written in view of the coming of the Lord, for that is the truth emphasized in this epistle. They were given 10 saints who are examples. Ch. 1:7. An ensample is something to be followed --- a pattern. If this is true then we who are looking for the LORD's return, will surely want to heed the above words of entreaty given to those pattern people. Let us notice also that these exhortations are the first of twenty given in this chapter. This fact shows us that our attitude toward our leaders is an important part of our qualification for the first rank trip to glory. How, then, can we treat them lightly?

The word "know" means to be recognized, to be acquainted with. We recognize those whom God has set over us in the Lord, **30** by their labor among us. They preach the Word, pray for the sick and encourage the fainthearted and comfort those in sorrow. Sometimes it is necessary for them to admonish, correct one by the Word of God: but always they seek the good of all the people. As we become better acquainted with them, we find that the dear Apostle Paul is their example; and they follow him as he followed Christ. In doing so, they are ensamples to their flocks today, not lording it over God's heritage; but they are put in front as protectors, while feeding them on the pure Word of God.

Paul says, "Esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake:" Yes, when we appreciate the value of their work, we have the deepest regard for them and honor them in their places. He said also, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Heb. 13:7. In other Words, do not forget them: but pray for them, support them, and encourage them by letting the Word which they preach

work effectually in our lives. We are safe in following their faith: for if we ponder, or look attentively at the results of their conduct, or manner of living, we find that they live by this Gospel which they preach, and God has given them some lasting results, or fruit, in the lives of His people.

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” Heb. 13,17

In this verse we see what a responsible place is given to our Pastors. They watch or keep guard, over our souls; for like Paul, they desire to present every one perfect in Christ Jesus. Therefore we read, “Obey,” or give ear to, and yield yourselves to them; for the Word they preach, if taken in, will get us ready for translation. Yes, and then they can give account with joy. However, if we turn a deaf ear and refuse to yield, and cause them grief, that will be harmful to us. We will cease to be useful here. and will not receive God’s best in glory. Let us seek to be to our leaders, their “hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing.” I Thess. 2:19 **31**

Perfect Sight

Here I see but dimly.
I shall then see face to face
He Who died to save me
By the wonder of His grace.

Now I sometimes wonder
When I do not understand
But he draws me closely to Him
By His gentle, loving hand.

Here I only knew in part.
Then as I am known.
And when the veil is lifted
I shall see Him on His throne.

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Jeremiah Continued

50:42,43,46. "O daughter of Babylon," refers to the end-time. The "king of Babylon," spoke primarily of Belshazzar, and speaks also in the end-time of the anti-Christ. In Daniel 5 we see this prophecy fulfilled.

CHAPTER 51.(The Message Against Babylon concluded)

It seems that Jeremiah 50 refers more to literal Babylon that shall never be rebuilt, and chapter 51 refers more (according to a close study) to mystical Babylon. Compare Rev. 18:4 with Jer. 51:6. Jeremiah and John correspond concerning religious Babylon. For instance:

Jer , 51.7 compares with Rev. 18:6. "Golden cup."

Jer. 51;8 compares with Rev. 18.2.

Jer. 51;13 compares; with Rev. 17;15. Etc.

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Babylon is an organized system. As the tower of Babel was spoiled, also will God spoil mystical Babylon in the end-time. Religious and political Babylon are merging --- both will come together as one --- the woman riding the beast. (Rev. 17). Both are in revolt against God. The nations will be glad for the religious merger. They will receive her with open arms. God's retributive judgment will fall upon religious Babylon thru political Babylon, the ten horns --- ten nations will destroy her. Political Babylon will continue for a short time. Anti-Christ will have his own religion. He will be setting up himself as God. Political Babylon will be destroyed by Jesus Christ at His return.

51:19,20. Israel will be the Lord's "rod,." His "battle axe," and He will break the nations in pieces with them.

51:37. "Babylon shall become heaps. ...without an inhabitant"

51:41. Sheshach refers to anti-Christ, though he was originally a deified Babylonian king.

51:59-64. Jeremiah commanded Seraiah, a quiet prince, to take these words of judgment against Babylon which were written in a book, and to read all these words in Babylon where he would be taken captive. Then he should speak to the Lord concerning it, and bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of Euphrates, even as a sign of Babylon's sinking forever. God gave Jeremiah a vision, an inner sight of eternal things, which made him go on and never turn back, Jeremiah had a hard life, he had to preach to people who did not want to hear it. He may have thought they would listen, but he found they refused to hear. Then he had to prophesy judgment which did come to pass. Jeremiah prophesied also of their restoration.

CHAPTER 52 A Retrospect

52:1,2. King Zedekiah reigned under Nebuchadnezzar over Judah. His mother was the daughter of another Jeremiah. (The prophet Jeremiah was not married). Zedekiah was wicked and was only thirty two years old when he was taken captive. Coniah was the last king in God's will and reckoning.

52:3-11. Through the anger of the Lord, Israel was cast out of their own land. Compare II Kings 24. In the 9th year, the 10th month, and the 10th day of Zedekiah's reign, came Nebuchadnezzar to besiege Jerusalem. He rebelled. The city was besieged until the second year when the city was taken and the defenders fled by night. (Compare Jer 39;1,2) Zedekiah's advisors, that stirred him to rebel, forsook him. Zedekiah fled also. In Riblah, Hamath were his sons slain before him, his eyes put out, and he was carried as a prisoner to Babylon where he died. Compare Ezek.12;13. Ezekiel was taken captive in the second relay.

52:12-27. In the 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar the temple, the king's house, and the houses of Jerusalem were all burned. The great people of Judah were taken captive, and some were slain. The gold, silver, and brass of the temple were taken to Babylon. Belshazzar, the last king of Babylon, defiled the captured vessels of the temple. (Daniel 5).

52:28-30. This describes three deportations of the people of Judah that were taken away; They were taken in the 7th year (V. 28), in the 18th year (V. 29), and in the 23rd year (V. 30) of Nebuchadnezzar--altogether 4600 people. Three Jewish kings reigned during that time. The restoration of Israel will also be in stages.

52:31-34. Nebuchadnezzar's son, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, favored Jehoiachin who reigned three months in Israel.

The present captivity of the Jews began in 70 A.D. (Roman captivity), because they rejected God's Son. They are being restored in relays. "We are living in the end of Gentile times. One war restored partially the land of Palestine to the Jews through the allies. After the end of the second war they will receive more. We are anxiously watching the outcome of this present condition. The third war will finish God's purpose." (Sister Bodie's words in 1940).

Note: Israel became a nation in their homeland in 1948 as a result of the second world war. Blessed be God's Holy Name! The Messiah will appear soon: Hallelujah!

The End

The Other Side

"Behold, a door Was opened in Heaven." Rev. 4:1

This isn't death it's glory
It isn't dark it's light
It isn't stumbling groping,
Or even faith --- it's sight!

This isn't grief, it's having
My last tear wiped away.
It's sunrise, it's the morning
Of my eternal day!

This isn't even praying,
It's speaking face to face;
It's listening. and it's glimpsing
The wonders of His grace.

This isn't the end of pleading
For strength to bear my pain;
Not even pain's dark memory
Will ever live again.

How did I bear the earth life
Before I came up higher,
Before my soul was granted
Its every deep desire,

Before I knew this rapture
Of meeting face to face
That One Who sought me, saved me,
And kept me by His grace!

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