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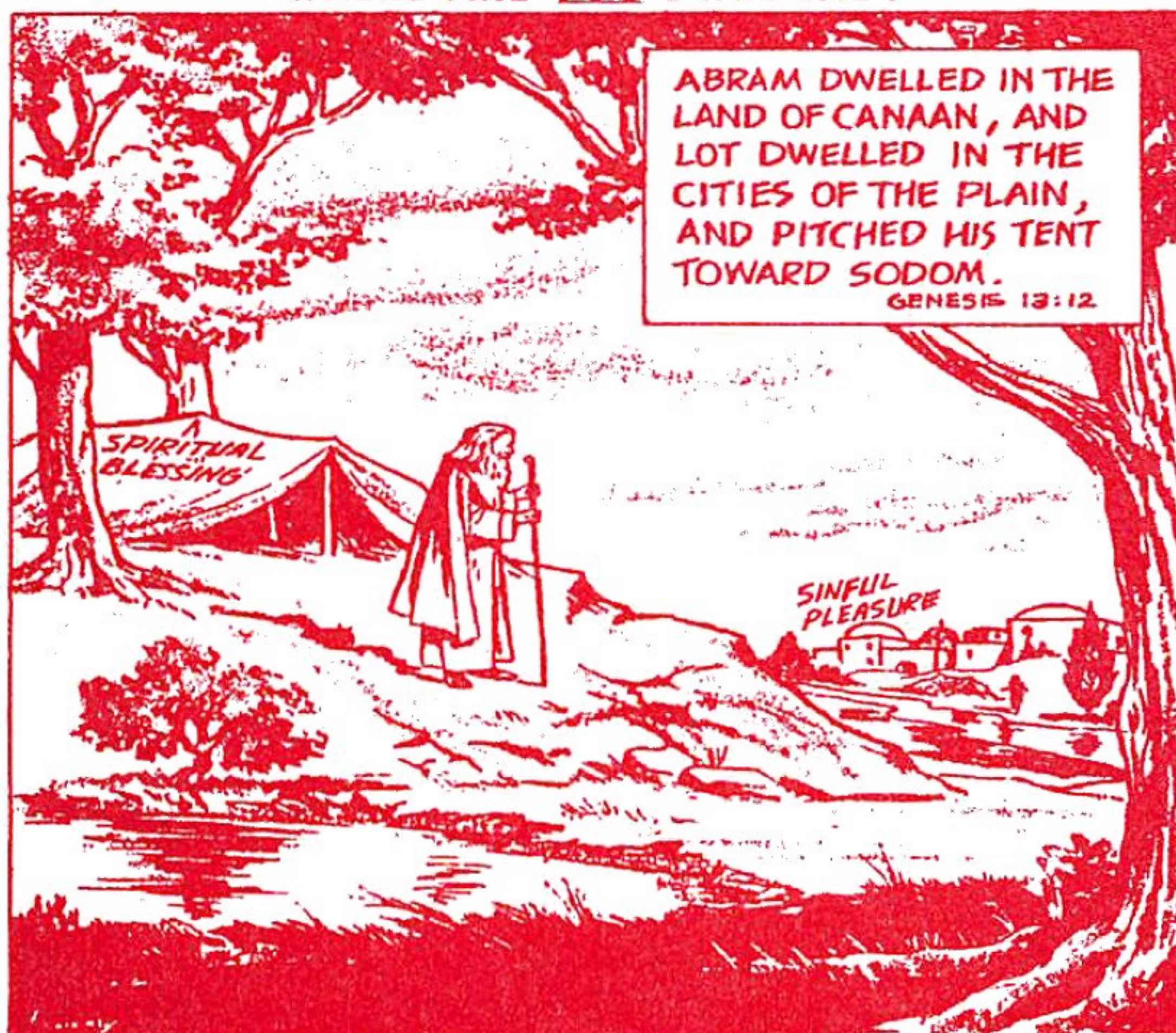
**P**raise ye  
the Lord.  
Sing unto the  
Lord a new  
song, and his  
praise in the  
congregation  
of saints.  
PSALM 149:1



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## WHERE ARE YOU DWELLING?



*"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God"*

*Hebrews 11:8-10*

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**Editor: Gene Hawkins**



“**W**hy do the heathen rage,...? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, ....” Psa. 2:1-2

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, ...And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” Rev. 13:1-2

“And **at that time** shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:... But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book**, even to the time of the end:....” Dan. 12:1&4

It is high time that men realize the book is no longer sealed for “...the time of the end...” has arrived! The explosive action which will take place “...at that time...,” as recorded in this last citation, is a direct reference to the middle of the tribulation week when the antichrist sets up his throne in Jerusalem. This ungodly event is clearly described in the verse immediately preceding this chapter, for he “... shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” Dan. 11:45

Revelation 12 records this same battle between Michael and Satan in graphic detail, wherein “...there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Rev. 12:7-9 We must emphasize that Satan will not be cast out of heaven until the middle of the week, but the “...time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:...” has already begun. John was transported

in spirit to this same period when he "... stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, ... And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard,..." It is imperative that men understand the symbolism recorded in God's Word. The sea is surely significant for our day because Isaiah vividly portrays the wicked as being "... like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Isa. 57:20 These are the same troubled waters from whence the aforementioned end time beast will arise. Daniel also saw this same beast rise up out of the waters because "...the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea." Dan. 7:2 Those same four winds of Satanic evil are most assuredly in evidence around our world today bringing forth tremendous unrest worldwide.

4 Chaotic, uncertain, upheaval, turmoil, and tumultuous are all fitting words to define and describe conditions around the world at this present time. Paul described them as "perilous times," meaning "reducing the strength; difficult, i.e. dangerous, or furious:--fierce," and such adjectives can be applied to every avenue of life on this earth today. The opening text above also asks the question: "Why do the heathen rage,..." or why do they "tumultuously assemble?" We would also emphasize that such raging is directly "...against the LORD, and against his anointed, ...." meaning that all the rebellion manifest at this present time is ultimately leveled against God and His Coming Christ. Make no mistake! No nation on earth today is willing to surrender worldwide control to Jesus!

John also saw a beast rising out of these waters bearing the characteristics of a leopard, a bear, and a lion. It is rather interesting that Daniel saw these same beasts, which describe the first three world empires, but here they are in reverse order. Daniel beheld Nebuchadnezzar's majestic Babylon as the lion. Next he saw the stealthy, deliberate and ferocious bear depicting the Medo-Persian dynasty, followed by the extremely speedy regime of Alexander the Great, who led the Grecian Empire. All of these same characteristics are emerging today, but the order of these beasts in John's vision is no accident, for the defining characteristic of our day is "speed," depicted by the leopard. The entire global march is on "fast forward." Daniel asserted clearly that these last days would be times in which "... many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12:4 The age

of the internet is one factor which has most assuredly produced not only speed but volume of massive information, so much so that news organizations, despite the great multitude of them, simply cannot keep up with breaking news. Thus, it is clearly evident that, in these last days "...knowledge shall be increased."

Speed is also extremely overwhelming to many politicians of our day. One example is found in the unbelievable speed at which things have happened during Pres. Trump's tenure in office, despite the tremendous opposition which he has faced. Historians are astounded by how much has been accomplished after just over 500 days in office.

However, this speed and knowledge is a global phenomenon. The raging waters are also found across the entire globe. We will view them in the remainder of this article as especially pertaining to the political climate among the nations but the earth itself has shown tremendous and exaggerated instability in recent months and years. Weather patterns are so chaotic that former models prove almost irrelevant in trying to predict future storms, and despite the efforts of men to "control global warming," these "Acts of God" are becoming more frequent than ever before. The volcanic activity and underlying earthquake possibilities, as lava seeps up through fissures in the earth in Hawaii, have brought untold devastation and unrest to that island. Guatemala has also experienced devastation, some even likening it to the eruption of Vesuvius which buried Pompeii. Osaka, Japan is cleaning up at this very hour after a 6.1 earthquake hit that country killing four and leaving hundreds injured. This earth is most assuredly demonstrating the "birth pangs" to which Jesus referred as "the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24:8

Global unrest is palpable today as the entire community of humanity seems to be holding its collective breath waiting to see if the summit between Pres. Trump and Kim Jung Un, the Supreme Leader of North Korea, will produce the denuclearization for which it was intended. Mr. Trump was severely criticized for his brash and bombastic rhetoric in regard to "rocket man" after N. Korea launched missiles in an endeavor to show the world that it had the capability of hitting targets as far away as the U.S. Many declared openly that this President was setting the stage for nuclear war. He was then taken to task because he would dare meet with one who has such a history of brutal and inhumane

behavior toward his own people as well as others. Scripture is very plain: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;..." Rev. 2:17 This warning is issued to all seven churches, but the problem is that men of our day simply will neither hear, nor heed, what God's Word declares. If men would pay attention to God's order of Prophecy, they would know that nuclear war will not prevail in this world until AFTER the tribulation has begun and Jesus begins to pour out His judgment beginning in Rev. 6. A nuclear holocaust is graphically described after the seventh seal of judgment is opened, as described in Rev. 8. "The first angel sounded and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. 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.8:7-8. These things will without question come to pass but, they will not happen until well into the tribulation period. Meanwhile all the unrest and chaos of our day will continue as men try in vain to control their environment, and also endeavor to bring men like Kim Jung Un under some kind of control.

We noted in our last issue that the real "peace and safety era" prophesied in scripture will not come until after Jesus takes His throne, but there will most assuredly be certain indications of such tranquility in the days leading up to that final fulfillment. We are in such a time right now and men are most assuredly correct in hoping, some even praying, that this peace agreement with North Korea will come to fruition. Some complain that the agreement itself simply does not go far enough and in no wise contains the specifics for which they search. However, according to a news article from Haaretz.com, Pres. Trump clearly asserted that, "...sanctions will be lifted once we can be sure the nukes are no longer a factor." The clear objective for this summit was to ensure that N. Korea would be totally denuclearized, and various reports are that there will be absolute verification that such a mission will be carried out. John "...stood upon the sand of the sea,..." in Rev. 13:1 depicting the very unstable condition which exists in our world even at this very hour. Not one nation trusts another. It is quite clear that Pres. Trump must be shown that N. Korea has dismantled its nuclear program before he lifts the sanctions, and

he has no intention of removing the protective troops located in S. Korea. It has also been plainly declared that he will not settle for the same “lack of verification” which was so prominent in the “Iran deal.” While China was greatly instrumental in bringing about the summit with North Korea, America well knows that China is more interested in her own welfare than in helping the U.S. The fragile communications between the two leaders may well be tested very quickly if China continues to build up her presence in the S. China Sea. Not only so, but many are much concerned with China’s economic ambitions which have been outlined in the recent “China 2025 Program.” According to Bloomberg News, this is a “...blueprint for transforming the country (China) into an advanced manufacturing economy...The blueprint envisions warp speed expansion and domination into the so-called ‘fourth industrial revolution,’ a catch-all term for the rapid technological progress that’s seen transforming services and professions.” This simply means that China is taking steps to achieve economic domination throughout the entire world. U.S. tariffs would surely present an obstacle to that endeavor.

The recent G-7 meetings also highlighted the **differences** in the nations rather than their common goals as Pres. Trump accused Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau of “stabbing him in the back,” after Mr. Trump left the G-7 meetings early to attend the summit with N. Korea in Singapore. Other G-7 nations are also unhappy with President Trump according to this same article from Haaretz.com. “Trump also criticized the nations in the Group of Seven, claiming the U.S. is being taken advantage of by virtually every member.” Some in the U.S. are screaming that the Pres. is setting the stage for a worldwide trade war, but others would dispute that, claiming that the American economy by itself is greater than that of the other G-7 nations combined.

Iran is another graphic illustration of the widespread instability depicted by the sand of the sea, along with the raging waters stirred into turmoil by the wicked Satanic “... four winds of the heaven.” Once again, the Pres. stirred up the proverbial “hornet’s nest” when he withdrew from the “Iran Nuclear Deal.” Middle East News Source Haaretz.com published this account: “Trump’s pressure on Iran working better than expected, says Israeli intel. Tehran had hoped for high profits from deals with Europe and U.S. companies .... The decision by U.S. President Donald Trump to pull his

country out of the Iran nuclear deal has already wreaked widespread economic damage to Iranians.... Ministers from Great Britain, France, Germany and the European Union sent a letter at the beginning of June to Trump administration cabinet members, in which they asked the United States to exempt energy, aviation and health companies from the secondary American sanctions... According to Israeli intelligence, Iran had hoped to reap sizeable profits from deals with European and American companies during the coming period. However, now the Tehran regime faces abandonment by companies that already signed contracts, in addition to the negotiations with other companies, because of the American move. Thus, internal pressure on the regime, in the form of frequent demonstrations by the opposition in cities across the country, is also coming into play. Most of the demonstrations focus on the cost of living."

8 Iran is probably more of a nuclear threat to the world than N. Korea. We have long thought that this ungodly regime would be the rogue nation of Rev. 8, which would fulfill the above prophecy of nuclear war due to the fact that they are motivated by their unbridled hatred for Israel. Not only so, but their roots stem all the way back to the Persian dynasty, wherein Esther earnestly pled for her people because "...we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish...." Esth. 7:4 The man who had petitioned the king to make this ungodly decree was Haman, and his ilk are surely seen in the leadership of Iran even to this very hour, spewing forth exactly the same venom as "...this wicked Haman." Esth. 7:6

It remains to be seen whether or not the economic pressure on Iran will produce the same effect as it did for N. Korea, and bring them back to the bargaining table in an effort to induce them to cease their own nuclear program. We are confident that scripture will be fulfilled, and thus we know that some nation will most assuredly spark the aforementioned nuclear holocaust. The certainty of the instability and uncertainty, pictured by the sand whereon John stood is here to stay. Men will continue in their faithless and often rebellious efforts to control themselves and others, but to no avail. Nation will rise against nation, all in an effort to achieve supreme authority, and thus this ever changing earthly atmosphere will wax worse and worse.

The fourth beast which Daniel saw in Ch. 7 was unlike any he had ever beheld, "... and it was diverse from all the beasts



that were before it; and it had ten horns....and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots:..." Dan. 7:7-8 Many have searched down through the years for an end time group of 10 nations which would be reduced to 7, knowing that these ten horns or world powers which Daniel saw, would be reduced to the 7 nation beast which John described as rising up out of the waters in Rev. 13. The final seven horns or powers of Dan. 8 would be exactly the same as the seven heads recorded by John. All of them represent the dominant nations of the end time.

We have wondered for some time if perhaps the G-7 nations might be expanded to ten in order to meet this criteria. One major reason for such reasoning is because the primary concern of this coalition is economic, and the whole world knows that the day will come when "...no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. 13:17 President Trump is very vehement at this present time because all these other nations are taking financial advantage of the U.S. Imagine what would happen if one man would gain control of this G-7 coalition with access to the entire world banking system, and then dictate the economy of the whole world. According to the above citation, that is exactly what the antichrist will ultimately accomplish. 9

The president was also severely criticized because he had the audacity to suggest that Russia should be readmitted to the G-7. Putin and his ungodly forces were ousted previously when Russia annexed Crimea, and the reasoning is that they should not be reinstated because of such crimes. Some have also maligned Pres. Trump for his willingness to entertain face-to-face meetings with such cruel dictators as Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin. It is important for all men to look through the prism of God's Word in viewing present world conditions, and scripture is very plain that wicked, ungodly, dictatorial men like Putin and Kim Jong Un, along with leaders of countries such as China, Syria, and Iran, will ultimately comprise that ungodly 7-nation coalition of end time prophecy. Moreover, it will be such a man who assumes total power of this seven headed coalition described above. If such men must come to power in order to hasten the coming of Jesus, then Christians worldwide should add their own hearty "amen" to God's purposes. The sooner these things come to

pass, the more quickly it is that we shall depart for glory!

We must get used to the fact that this little earth ball is unstable in every avenue of life and it is not going to improve, but we need not be controlled, intimidated, or anxious in regard to such a climate. Our promise is as sure now as it has always been. "... The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;... my high tower,...thou savest me from violence." II Sam. 22:2-3 David uttered these words after he had already been delivered from his enemies, but they surely do apply to us in these same days of uncertainty and violence wherein we dwell, at this present time. He also asserted, "I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psa. 16:8 Let us also heed Paul's admonitions, which are so very applicable to our day. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: **and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching....** But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;... and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence,... For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith:...But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul," (Heb 10:25-39) and we would add that, these bodies also will also be delivered to glory. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:..." I Thess. 4:15

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**"I'm going up, up, up, I'm going up  
You cannot hold me here, I'm going up;  
I have left old Satan's train,  
For God's holy aeroplane,  
From sin and death and pain, I'm going up, up, up!"**

**Herbert Buffum**

## **Spiritual Cancer**

**Dr. Vicky Moots**

**A**lmost everyone's life has been touched by cancer, either by a personal experience, a family member or someone you know and love. There were more than 1 1/2 million new cases of cancer diagnosed last year (not including skin cancer) and the number is increasing each year.

If a disease in the natural is that prevalent, then it must have an important spiritual lesson to teach us. The Bible doesn't contain the word "cancer" but Paul does use a similar word with a similar meaning in II Timothy 2. The word to which we refer is "canker," meaning "gangrene" or something that devours and destroys the flesh.

**"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."  
V. 15**

This is our guard against spiritual cancer. If you know the truth and are grounded in the Word, you will not be led astray by error.

**"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker..." V. 17**

What is cancer? In the natural, it is a normal cell that has gone wild and is growing out of control.

We need to understand what a normal cell is like in order to understand the abnormal. There are over 75 trillion cells in the human body. Each one is a living structure by itself, more complex than the city of New York, but they all join together to form one body. Each cell has three basic parts (we are a trinity even at the cellular level because we are created in God's image). Each part represents a person in the Godhead.

An example in the natural that can be seen without a microscope is the egg. It has an outer shell, representing the cell membrane; the white represents the protoplasm; and the yolk the nucleus. The nucleus contains the DNA (genetic material) and controls each cell and its relationship to the other cells and their

growth, representative of God the Father who is Ruler over all things.

The protoplasm (or cytoplasm) is the cellular material between the cell membrane and the nucleus. Its liquid is a complex mixture of nutrients to support cell growth and organelles (little organs), such as the mitochondria and other structures that help provide the energy and do the manufacturing of proteins to maintain the life and growth of the cell. It represents Christ who is our supply (Phil 4:19 "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.")

Lastly, the cell membrane is the outer envelope of the cell that holds everything in its proper place. It contains microscopic "gates" or channels that regulate what enters and exits the cell, such as sodium, potassium and calcium. This is necessary to maintain the electrical charge and the proper ph (acid-base balance) of the cell. It portrays the work of the Holy Spirit in our life.

12 We all began life as a single cell after fertilization took place. The DNA in the nucleus signaled for growth to occur, causing the cells to divide and multiply into many more cells. All cells started out identical and then began the process of differentiation to form different body parts. All the cells in one body have the same DNA and work together and join together to form one body through the influence of that DNA in the nucleus.

In the cell membrane surrounding each cell are factors that tell each cell that it is touching another cell. This is a feedback mechanism to avoid crowding out the other cells. It is called "contact inhibition." Through this factor, each cell feels the presence and need of the other cells and cannot crowd out the other cells, allowing them to only grow at the rate they are supposed to grow, under the influence of the nucleus.

Cancer cells are normal cells that are somehow influenced by something else. Their growth is no longer controlled by the nucleus. They grow rapidly at their own rate, own desire, without any respect or concern for the other cells. They have lost their "contact inhibition" and crowd out the other cells. They quickly use up their own nutrients and then begin to feed on

the other surrounding cells.

Gal. 5:13-16 gives us an example of the spiritual body. "Use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another. (Spiritual contact inhibition) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love Thy neighbor "cell" as thyself." If we serve one another in love, then we will not crowd out or hinder one another's growth.

*Verse 15:* "But if ye bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." (That's what cancer cells do; they devour the other cells.)

*Verse 16:* "Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

The spirit gives us the spiritual "contact inhibition." If we heed the control of the nucleus (our head), we will serve one another in love. The desire of the flesh is to be "me first." Paul is not just talking about the carnal lusts of the flesh; he is talking about pride and the desire to get ahead of someone else even if it means pushing them out of the way.

In I Cor. 1:10, we read "Now I beseech ye brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you."

We can all speak the same thing (speaking the truth in love) if we have the mind of Christ.

The cancer cell loses its differentiation and becomes "undifferentiated" (has a different appearance under the microscope). It is disorganized and no longer looks like a normal cell, is no longer recognizable. In verse 11 we read, "There are contentions among you." These are divisions, separations in the body of Christ, no longer speaking the same thing (this is spiritual cancer).

What changed? The nucleus is no longer in control and so the cell takes over and grows at its own rate, doing its own thing, devouring other cells. A cancer not only looks different under the microscope, but it feels different. It becomes hardened and unyielding.

If a woman finds a lump in her breast that feels different than the rest of her breast tissue, she goes to a doctor for an

examination. The doctor examines her and applies principles according to the book. By physical exam, the doctor can tell if it feels soft like a normal cyst or if it is a suspicious lump, and orders more tests to confirm the diagnosis.

Paul tells us in I Cor. 12:12: "For as the body is one and hath many members and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

*Verse 18* further informs that, "God hath set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him."

He created the physical body to function as a unit under the direction of the head, all members working together for the good of the body. As a spiritual body, we need to let the nucleus (our Head) control our growth and differentiation as it pleases Him. We need to let each member grow at their own rate and fulfill their own place of ministry and give the feeble members more time to grow. We are to help them, not devour them.

**14** *Verse 25* admonishes us, "That there should be no schism (cancer) in the body...." (A schism is a division in the body, unyielding, a hardness, and separation) "... but that the members should have the same care one for another." Each one is as important as the other.

What can we do to try to prevent cancer or detect it early? Physicians teach patients to do self-exams, such as breast self-examination for women and testicular self-examination for men to check for lumps or swelling.

I Cor 11:28 declares, "Let a man examine himself." Have you checked yourself? Are you hard, unyielding? Do you have love or bitterness in your heart? Notice Paul says to examine ourselves, not each other. Don't examine each other for cancer, physical or spiritual. Only 2 people should be examining your body – yourself and your doctor. Don't try examining your neighbor – it could only get you in trouble! Same thing applies spiritually.

A cancer that is not curable is one that goes unnoticed or ignored. Watch for warning signs: unusual bleeding, blood in urine, bowels, post-menopausal bleeding, sores that bleed or won't heal. Then go see your doctor.

What are some of the potential causes or risk factors of cancer? Smoking or chewing tobacco is a major contributor to multiple types of cancer, including oral, esophageal, stomach, bladder and lung cancer. This is both due to irritation and the toxic chemicals in tobacco. Also toxic exposure to other chemicals, radiation, and over exposure to the sun (sunburns,) can increase your risk of cancer. Spiritually this speaks of legality – constantly judging others or self-condemnation. The sunlight of God’s Word shows us our sins and then we are to cover ourselves with His righteousness. Romans 8:1 is our protection from God’s judgment. “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is our spiritual “sun-block” to avoid spiritual skin cancer.

Improper nutrition can alter our body’s immune system and cause us to be more susceptible to cancer. A diet that consists mainly of highly processed foods, high in sugar and hydrogenated fats and lacking in fresh fruits and vegetables, has been associated with an increased risk of diabetes and cancer.

To be healthy spiritually we are to “desire the sincere milk of the word”, I Peter 2:2, and to “shun profane and vain babblings” II Tim 2:16. We must feed our soul with the Word of His grace daily and study to show ourselves approved unto God. II Tim. 2:15 15

But what is a doctor’s responsibility when you go to him/her with a newly discovered lump and all the tests confirmed that it is malignant? One of the hardest things I’ve had to do as a physician is to tell a patient, “You have cancer.” Before healing can begin the truth must be told, not in a cold uncaring way but with love and compassion and hope. Sometimes the truth hurts. But to not know the truth is even more painful. By “speaking the truth in love,” Eph 4:15, we bring hope, not condemnation.

Spiritual or physical cancer cannot be cured if you do not accept the diagnosis and submit to the treatment. Rom 12:10 gives us the cure for spiritual cancer, “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring another.” Only by the love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy

Ghost (Rom 5:5) can this be possible. “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.” Rom 13:10

Rom 15:1, 2 tells us we are not to please ourselves but to please our neighbor for his good to edification. That means we are to build up (edify,) not crowd out or devour our neighbor cell. Love is our “contact inhibition”.

We don't have to let things enter in that feed the flesh. Remember the cell membrane that surrounds each cell represents the Holy Spirit in our lives and has gates or channels to control what enters or exits the cell. We must yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to control our emotions, desires and actions.

Let us examine ourselves to see if we have spiritual cancer and then go to the Great Physician for healing. Sometimes the treatment is not very pleasant. We don't like the cutting or the bitter medicine, but we learn that all things work for our good if we trust Him and yield to the Holy Spirit.

### **Come And Go**

Lucille Workman

Some Saints get so very busy  
They neglect to hear Christ say,  
“I have heed of thee, my Brother;  
Come and go for me today.”

Few are they who humbly serve Him  
In the lowly Scriptural way.  
Folk are busy—far too busy  
And Old Self is in the way.

The Master warns the negligent;  
We in the Gospel Records see,  
“As ye do to these my brethren  
Ye have done it unto me.”

Such do grieve the heart of Jesus.  
They neglect His Word and Way;  
Still with gentle voice He calleth,  
“Who will go for me today?”

Wilt thou hear His voice so tender?  
No service in His eyes is small..  
If you wait till sometime later  
You may never serve at all.



## THE GLOWING HEART

Sometimes we hear of hot-headed people, and possibly have suffered somewhat at their hands, but the hot-hearted are a much more rare type of character. How much the Church of God owes to these disciples of the glowing heart. What exploits may be placed to their credit. Said those two disciples on the Emmaus Way, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way?" This represents the royal path a Christian experiences, always aflame with zeal in the cause of Christ and ever willing to tread the path of selflessness and sacrifice if thereby the Kingdom of God may be extended. Hot-heartedness is one of the distinguishing features of, this glorious Gospel life and ministry. It transforms the halfhearted into enthusiastic and energetic servants of the Lord. May the fellowship of the burning heart grow larger and larger through the days. There are plenty of Sunday enthusiasts, but there is a need of more of those hearts that are ablaze seven days of every week, that go on burning in all circumstances, whose zeal refuses to be quenched by the coldness and indifference of others. Those splendid beacon-like lives which glow the brightest in the darkest night, and send their radiant joy beams athwart other lives that are shadowed. Theirs is a blessed infection in spiritual passion where other hearts are warmed at the flame that burns upon the altar of their hearts. 17

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# REFLECTIONS

... From the Editor

“**A**nd ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

America may be celebrating her independence at this time of year, but we rejoice in a freedom far beyond even that. Jesus spoke the above words directly “...to those Jews which believed on him,...” but unbelievers must have been present for He also declared “I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.” John 8:37 Freedom is a glorious word, and multitudes around the world today are indeed searching for it. However, this text provides a specific path and pattern for men to achieve true freedom. Several facts emerge which must be observed in order to obtain the fullness of this glorious goal. First, The Master's comments are directed to those who have already believed, and thus becoming “...disciples indeed” is predicated on the fact that you must “...continue in my word....” V. 31 Even the smallest portion of truth will produce freedom but only constant observance of it results in the fact that, “...ye shall know the truth,...” followed by the fact that “...the truth shall make you free.” V. 32 The little word “know” indicates absolute knowledge rather than just a casual glance, and when a person concentrates on truth, freedom will ensue.

The next fact is that one must acknowledge his bondage before he can be freed, something the unbelieving Jews were not willing to acknowledge, for “They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man:...” V. 33 We can only wonder how they could make such a preposterous statement, seeing they were at that very hour in bondage to the Romans. Not only so but Jesus quickly explained, “...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.” V. 34 This is a fact which applies to every man who was ever born into this world, but until men admit the truth of the fact that they are sinners, they will forever be in bondage.

The next fact here is that “...the servant abideth not in the

house for ever:...” All men are servants of sin until freed by their Redeemer, but there are a multitude of ways to endure bondage. These same Jews were not only bound by sin, but also by the law “...a yoke...which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?” Acts 15:10 We must also contend with the bondage of the flesh, of the world, and of Satan, but the next fact gloriously contrasts the temporal life of any servant with that of the Son Who, “... abideth ever.” V. 35 Our freedom is directly conditional on the fact that, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” V.36 It is a fact: “...the truth shall make you free.” It is also a fact that, “...the Son...shall make you free....” There is no contradiction here, for the Truth and the Son are exactly the same thing. Jesus is the personification of truth, leading us to the next fact. “I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.” V. 37 Note this fact: men remain in bondage “...because my word hath no place in you.” The truth, the Son, and the Word are all synonymous, and thus when we “...know the truth....continue in my word...” and when the “...Son abideth ever...” in us, then we will experience complete freedom not only **in** this life, but **from** this life as we will abide forever with Him in His house.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Living Waters Tabernacle Youth Camp July 22-25, 2018**

Youth Camp will be held at Highlands Camp and Retreat Center in Allenspark, CO, near Estes Park. There will be Bible studies for all ages in the mornings, supervised recreation each afternoon, and Church services every evening.

For lodging and registration please contact Pastor Jesse O'Dorisio at 303.907.8099, email at [jfo2000@gmail.com](mailto:jfo2000@gmail.com) or Polly O'Dorisio at 303.594.0933, email [pollyodorisio@gmail.com](mailto:pollyodorisio@gmail.com).

Forms and additional information will be available at [www.livingwaterstabernacle.com](http://www.livingwaterstabernacle.com). We invite you to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for this annual gathering to give glory and honor to God and be strengthened and renewed by His Spirit.

## OUR SURE REWARD

John D. West

I guess it is customary for all students to say that they enjoyed Bible School, but I don't see how they could help but feel that way. I would like to add my testimony to the others, and say I have enjoyed Bible School. I have profited by being here. A knowledge of the Word of God is the most wonderful thing we could ever possess. To know the Word of God is to have a knowledge of Jesus Christ. He is the Word personified. I am truly thankful that the Lord led me to Bible School. Let us turn to I Cor. 15:57, 58.

**"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."** These verses have been wonderful to me and have been impressed on my heart. The statement that stands out to me is "always abounding in the work of the Lord." Then we find the reason for this—  
20 "forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." This is something that is not in vain. We learn while we are yet young that everything in this old world seems to be in vain. The things that men labor for often slip through their fingers. People grasp for things, but they find it is in vain. They never learn the lesson, but keep on grasping for things to possess. Some give up trying, and others go so far as to commit suicide because of failure to hold on to something tangible. But the things we do for the Lord are not in vain. Solomon says that all labor **under** the sun is in vain. But this is something to know, as Paul says, that there is a reward. We know there is a profit; there is eternal benefit for our labor in the Lord.

Next, we find **WHEN** our reward comes. In Gal. 6:7,9, we read, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We shall reap

as we have sown. Farmers reap a good crop when they sow good seed. And we are sowing a good crop if we sow faith, love, and hope. It may seem as though we are not doing much, but if our labor is in the Lord, we may look forward to our harvest, as the farmer does to his.

We shall reap in due season, that is, the Lord has appointed a season in which we will be rewarded. We do not know when that will be; we hope it will be soon; but we know it will be in due season. Men want something that they can see now, but ours is in the future. It is laid up for us, and by faith we are laying hold of it now. It is as real as man's silver and gold. Our faith grows every day as we read the Word of God.

In Matt. 10:42, we see how God notices even little acts of faith. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." It is wonderful to think that the Lord notices us giving a cup of cold water. That seems to be the least anyone could do, but yet it will not go unrewarded. Malachi goes even further and says that those who think about the Lord will be remembered. What a wonderful God we are serving! What a wonderful opportunity we have! It is no effort to think of the Lord. When we read the Word of God, our thoughts are filled with Him, and He remembers that.

In Col. 3:23, we find that we are to do all things unto the Lord: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ." It doesn't matter what we do; if we do it heartily unto the Lord and not unto men, we shall receive a reward. It may be a great work of faith, or it may be ordinary tasks, but if we do it as unto the Lord, He will reward us. We serve the Lord. We may be working for men, but we can be serving the Lord. He is looking for faithfulness. He is not looking for great and wonderful men; they are a dime a dozen. He wants faithful men. Our service is not back-breaking labor, but it is a labor of love. It is occupying until the Lord comes.

"Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance." We are not looking for a reward from men, but from the Lord. In Heb. 11, we see a man who was

looking for a reward. "By faith, Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasure in Egypt; **for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.**" Vs. 24-26. Moses forsook all the wonderful riches of Egypt, the throne which would have been his. He forsook all his earthly wealth because he had respect unto the reward that the Lord would give him. We do not see as much faith today as Moses had. Most people are like Esau, who sold his birthright for something that would satisfy for just a moment. But there are a few who, like Moses have respect to the reward which God offers them. Some lay hold of that reward now, and will enjoy it in eternity. It is too wonderful to miss! The Lord told Abraham, "I am thy exceeding great reward." He has some wonderful things laid up for us.

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In Rev. 2 and 3, the Lord is talking to the seven churches which were local at that time, but represent the Church today. We read in Ch. 2:2, "I know thy works, and thy labor and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars." He knew their works. And He knows just what we have done and how much we have labored. He knows our patience and love, and He will reward accordingly. He says seven times, "I know." There is no respect of persons with Him, but He will reward justly. He tells exactly what each church will receive. In the third chapter in writing to the Philadelphia Church, we read, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." This is the church in which we are interested, and the reward is to him that overcometh. He shall be kept out of the hour of tribulation. That is the goal at which we are aiming. In verse 12, we see some more wonderful promises of rewards to the ones who overcome. People want to get ahead in this world. This is the way to get ahead and be successful. It is just a little hour in which we will be unnoticed; but God will not forget. He is the one who will reward. In that day, the saints will not be neglected; they will be exalted. He is coming quickly, and that is our hope.

When He comes, His reward will be with Him. "And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.  
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### **SORRY, DOCTOR!**

The University of Southern California has released a new study indicating that one-third of the medical patients in this county ignore what the doctor tells them to do!

The doctors didn't think the figures would be quite that bad. Forty-two per cent estimated that almost all their patients were obeying orders; and forty-seven per cent thought that at least three-fourths were doing what they were told.

But the survey proved them wrong. Only fourteen per cent of the patients always obeyed the physicians, and about forty-nine per cent did so "most of the time." Another twenty-three per cent obeyed less than half the time, 9 per cent "very seldom," and 5 per cent not at all. Strange to say, persons with more severe illnesses were less likely to carry out orders!

It is not much different spiritually. People listen to the Word of the great Physician, admit that He can heal and strengthen, and then refuse to trust Him and do what the Word says. "The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Heb. 4:2.

How foolish to come to Christ, receive His perfect diagnosis, admit that His remedy is correct --- **and then do nothing about it!**

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God does not depend upon brilliant men for His greatest work. It is ever His delight to fill the empty vessel and then use it to suit Himself. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." II Cor. 4:7.

## JUDAS ISCARIOT

C.B. Neidholt

**W** Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve." John 6:70,71

These clear words command our attention. In His prayer to the Father, Jesus said concerning His disciples -- "None of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled." John 17:12. The Holy Spirit inspired David to tell us of Judas, one thousand years B.C. Psa. 41:9; 69:25; 109:8.

24 Have you ever noticed the twenty-seven "lets" in Psalm 109 concerning Judas and his posterity? "Let Satan stand at his right hand" (have authority over him) - V. 6. "Let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office." - Vs. 7,8 Now look at Acts 1:15-20. "His bishopric (office) let another take." The Psalm also informs us that he had a wife and children. "Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow." V. 9 Otherwise, we should never know that he was a married man. Surely, this is clear enough that a ten-year-old child can understand the reading.

The Scriptures tell us that Satan has children. Genesis 3:15 speaks of the serpent's "seed." See also Matthew 13:38,39 and I John 3:10. Jesus said to the apostatized Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil,..." John 8:44 Likewise, Paul spoke to Elymas the sorcerer - Acts 13:10. Therefore, there are now three great families in the world --- the children of Adam or the old creation, the children of the devil, and the children of God, or the new creation. Some of the first class Adamic Creation are born of God by believing on His Son Jesus. John 3 Others reject Jesus Christ and yield to Satan; and the inference is, that they become children of the devil. These latter are



causing great wickedness in some religious circles these very days. They "depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" I Tim. 4:1 They are "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." II Tim. 3:2-4. Mark you, they are religious, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth." II Tim. 3:5,7. "From such turn away," Paul exhorts. Their finale is recorded in Revelation 13 and 17.

The real character of Judas is expressed in John 13:10,11. Jesus said to Peter, "He that is washed (by believing on Christ) needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, 25 but not all (of you). For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean." That was before Judas had betrayed Christ. John 18:2-5.

Judas never was born of God. He was of the Cain line. Cain slew his brother. Why? "Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." I John 3:12 Judas' betrayal of Jesus was equivalent to slaying Him. The sons of Eli were in the same line, that is, "sons of Belial," worthless, lawless, of the devil of course. I Sam. 2:12 Judas was religious, yes, indeed; and so is Satan, Judas Iscariot's father. All false religions are the offspring of the devil. Psalm 55:12-14 is further evidence of Judas' wicked character. "For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took

sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." He was Christ's enemy, though he pretended to be His friend. He was in the wrong crowd on the day of Christ's arrest. The Father kept all the disciples, "but the son of perdition..." John 17:12 In Luke 6:16, he is called "the traitor." His name "Iscariot" means "he will be hired," which he actually was. Matt. 26:14-16.

In conclusion, we refer to Romans 9:19-24. Judas was one of "the vessels of wrath fitted (made up) to destruction." So was Pharaoh. They deliberately rejected light, which always hardens the heart. II Peter 2 and Jude deal forcefully with those "vessels of wrath." "Clouds they are without water," or salvation; and "wandering stars," which give no light. They are called "false prophets," "false teachers," "natural brute beasts." "Spots they are ... that cannot cease from sin ... cursed children ... wells without water" (or, salvation) ... "the servants of corruption..." - II Peter 2:1-19. Finally, Peter terms them "the dog" and "the sow" - II Peter 2:22. Such symbols in the Bible never apply to the children of God.

Abraham, Isaac, Sarah, Rebekah, Jacob, and Paul were "vessels of mercy" (vessels of election). So are all who believe on Jesus Christ from the heart. They are born of God, born of the incorruptible Seed, "the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." I Pet. 1:23.

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**\* One good word can warm three winter months.—  
Chinese Proverb.**

**\* The saints who really have a MISSION in this  
life will soon be MISSING.**

**\* Nothing in this world costs so little as  
courtesy and gratitude and yet yields such a multitude  
of returns.**

## ISAIAH 60 ~ I PETER

Gene Hawkins

“**A**rise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.” V. 1 Our previous chapter closed with a reference to Israel as a new creation. This one continues with that same theme and corresponds with I Peter, as this Hebrew Apostle likewise testifies of a restored Israel. “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” I Pet. 1:5 Isaiah further proclaims these new creation traits asserting that “...thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.” V. 18 Peter also exclaims, “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found **unto praise** and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” I Pet. 1:7 He further announces God’s long-time purpose for them declaring that “... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:” I Pet. 2:9

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Both of these records emphatically guarantee the restoration of Israel, declaring His salvation and shouting His praise when they turn to the The LORD. However, as seen repeatedly in Isaiah and other portions of scripture, Israel must endure some horrendous times of darkness before this glorious state is attained.

A new day will indeed dawn for this very select people, and this Chosen Nation shall “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.” However, the next verse assures us that such light will emerge from gross darkness. “For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.” V. 2 We would note here that Peter well describes this same pattern in his second epistle to the Hebrews. “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:” II Pet. 1:19

The darkness to which both these men allude refers to the tremendous difficulty of the great tribulation, and most especially the all encompassing darkness which will ensue during the 1260 day reign of the antichrist. It is out of that most difficult time that "... the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Not only will He deliver them, but they will become luminaries in that gross darkness of tribulation. Such darkness is said to "... cover the earth,..." but it is "... **gross darkness...**" which envelops "... the people..." or Israel. This is where they begin to emerge and take the place of leadership which God ordained those many years ago, for "... the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." V. 3 The "... light..." which they now emit is none other than The Light of their Messiah, Jesus, Who has now become "... thy light..." in practical experience! This is the Light which is now so very prominent throughout the whole world, and thus all these nations are exhorted to "Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." V. 4

Scripture is very plain that Israel will be God's "evangelists" throughout the millennium, but the latter part of verse four seems to indicate that the faithful remnant will lead that charge, as "... thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." This small company, which is gathered from the far reaches of the earth, will spark the return and restoration of the entire nation, as demonstrated in the following text. "Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." V. 5 The "... sea ..." which shall "... be converted unto thee,..." describes the Gentiles which shall follow the path charted by New Creation Israel. The heart of the Jew has finally learned to "... fear..." The Lord and bow in submission. When that happens, they shall all "... flow together,..." that is, "without restraint or difficulty." The great ministerial success that Israel will enjoy as they are "... enlarged,..." is primarily because Satan will be bound a thousand years, thus eliminating the great obstacle which

has confronted the Church throughout this entire age.

This millennial atmosphere continues, declaring the fact that Israel will be enriched by the nations. "The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD." Nations which once "took" from Israel now return, bringing these choice goods with them as a present "to" this now very privileged people. It is also evident that some of these treasures are brought for the express purpose of worship or to "... shew forth the praises of the LORD," and the next verse indicates a change of heart on their part. "All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee,..." Kedar means "darkness," an indication of what these peoples were, yet now they too are "... gathered unto thee..." Likewise "... the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee:..." Nebaioth means "heights," expressing the attitudes of pride and arrogance which had, in time past, been so prevalent in these nations both toward Israel and The LORD. That spirit has been changed as "... they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory." V. 7 The references to the "... flocks..." of Kedar and the "... rams..." of Nebaioth are also significant, bespeaking the fact that these Gentile nations have now become "sheep," and are offering themselves as "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," even as we do today. They are also gathering to "... the house of my glory," which is in Jerusalem, and their entourage seems to be rather spectacular as Isaiah very poetically describes them as clouds. 29

"Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" V. 8 Large numbers of people are often described as clouds, as seen in Heb. 12:2 by "... so great a cloud of witnesses,..." Glorified humanity is, undoubtedly, also seen when "... a cloud received him out of their sight," as Jesus ascended into heaven after the resurrection. Such clouds must also be meant when men "... see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." Mk. 13:26 This text in Isaiah reflects the nations clamoring to descend upon Jerusalem, and the following verses

portray countries whose intent is to bring blessing to Israel.

“Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.” V. 9 These “isles” who now “... wait for me...” tell of a “coast, an island:-- country” and seem to indicate even very small nations who will also wait for The LORD, and bring “...their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.” The message in this verse is that these nations will return “... thy sons from far,” indeed from whence they have been scattered into the four corners of the earth, bringing their riches to Israel directly because God “... hath glorified thee,” that is, Israel. This nation becomes a world symbol of God’s Power and Might, demonstrating feats which only He could accomplish. God then promises that “... the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have  
**30** I had mercy on thee.” V. 10 God smote them in the tribulation, but His Mercy issued the final command and now blessing upon blessing will prevail for them, even through the very nations which once oppressed them. Those “... sons of strangers ...” will restore their walls, and the leaders will now “... minister ...” to them and seek their welfare rather than their destruction.

“Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.” V. 11 What a contrast to modern – day Jerusalem! Sometimes it seems almost in “lock-down,” in order to defend and protect it, but in that day, the gates of this beloved city shall open her gates in welcome to all these Gentile nations which would today seek their own purposes for her. Isaiah is also very quick to add that judgment will be swift for anyone who will not comply with this “new world order.” “For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.” V. 12

“The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree,

the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.” V. 13 All these trees are enduring precious woods and are to “... beautify the place of my sanctuary;...” Does this mean that God will use these nations to supply such valued resources for the Millennial Temple? We have heard much in recent years about plans to re-build the temple at Jerusalem, matching the same pattern, and dimensions as that of Solomon. However, the Millennial Temple will be God’s Project and, according to some students of prophecy, will be constructed more on the order of that which was built after the captivity where some who had seen the glory of Solomon’s Temple were reprimanded, after the foundation was laid. “Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?” Hag 2:3 Zechariah likewise asks “For who hath despised the day of small things?” Zec 4:10 Haggai then proclaims this prophecy, which can only be fulfilled in the millennium, and agrees perfectly with our text in Isaiah. “And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.” Hag. 2:7

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Isaiah also informs us that “... I will make the place of my feet glorious.” This would refer to the foot portion of the Body of Christ, which is mainly the faithful remnant, who will be centered around the “sanctuary,” and will form the spiritual nucleus of God’s Kingdom on earth.

Glorious things surely await both Israel and the nations who will benefit from their ministry, but severe reprisals are seen in the following words addressed to the nations who have survived the tribulation. “The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.” V. 14 Israel will one day claim the distinction of being the head of the nations, as “The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee;...” There are nations in these last days, such as Iran, Syria, and The Palestinians, along with a multitude

of terrorist groups, whose reason for existing is to destroy Israel. These nations and factions will not survive the tribulation, but other powers, who could be termed “friendly,” will bow down in total submission to this people whom they once despised and afflicted. Such affliction is defined in the following portion.

32 “Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee,...” reflects the policy of many forces today. Every political leader on earth must, at some point, consider how they will “handle” Israel in relation to their own governments, and many openly disdain them, trying desperately to simply avoid them so that “...no man went through thee.” However, It is God Who will have the last word concerning this Chosen People and He promises that “... I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.” V. 15 These are eternal millennial blessings, in direct contrast to the treatment previously inflicted by national powers. Not only so, but “Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.” V. 16 These same nations, which once pursued Israel just to use them for their own advantage, now become a source of supply for this now exalted nation, so Israel may know “...that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer,...” This scenario follows exactly the same pattern as when Solomon, typical of Christ, was greatly enriched by the Queen of Sheba. “And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices ... and precious stones:... And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.” I Kings 10:10-11

This choice nation will most assuredly be enriched by these nations, but God Himself will provide treasures far beyond that, figuratively replacing lesser metals with that which is superior. “For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron:...” The Israel of the Millennium, will be astoundingly rich in material wealth, but they will also have spiritual riches without measure. This same verse also promises that “... I will also make thy officers peace,



and thine extractors righteousness.” V. 17 What a contrast this will be to the Israeli “officers” or leaders today, wherein peace is so very elusive, but there is also another great miracle couched here. The “... extractors...” or taskmasters and tyrants who had harassed them, are now made “... righteousness,” meaning that they too have discovered the righteousness that comes only through Christ Jesus. This would seem only a myth today, but peace and righteousness will reign supreme as is evident from the following passage.

“Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.” V. 18 This same atmosphere of salvation and praise is proclaimed in I Peter, as noted earlier, and will come to fruition in the Millennium, but the remaining verses of this chapter seemingly give way eternity. “The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.” V. 19-20 John beheld this same phenomenon after The Great White Throne Judgment, and after Satan and all the wicked had been cast into the lake of fire in Rev. 20. 33

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,...” Rev. 21:1-2

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” Rev. 21:23

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.” Rev. 22:5

This is a description of the New Heavenly Jerusalem, and John saw this spectacular view “... coming down from God out of heaven,...” meaning that the heavenly Jerusalem will descend to some point, probably in close proximity, above the earthly

City. Thus, the same “sunless” Light, which will illuminate the heavenly city, will also “... be thine everlasting light,...” upon the earth, as Isaiah proclaimed. Israel’s eternal spiritual state is also addressed as “Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.” V. 21 God’s long standing plan of redemption for Israel will finally come to pass in its entirety, and “... the work of my hands,...” will be shown forth as an eternal victory.

Finally, “A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.” V. 22 This has been the pattern for Israel since they were born as a nation. This little insignificant one has become a strong, robust nation, and this final state will come only when God “... will hasten it in his time.”

### THOU REMAINEST

34

Thou remainest, what a comfort  
In this transient scene of life,  
When our hopes so full of promise  
Crash to earth in life’s mad strife.

Thou remainest—friends have failed us,  
Friends that were—while skies were blue;  
But as sorrow’s dark’ning shadows  
Overspread, they proved untrue.

Thou remainest—wealth has vanished,  
Comforts too have taken wing;  
Poor our lot of earthly treasure,  
Yet our hearts can gaily sing.

Thou remainest—health has left us,  
Bloom of youth ebbed all away,  
Beauty gone and charm departed,  
Things of time, born for a day.

Thou remainest—hope is kindled,  
Come what may, yes, weal or woe;  
This enough, our hearts to comfort,  
THOU REMAINEST—what else may go.



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