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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE TABERNACLE

In recent weeks we have read of the law and the tabernacle given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, almost 3500 years ago. The Almighty God gave to Moses the divine pattern for the tabernacle. What is a tabernacle? The concordance reveals it to be a covering, a dwelling place, a habitation, a tent. It was God's dwelling place with Israel, a place of worship as He was to direct Israel into the land promised to Abraham.

We have read of this plan many times. Let us ponder the revelation of His purpose to Israel after their deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. The tabernacle was based upon sockets of silver to support its boards, separating it from the ground. The silver for these sockets was provided, as God spoke unto Moses on Mt. Sinai:

“When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them, that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.

This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel (of silver) after the shekel of the sanctuary: ... shall be the offering of the LORD.

And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.” Exodus 30:12-13,16.

The silver of the half shekel was a ransom and an atonement, which was used for the sockets of the tabernacle, as a memorial to Israel. What was the memorial? It was a reminder that the dwelling place of God was to be based upon His mercy, seen in the ransom and the atonement as a means of covering, of cleansing. How was this ransom and atonement to be brought about?

Within the tabernacle, consisting of the holy place and the most holy place, was the furniture of God's dwelling place. In the most

holy place were the ark, the mercy seat, and the cherubim. The ark and the mercy seat were made of shittim (acacia) wood covered with gold. The cherubim were beaten out of pure gold. In the holy place was the golden candlestick as the only source of light; also the incense altar, and the shewbread table made of shittim wood and overlaid with gold. The boards of the tabernacle were also made of shittim wood and were covered with gold. All of these were a part of God's dwelling place with His people, based upon the ransom and atonement. As a part of God's instruction given to Moses, there was to be the feast of the day of atonement. At this time, the high priest went into the most holy place with the blood of the sacrifice, where he sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, making atonement for himself, and then for his people. This pointed forward to God's provision of Jesus Christ, as Paul reveals for us:

"But into the second (most holy) went the high priest alone, once every year not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing;

Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances imposed on them until the time of reformation.

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."
Hebrews 9:7-12,15.

The Lord Jesus first made atonement for Himself - for he was a dying creature by the failure of Adam and Eve - and then for the

atonement of His people. He alone could enter the most holy place, the dwelling place of God. He alone never failed, never sinned, but gave glory to His Father, enabling Him to be the promised means of atonement for the sins of His people. This pattern for the tabernacle revealed God's purpose to be accomplished through the victory of Jesus Christ - the means of atonement - through offering Himself to God.

Moses was 40 days on the mount, while God gave him the law and the pattern of the tabernacle. When he came down he found that Aaron and Israel had made a golden calf, saying:

“... These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” Exodus 32:4.

How soon the flesh goes its own evil ways, rather than waiting upon the Lord! God was about to destroy Israel, when Moses sought His mercy. The Almighty in his longsuffering:

“... repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.” Exodus 32:14.

Why did the Almighty provide for a tabernacle? It was to reveal His purpose with His people, to atone and pay the ransom for their sins. Again, Paul helps us to perceive:

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” Romans 3:23-26.

God in His forbearance and grace knows that all have sinned, and He has provided a means of “propitiation.” This word is also used as mercy seat in the most holy place of the tabernacle - His dwelling place. Paul further wrote of the propitiation, but used the word “mercy seat” as he described the most holy place:

“And over it (the ark) the cherubim of glory shadowing the mercy seat (propitiation); of which we cannot now speak particularly.” Hebrews 9:5.

It is God’s desire that all His people do not sin. However, the only One who never sinned, although often tempted, was the Lord Jesus. John helps us to perceive God’s mercy for those who do sin:

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
And he is the propitiation (mercy seat) for our sins;...”
I John 2: 1-2.

What is an “advocate”? This word means a comforter, one who consoles, by the atonement of our sins, if we put our trust in Him. For these:

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
I John 4:10.

We need that advocate as we strive to be perfect, but there is only One who never failed, and therefore glorified His Father. We know God’s mercy, as Paul writes:

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession (advocates) for the saints according to the will of God.”
Romans 8:26-27.

All of us sin, although we strive to overcome, and in sorrow do pray for atonement. We have the example given by the Lord Jesus as He spoke of the prayer of the Pharisee and the publican. The Pharisee trusted that he was righteous, and despised others, saying:

“... I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

Luke 18:11,13-14.

We recall David’s sin in the matter of Bath-sheba. When he was made aware of his transgression - which would have caused him to be stoned - he cried out:

“... I have sinned against the LORD.” II Samuel 12:13.

He was forgiven, although he knew and accepted God’s continued tribulation. Yet God said.

“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.” Acts 13:22.

As we recognize our failures, our sins, our shortcomings, our stumbling blocks, let us turn to our Advocate, seeking His reconciliation, His forgiveness, His carrying our groanings unto the Almighty, in the spirit of the publican:

“... God be merciful to me a sinner.”

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I HAVE SATIATED THE WEARY SOUL
Jeremiah 31:25

These words were written through the prophet Jeremiah who was of the priesthood, from the city of Anathoth, a city given to the sons of Aaron;

“The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.” Jeremiah 1:1-3.

He was used as a prophet to God’s people to tell them of their sins and their imminent captivity because of their departure from God and His ways. He was encouraged in this work by the Spirit:

“Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

And the shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.” Jeremiah 1: 17-19.

These words were to strengthen and encourage Jeremiah, even though he felt a lack of confidence in his own abilities:

“Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.” Jeremiah 1:6.

Our verse under consideration were comforting words sent after the captivity, but for the most part it was not received by the

majority to whom it had been sent. It was sent along with the promise of a restoration to God's people after the seventy years of captivity were over:

“Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.”

Jeremiah 31:8-10.

From this prophecy, the faithful could look beyond the seventy years of their captivity and even the time of their probation, to the promised time when all of faithful Israel would be gathered to receive their inheritance in the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The fulfillment of these words would come at the end of God's purpose, at the return of Israel's King to rule the earth:

“Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall nor sorrow any more at all.”

Jeremiah 31:12.

Speaking of this peaceful time, our consideration goes on to say:

“And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.”

Jeremiah 31:24-25.

Part of God's covenant with His people is a promise that He

will be there to fill or satiate their every need, both physical and spiritual, if they would walk before Him in obedience.

As Jesus sat by a well in Samaria, a woman came to draw water and He asked her to draw him a drink of water. She was surprised that a Jew would ask of her a drink, for they traditionally would have no dealings with Samaritans:

“Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said unto her. If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”

John 4:9-10.

Jesus was speaking of the spirit of Truth, which can refresh and satiate a soul thirsting for it, with everlasting life.

Jeremiah's words speak of this same promise - a rescue to those who believed in the coming Messiah, not only from the physical captivity of Babylon but from the captivity of sin and death which comes upon all flesh. All the faithful from throughout the generations have thirsted for these waters of life, just as David who sought God's living word to sustain him wrote:

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”

Psalms 42:1-2.

“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;”

Psalms 63:1.

There is a time coming of spiritual fulfillment - a satiation for the faithful when blessings will overflow the earth, a time of goodness seen and felt to the full because the Lord Jesus rules as

King upon the earth. In that time will the last recorded words of the Lord Jesus' to John be fulfilled:

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is a thirst come.

And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Revelation 22:16-17.

M.C.S.

THE HEAVENS, ARE THE LORD'S

“Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.
The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S:
but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

(Psalm 115:15-16)

Towards the end of May a news report made the following statement:-

“After a 423 million-mile journey, Nasa's latest Mars probe was preparing to make a historic landing last night. (May 25th). If successful, the touch-down will be the first ever at the Red Planet's north Pole. - - -

The unmanned craft has spent 10 months covering the vast distance from Earth.”

There have been eleven previous space vehicles sent to Mars (by Nasa). Of these five correctly made their landings. The last one made its attempt in 1999, but as it approached the planet, it cut its engines too early and crashed into Mars South Polar Region.

But there was jubilation in May when the latest space vehicle correctly arrived, and the following report was made:-

“Mission control in California erupted in cheers as the touch down signal came through after a tricky seven-minute descent through the atmosphere, during which (the space craft) had to slow down from 12,700 mph to 5 mph using a parachute and thrusters.”

That space vehicle had taken ten months to cover the 422 million-mile journey. One of its functions was to beam back pictures of the planet to the scientists of the University of Arizona. These pictures took 20 minutes to reach earth, and revealed a barren, flat landscape, strewn with pebbles, with no sign of life.

This space vehicle had cost £273 million to be produced, and the question arises, where in such a cost, and such an outcome, is there any benefit for mankind? However, even though the picture is of a barren landscape, Nasa is preparing for another space vehicle, which it hopes to send off next year to this Red Planet.

Britain had a try to get to Mars in 2003. But this project failed. Six days before the British space vehicle was due to land the scientists lost contact with it. As the scientists pondered, some thought it may have made a successful landing, but there had been a failure in its apparatus, which stopped it beaming back information. Others however were more pessimistic by suggesting it perhaps burned up during its entry into the planet's atmosphere. And there were some who thought that the vehicle missed the planet altogether and entered into orbit around the sun.

So, in this last time men are giving themselves over to very expensive projects, when the money could actually be spent elsewhere to give greater benefit to them. The counsel of the word of Heaven is ignored or overlooked.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
was upon the face of the deep.
And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
(Genesis 1:1-2)

As the power of the Eternal worked, so came about this wonderful earth; a beautiful planetary jewel among the objects that move in the Heavens. There is an omnipotent abundance of life in this good earth, which witnesses to the greatness of the Creator.

Alas, mankind close their eyes to all this wonder around them, which came about as “the spirit of God (in the beginning) moved upon the earth” which was “without form, and void”. His counsel is not accepted; and so using an ingenuity, which God has given, space vehicles are released into the sky above, which is not and never can be, the province of man, who should accept that it is the earth which is his domain.

A BIBLE CLASS

“SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED”

II Corinthians 11:14

Paul wrote to his brethren in Corinth:

“... I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”
II Corinthians 11:2.

Previously he had brought his brethren in Corinth to the light of the truth, to commend (espouse), to belong to Christ as cleansed by baptism, purged from their past sins. Some time later, Paul feared that some were in danger of departing from their chaste position:

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”

II Corinthians 11:3-4.

The “simplicity that is in Christ,” is the singleness of there being one Jesus, one spirit, one gospel, one God, and one truth. He further describes those who teach anything other than the “simplicity that is in Christ”:

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

II Corinthians 11:13.

Such portray themselves as apostles, workers of truth, claiming to be teachers of truth. In so doing, they have transformed themselves from what they really are - false, deceitful - to “chaste virgins” by their endeavors to appear as apostles, ambassadors of Christ. To transform involves a change from what one really is, to something which is not so - is different: for example - from a “chaste virgin” to a false teacher, or vice versa - depending upon the motives of the one who transforms.

The serpent in the garden was:

“... more subtil than any beast of the field, which the LORD God had made...” Genesis 3:1.

God’s command to Adam and Eve was that they should not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, lest they die. This was a single, simple command! The serpent being subtil beguiled Eve, saying:

“... Ye shall not surely die.” Genesis 3:4.

As a result of Adam and Eve’s listening to the serpent, they were condemned to death, and all mankind since have become dying creatures. A part of God’s sentence was:

“... I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed...” Genesis 3:15.

This “enmity” is hatred, hostility, which has prevailed since the serpent’s lie, resulting in the conflict between simplicity and deceit; between Satan the adversary, of sin in the flesh, and the righteousness of the children of God. Paul spoke to his brethren in Corinth, warning them of Satan’s deceit:

“And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” II Corinthians 11:14.

Who transformed Satan from what he was, to appear as an angel of light (truth)? Certainly not God! Satan deceitfully claimed to be an angel (messenger) of light. Paul continued to warn his brethren:

“... Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers (teachers) also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.” II Corinthians 11:15.

Satan - the adversary, the seed of the serpent - is always present, seeking to deceive those who are striving to be the seed of the woman.

Peter (who was called “Satan” by the Lord Jesus when he savoured the things of the flesh) helps us in our striving to resist the enemy.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary (Satan) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom hse may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren, that are in the world.”

I Peter 5:6-9.

As we strive to conquer the false teaching, the subtilty of the serpent, our adversary in the flesh, let us cast all our care upon God, seeking His strength, His armour (Ephesians 6:10-17), in the merciful hope of eternal life through the simplicity, the singleness which is in Jesus Christ.

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LET THE LORD BE MAGNIFIED

In a recent reading from the Psalms, David writes with appreciation for God's help:

"Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long." Psalm 35:27-28.

David's words express his desire and the desire of those like him who are endeavoring to be known as servants of God - to make God magnified (or made large) in their living.

The word "prosperity" as used here means to be "safe or well off". How often David relied upon the hand of God to keep him safe or prosperous. Even as a young boy who watched his father's sheep, he had come to trust in God's hand to deliver him from the predators that came to feed on his flock. David did prosper throughout his life, from those early days as a shepherd, to when he was anointed as king over God's heritage. Near the end of his life when it was in his heart to build a house for the Lord, he wrote:

"And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee." II Samuel 7:1-3.

David's heart was a good one in thinking to build the Lord a house, yet the Lord came to Nathan the prophet that very night to tell David:

"Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle."

II Samuel 7: 5-6.

God's word came to David through Nathan, revealing that after his death, his seed would build Him a house and God in turn would establish his throne and kingdom for ever. This David knew spoke of not only of his son Solomon, but of One of his line who would conquer the whole world as its Messiah and King when God's purpose with this earth was fulfilled. Acknowledging this great blessing promised, David said:

“... Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?
And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.”

II Samuel 7:18-19, 22.

David in humility was overwhelmed by God's promise of such goodness and could only say, “Who am I, O Lord God?”

God's house, to be built by David's greater Son, was not a house made of brick, stone or mortar, but with the lives of those throughout the ages who have sought to please Him and desire to have a dwelling place with Him for eternity.

David's spirit was yielding and one which sought to please God in all matters, therefore he was helped to prosper. He bowed low before God with a tender heart, not puffed up by his position as king, but rather gave thanksgiving and praise to Him for all His benefits. He no doubt was disappointed to be hindered in his plan for building a house for God, yet he could see through faith the spiritual house of God promised, writing many psalms entitled, “Songs of degrees” of a going up to Jerusalem:

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.”
Psalm 122:1-6.

To look to the future prosperity of Jerusalem is to not dwell on the things of this world, such as wealth, security or position, but rather to focus the mind on the promises made to faithful Israel, and those grafted into that same promise when her King shall return.

Those who in spirit go up to Jerusalem, are required to love His word, using it each day in their living to cut off the tendencies of the flesh. By so doing, God’s prosperity will be granted now and in the age to come when the Holy City is established forever:

“Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.”
Psalm 70:4.

Only as we give thanks for God’s present care and the promises of everlasting blessing to come, can we please and honor Him:

“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.”
Psalm 69: 30-31.

It was not the sacrifice of oxen or sheep as required under the law after offence, that pleased the Lord, but rather the heart of the one who brought them. The one in offence must have an understanding that only the blood of the One promised could remove sin, and pay the price of redemption, and not those animals, which were offered as a type.

Can we not join with David in this same spirit, endeavoring to walk after the Lord’s precepts with a yielding and humble heart and through obedience give God praise, thus magnifying His name every day of our living.

M.C.S.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

“They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. - - -

The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes.”

(Psalm 83: 4 & 6)

The above prophecy, from all those years ago, concerns the present day Arabs just as it did in those earlier times.

These sombre words of the Psalms however are not without a message of hope. So the Psalm concludes:-

“Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.”

(Psalm 83:16-18)

To look simply at what the scripture tells us, is to accept what is now seen in our time. Sixty years ago, many of the Jewish people who were scattered about amongst the nations, but kept a distinctive identity, had returned to the land of Palestine. These set themselves up as the nation of Israel, on the territory where their forefathers had been called the nation of Israel. They then set to work to make their area of dwelling to be prosperous. Before this, the Arabs of that region had been somewhat unconcerned about this territory. However, when the Arabs saw the Jews prospering as a result of Israel's considerable endeavour, the Arabs became very hostile to their new Jewish neighbour. So came about the fulfilment of what scripture had declared:-

“They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee.

(Psalm 83: 3-5)

Over the years, since its inception, Israel has maintained its position, and has had the comfort of the United States, and Britain as supporters of its nationhood. Arabs have acted at times, against the Jews in their places of abode, but Israel continued and became more prosperous. The question that then arose was, would the Arabs, at last, drop their hostility? A recent media report was quite revealing, as follows:-

(An Arab leader) has vowed to mark Israel's 60th anniversary by continuing to fight the Jewish state and its allies, including Britain.

(He said) the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was at the centre of the Muslim battle with the West and had inspired (Muslim attackers of the West).

(He said) "We will continue, God permitting, the fight against the Israelis and their allies - - - and will not give up a single inch of Palestine." - - - "The participation of Western leaders with the Jews in this celebration confirms that the West backs this Jewish occupation"

So hatred against the Jewish people, in their land, still flares up among the Arab people. This is a fulfilment and a sign to us.

There have been recent celebrations of the 60th year of the re-birth of Israel, which is not acceptable to some of the people of the Middle-East. It was foretold in God's holy word, and is given to indicate the nearness of a very great change that is coming to this good earth, when men will be delivered from ignorance. The scriptural witness is clear:-

"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

(Psalm 83:18)

NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR AUGUST 2008

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Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

When matters arise that are a cause for need of careful discussion, how comforting to us that we can ask our Brethren and Sisters across the seas for their help, which we thank them for.

As we go on in endeavours for the production of this publication, how merciful from above, is the provision for such a continuance.