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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

“UNDERTAKE FOR ME”

Our recent readings involve the reign of Hezekiah as king over the two remaining tribes of Israel. In BC 721, the ten tribes of Israel were taken into captivity by Shalmaneser king of Assyria, after a three-year siege:

“... the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria....” II Kings 17:5-6.

Eight years later (BC 712), in the reign of Hezekiah king of Judah over the two remaining tribes, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent messengers demanding the submission of Hezekiah and Judah. Hezekiah was a faithful king over the two tribes:

“He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.” II Kings 18:5-7.

Hezekiah lived up to his name: “strengthened of the Lord” - for “he clave to the LORD.” He did trust in God, and kept His commandments.

God tested Hezekiah’s trust in His purpose, at the same time of Sennacherib’s siege against Judah:

“In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the

LORD, saying, I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.” II Kings 20:1-3.

God spoke to Isaiah, saying:

“Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father. I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

And I will add unto thy days fifteen years, and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.

And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.” II Kings 20:5-7.

Hezekiah was not cured of his illness by a lump of figs, but through God’s mercy and grace, in response to Hezekiah’s trust.

We read further of Hezekiah’s trust in God in his dire circumstances, as he further cried out:

“... O, LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.”
Isaiah 38:14.

He was oppressed by the demands of Sennacherib’s threat:

“... if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee... .” II Kings 18:22-23.

Hezekiah did not give pledges to the king of Assyria, for his pledges were to his God in this time of oppression, when he cried out: “... undertake for me.” The word “undertake” means to engage, to mingle, to occupy, give pledges, be security. Hezekiah cried out

in his oppression for God's pledges - His promises of security for those whose hearts are pledged, engaged with God. Hezekiah prayed before the LORD through His prophet Isaiah:

"O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwelleth between the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear: open thine eyes, O LORD; and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

Now therefore, O LORD, our God, save us from his hands, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only."

Isaiah 37:16-17,20.

Hezekiah gave pledges to God:

"What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it. I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul."

Isaiah 38:15.

Hezekiah pledged to God that he would walk softly all his years, in response to God's pledge that He would allow Hezekiah to live for another fifteen years, and that Jerusalem would not be conquered by Sennacherib God promised Hezekiah:

"... the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD."

II Kings 19:30-33.

The Almighty kept His pledge:

“And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”
II Kings 19:35.

The Almighty did undertake, in response to Hezekiah’s prayer. He prospered in the fifteen-year extension to his life. God tested Hezekiah during this time, for he received letters and a present from the son of Baladan, king of Babylon (formerly Assyria):

“... Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.”
Isaiah 39:2.

Hezekiah’s pride was his fleshly achievements. Isaiah asked him:

“... What said these men? and from hence came they unto thee...?”
Isaiah 39:3.

Evidently Isaiah did not know they had come from Babylon, and that Hezekiah had shown them his precious possessions. Hezekiah told Isaiah what he had done concerning all his possessions, and said to Isaiah and to God:

“... All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.”
Isaiah 39:4.

In boasting of his worldly possessions - Hezekiah did not fully perceive that he could have died fifteen years ago, and Judah could have been conquered by Assyria - even as Samaria had been only eight years before. God truly did “undertake” for Hezekiah, keeping His divine pledges. Hezekiah had failed God’s test! We are shown this from Hezekiah’s experience with the ambassadors from Babylon, for God forsook Hezekiah to test his heart.

“Howbeit in the business of the prince of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder (God’s undertaking) that was done in the land, God left him to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart!”

II Chronicles 32:31.

God looks upon His people and knows their hearts. Concerning David, God gave this testimony:

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

Yet David cried out:

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?” Psalm 22:1.

The Lord Jesus as he hung on the cross cried out about the ninth hour;

“... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Jesus, when he had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up the spirit.” Matthew 27:46,50.

Jesus is the only One who never failed, never sinned, and died as the unblemished “Lamb of God” - the Victor in every test and every trial. He now sits at the right hand of God as a Redeemer for all those who cry out to God: “undertake for me” in the oppressions, fears, and tests that come. How blessed we are that God does listen. He tests our hearts, yet does abundantly grant His mercy and grace. How do we respond to His undertaking? Do we react as did David, as he pledged unto God:

“I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee. I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.” Psalm 9:1-2.

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**“EXCEPT A CORN OF WHEAT FALL
INTO THE GROUND AND DIE”
John 12:24**

This is the only place in the gospels where this reference is made by the Lord Jesus concerning His own death. He spoke knowing He must shortly die to fulfil God’s plan of salvation. He was the door through which any seeking fellowship with God and His Son must enter to attain unto eternal life. But being flesh, He agonized, knowing in a few short hours He must willingly lay down His life as a sacrifice, and would naturally fear lest He fail in this last task set before Him:

“Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”
John 12:27-28.

The Lord Jesus used the example of a seed planted to explain the necessity of His death, for many mistakenly felt that as the Messiah He would establish the Kingdom of God on earth at that time. He was endeavoring to emphasize that He must first die and be resurrected before that could be accomplished:

“...The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”
John 12:23-24.

Only as a seed falls into the ground and germinates can it fulfil its possibility of fruition and increase. When a seed is planted, one does not get back only one other seed, but hundreds or thousands contained in the seed head of that particular plant. An ear of corn or a stalk of wheat has hundreds of individual seeds - all resulting from the planting of only one seed. The grain seeds are harvested, divided from the chaff, ground into flour and then made into bread, after saving some of the seed for the next year’s planting.

In Jesus’ time Israel was mainly an agricultural society - many were farmers, shepherds or fishermen - depending on the land or sea for their living. They would be familiar with the knowledge of planting and would understand the message contained in His teaching. The Lord Jesus was the Seed to be planted or die and in

resurrection (or germination) would spring again to life. Planted as one seed, which would grow into a mature plant with hundreds of seeds in fruitfulness - a symbol of His role as the forerunner for His household of brethren and sisters.

Teaching his Corinthian brethren of the mystery of resurrection - dying as a fleshly body with the hope of being raised to become in God's mercy a spiritual body, Paul writes:

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

I Corinthians 15:42-44.

Paul was teaching that the Lord Jesus died with a fleshly body and nature, but when raised from the dead was made into a spiritual being - no longer a corruptible body with the possibility of temptation and failure. The transformation into a spiritual body is one with no fleshly weaknesses unable to sin and at one with God the Father.

Continuing in our consideration in John, the Lord Jesus' goes on to tell His followers:

"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."

John 12:25-26.

Being flesh, we all must face death, if the Lord Jesus does not return in the meantime. Death should hold no fear or dread, except for the fear of being found wanting by Christ when we appear before Him in judgment. We are privileged to have the knowledge of the gospel - the understanding of God's word through the name of Jesus Christ - the hope of Israel. If we have endeavored to live after His example, we may hope in His mercy to follow Him in all things, becoming spirit creatures reigning with Him in God's kingdom on earth.

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“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth.”

2 Timothy 4:4

What a sign it is! As knowledge increases so does finite mans’ pride!! The Apostle Paul warned prophetically of how the world would go off at a tangent, to give an undeserved respect to clever teachers, who had allowed their imaginations to distort their understanding. As he wrote to Timothy he declared:-

“- - - the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

The truth, from the Father in Heaven is simple. In His goodness, it is so all who want to be right, irrespective of how much intellectual ability they have, will be able to understand. But as mans’ knowledge increases, so do mans’ facilities for study also, and the world gives what is now a failing, indulgent respect to such places and the teachers who increase therein.

They shall “heap to themselves teachers” declared Paul.

Universities and colleges are an aspect of human life, and considerable benefit results from what is discovered and what is taught. But then they go off at a tangent. Oh! what an amazing notion has recently come out through University study! We will, herewith, quote what the media is conveying:-

“Human laughter can be traced back 16 million years to the last common ancestor of humans and great apes, according to new research.

Reconstruction (of) the origins of human laughter by mapping the laughter sounds of great apes and humans on an evolutionary tree (have been done).

More than 800 acoustic recordings from 22 juvenile and infant apes and three human babies while their palms, feet, necks and armpits were being tickled, (has taken place). The study compared the laughter sounds of great ape species and analysed and compared them to human

laughter. Despite acoustic differences between ape and human laughter, the results proved laughter is not a uniquely human trait. Our results on laughter indicate it has a pre-human basis - - -. Laughter EVOLVED GRADUALLY DURING THE LAST 10 TO 16 MILLION YEARS OF PRIMATE EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY - - -. Human laughter was - - - clearly distinct from the laughter of great apes because evolutionary changes had been more rapid in the last five million years."

So finite man looks at the infinite, and purports to be able to look back, and that he has the ability to teach of events in the: great stretch" of time, of which he cannot possibly have a real comprehension of.

The simple truth is that where man is concerned, he had a particular Beginning. What is seen around him in "heaven and earth" was the result of a great working of the Great God of Heaven, with a planet which 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 1:2.

As a result, the wonderful creation we see around us, with man upon it, was formed. This is the Truth, but man, in his pride, has turned from it. Oh! what a sign this is, for all who would look to the Holy One of Heaven, and seek to give honour and respect to He who is the source of all our good!

A BIBLE CLASS

“UNLESS THE LORD HAD BEEN MY HELP “

Psalm 94:17

David cried out in times of affliction from his enemies - such as Saul - who sought his life. He called upon God whom he trusted:

“Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

How long shall they utter and speak hard (grievous) things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?”

Psalm 94:2-8.

There has been enmity between the seed of the woman and the adversary - the seed of the serpent - since the days of Adam and Eve, when they partook of the forbidden tree. David knew that enmity and sought help from God as they “triumphed” against the seed of the woman. To triumph is also used to jump for joy, to exalt, to please self rather than God and His people.

David realized that God sees all things, and speaks against those who have believed that God does not see or hear:

“He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not know?

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man that they are vanity.”

Psalm 94:9-11.

David was a man after God's own heart, trusting in His word, fearing the LORD. David failed, he sinned in the matter of Bathsheba, and confessed that:

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

God chastened him through Nathan the prophet. He expresses his mind:

"Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;
That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit (grave) be digged for the wicked.
For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.
But judgment (vindication or punishment) shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it."
Psalms 94:12-15.

Indeed, blessed is he whom God chastens! Chasten is to chastise, correct, instruct, reprove, teach as a faithful father corrects his children to be in obedience to their father's will.

Paul helps us as he writes:

"... My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"
Hebrews 12:5-9.

Those who are faithful, subject to the chastening of their Father, are helped to please Him in their time of probation, looking to the

promises to be accomplished when Jesus Christ returns to the earth to judge those who wait for the time when:

“... judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.” Psalm 94:15.

David was among those who were upright, and asked:

“Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret (hidden) faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion (reign) over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:12-14.

We can see how David put his trust in the Almighty, as he speaks to us:

“Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.” Psalm 94:17-19.

We all slip; we all sin, and need God’s help through His mercy and grace, in granting His Son as the Redeemer, the One who intercedes, helps, strengthens, lifts up the hearts and comforts the souls.

Let us listen to David’s words from his heart, as he writes:

“Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.”

Psalm 25:4-6.

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ZACHARIAS AND ELISABETH

For several days during our yearly program, we read in the first chapter of Luke of God's graciousness in preparing to fulfil His promise of a Savior.

We learn first of a faithful couple in Israel, Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth:

"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years."

Luke 1:5-7.

These two were chosen to be the parents of "John the Baptist", he who would witness to the coming of the Lord - preparing Israel to receive their Savior as foretold by the prophets:

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain;

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

Isaiah 40:3-5.

And..

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."

Malachi 3:1.

Zecharias and Elisabeth's son John was to be this messenger, to prepare the minds of the people, that they may repent from their waywardness and be ready to receive the One promised - Jesus Christ, the Way of salvation. All this was carefully planned by God that His Son would be introduced to a world that had long awaited His coming, for they would now hear the knowledge of God's word from His mouth with authority and miraculous power.

Zacharias served as part of the priesthood in the temple and "his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord" (Luke 1:9). He must have been very different from the many priests and Pharisees who served Israel as teachers in that time, in order to be termed, "blameless". Most had corrupted God's word and commandments, trivializing the law into the practicalities of everyday life and the "traditions of men", being blind to the spirit of love and faithfulness which they were intended to teach to Israel. When He began His ministry, the Lord Jesus termed them collectively as, "blind leaders of the blind" (Matthew 15:14).

Zacharias and Elisabeth were aged - beyond childbearing years and without a family, for we are told, "Elisabeth was barren". As he administered his duties in the temple, the angel Gabriel appeared to him, bearing the news that he and his wife would have a child to be named John, and who would be given a special work from God:

"... For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Luke 1:15-17.

Gabriel also said, "thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth" (vs.14). When we think of a birth in a family

today, there is indeed joy and gladness among the extended family unit, however, Gabriel said that “many” would rejoice in John’s birth. Many would be enlightened by hearing John’s preaching of the gospel and of the coming of the Savior. Many of Israel would repent, turning to the Lord and in endeavoring to walk in Truth, would know real joy and gladness in finding the path to salvation.

Placing ourselves in Zacharias’ situation, we too would be overwhelmed, not only upon seeing an angel of God, but being aged and childless, to hear our prayers were to be answered and we would finally have a child. Would we be as quick to believe - would our faith be any stronger? Might we not also ask for evidence that this was true?

“... Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.” Luke 1:18.

Zacharias wanted a sign and Gabriel gave it:

“...thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.” Luke 1:20.

When Zacharias left the temple, his friends and family knew something momentous had happened for he gestured to them, indicating he could not speak:

“And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.” Luke 1:21-22.

When the child was born it was natural for the extended family to presume he would be named after his father Zacharias, yet his mother Elisabeth indicated otherwise:

“And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.”

Luke 1:59-64.

John’s name translates, as “grace” - for God was gracious to both Zacharias and Elisabeth in this child’s birth and in bringing about His promise of a Savior to Israel. What a miraculous time for this family, and then to know that their cousin Mary, a virgin, was to bear the Son of God, confirming yet another prophecy:

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”

Isaiah 7:14-15.

What joy and gladness Zacharias and Elisabeth would experience at the birth of a son after a long childless life - much like Abraham and Sarah. What joy they would know as they taught him of God’s word and finally as he matured, they would rejoice in his work of witnessing to prepare the people of Israel to receive their Savior.

Zacharias, whose own name means, “who God remembers” would be filled with gratitude to God for all the blessings bestowed, no doubt believing even more keenly that God does know those who are His and remembers them in grace, mercy and love. Filled with the Holy Spirit at the time of John’s birth, he too prophesied of the Prince of Peace to come through God’s mercy and kindness:

“Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the
dayspring from on high hath visited us,
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow
of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:78-79.

These events are recorded for our help that we may see the
faith of those of old who trusted in God and moved according to
His word, and were thus blessed. This same salvation and hope can
be ours if we receive His Son in gratitude, for God has been gracious
and will remember us as well.

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SIGNS OF HIS COMING

**“Judah in the day of their destruction. - - -”
(Obadiah verse 12.)**

The prophecy of Obadiah warns against failure to show a merciful inclination towards the Jews. Oh! how the Jews have suffered over the centuries. Obadiah warned long ago that this would come about. But also the prophet prophetically pronounced against their enemy. The words are that they should not:-

“- - - have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldst thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.- - -”
verse 12.

“For the day of the Lord is near upon all the NATIONS:
as thou hast done it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.”
verse 15.

“But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.”
verse 17.

The recent pronouncements from the Jews’ enemy, through the media, were hateful words. Speaking at an important national and political Meeting, a leader declared that:-

“Israel was formed on the ‘false and mythical claim’ of the mass killing of Jews in the Second World War, adding that it was his people’s MORAL DUTY to stand up against it.”

Continuing in his hostility he went on to say:-

“If the Holocaust was a real event, why don’t they allow research on it to clear up facts?” - - - The U.N. and world powers issue anti - - - resolutions (against his position) but when it comes to Israel, they cover up crimes.- - -”

The British Government condemned such an attitude saying

“it was abhorrent as well as ignorant.” A government spokesman declared “It is very important that the world community stand up against this tide of abuse. This outburst is not worthy of this leader.”

What scathing remarks came from this politician, were issued. He said:-

“The Zionist regime is the symbol of lies and deception. Its existence amounts to eternal insecurity in the region- -”

What a wilful denial it is of a horrendous disaster. The Nazi persecution of the Jews killed an estimated six million Jews. The death of so many cannot be covered up.

Obadiah, of old, warned that such persecution would come as a result of hatred for the special position of the seed of Abraham, in various places.

But such events, and also deliverance for this suffering people would also take place, and would be a very great sign in the working out of God’s great ultimate plan, for this good earth.

And so this continuing hostility against the Jew which we now see, will come to an end: God’s holy word is very clear about what is coming:-

“And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.”
verse 21.

NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR DECEMBER 2009

Hamburg, NEW YORK, Corner Southwestern Blvd. & Pleasant Avenue.

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Sunday Afternoon Class: 1:45 pm

Midweek Bible Class: Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

We write this month's news with heartfelt gratitude to our Brother John DeFries, for his many years of faithful work in the Truth, as we announce his putting aside of the secretarial duties for the Hamburg Ecclesia.

Since 1946 he has held this position, with many of these years being the only brother to guide and conduct the ecclesial affairs. The time comes in all of our lives when strength fails and adjustments to our activities must be made. Brother DeFries will remain active in exhorting and Bible classes as Brother Steiger assumes the secretarial responsibilities. Again, we wish to thank Brother DeFries for his careful and diligent service to our ecclesia.

We thank God for His merciful kindness in directing our ways, as we look forward to the soon return of His Son.

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Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

How good it has been that our Sister Eunice was able to make a visit among our American Brethren and Sisters in September and October.

Such opportunities bring us closer together in the blessing of Fellowship, which is of our Father in Heaven.

Such events, over the years, take our minds forward to that final great time when our Lord will make His visit from Heaven, which will last for ever, when those of Faith will joy in the presence of our Saviour.

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