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“AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD”

“IT IS MANNA”

This week we are coming to the end of “The Daily Portions” - our reading of the word of God, from Genesis to The Revelation.

The Almighty provided food for Israel in the wilderness as bread from heaven each morning, except on the seventh day. When Israel saw the bread from heaven, they did not know what it was;

“... they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was...” Exodus 16:15.

They called it manna; and Moses then told them:

“... This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.” Exodus 16:15.

This manna was the food for Israel as they wandered forty years in the wilderness, before entering the promised land.

As we complete “The Daily Portions” for another year, we will begin again to read Genesis, Psalms and Matthew. But let us stop and think! As we have finished reading, have we grown from partaking of the bread that God has given us? Are we stronger spiritually? Are we more pleasing to God?

Let us listen to Job of whom we have recently read:

“All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;  
My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.  
God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.” Job 27:3-5.

Involved in the word integrity is completeness, uprightness, perfection. Such was Job’s determination, even against his wife’s demand:

“... Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh.

What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips."

Job 2: 9-10.

Job did not curse (blaspheme) God, but kept his integrity, his uprightness. Job's integrity brought blessing to him as he endured God's testing of him. As we have read in Job chapters 38 to 41, the Almighty spoke to Job, showing him how great was God's power: He asked Job: "Canst thou...?" Are you able to have might, able to have power, able to prevail? Only God can do every thing, enabling us to perceive, as Job did:

"I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee; and declare thou unto me.

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Job 42:2-6.

Job grew in uprightness, in integrity, and was pleasing to God, as he abhorred himself and repented, growing toward perfectness.

James spoke of Job's endurance:

"Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

James 5:11.

Let us endure!

"Be ye patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

James 5:8.

In our reading of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, God

spoke through them as they endeavored to strengthen those who were rebuilding the temple, after it had been destroyed in the year BC 588. The adversaries of Israel determined to prevent this work. God spoke through Haggai while the Hebrews built their own houses, and failed to build the temple because of these adversaries. Haggai confronted them:

“Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house (temple) lie waste?  
Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.”  
Haggai 1:4-5.

At the same time that God spoke through Haggai, He spoke through Zechariah:

“Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying,  
Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD. Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever”  
Zechariah 1:4-5.

Through the work of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, the temple was finished, for the workers listened to God’s word:

“And this house (temple) was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year (BC 520) of the reign of Darius the king.  
And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.”  
Ezra 6:15-16.

Through the word of God, and His prophets, the builders of the temple rejoiced as the spirit of God strengthened them to work toward its completion.

Our last reading of God’s word is The Revelation of Jesus Christ:

“... which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.”  
Revelation 1:1.

John was the apostle whom Jesus loved. In 96 AD, this vision of The Revelation was given to him, 60 years after the Lord Jesus had ascended to His Father. It is written:

“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ:, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.  
I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,  
Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and,  
What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia: ...” Revelation 1:9-11.

John was shown the vision of God’s purpose with His earth, which we are reading at the end of “The Daily Portions - the “*manna*.” This vision reveals God’s purpose and the destruction of the adversaries of His word:

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.  
And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.  
And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.  
Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.  
And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.” Revelation 18:1-2,4,20-21.

Again, John heard God’s vision:

“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.”  
Revelation 19:1-2.

ALLELUIA - salvation, glory, honor and power - Praise ye the Lord. Further John speaks:

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”  
Revelation 19:6-8.

All this, we recognize, is the manna:

“... This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.”  
Exodus 16:15.

Are we truly growing? Are we helped to a greater strength, a greater wisdom? Are we sustained to endure until Jesus returns? Can we say, like Job:

“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.  
Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”  
Job 42:5-6.

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## DAVID' S EXAMPLE OF TRUST

We are often given particular insight into the mind and strength of spirit that David possessed, as we read the Psalms he penned. Many are particular to traumatic events in his life both joyful and sad, while others give praise and thanksgiving to God for His deliverance and care.

He endured many trials and tribulations throughout his life and learned from an early age to trust in God. These circumstances were brought over the space of his lifetime so as not to overwhelm, but to build a foundation of assurance in the Lord his God.

As a young shepherd boy guarding his father's sheep, he slew a lion and a bear that stole a lamb from the flock. He was not a seasoned warrior and not likely skilled in weaponry - he was but a lad trusting that the God of Israel would protect him.

He used this early experience to face the giant Goliath, the champion of the Philistines, when men of war, much older than he, feared to confront him:

“And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.”

I Samuel 17:34-36.

From this encounter he was brought to King Saul's attention - but the royal favor, soon turned to jealousy and hatred in light of David's goodness and esteem as a warrior before all Israel.

David then knew years of fear as he fled from Saul's wrath. He must have asked himself many times, what he had done to deserve such treatment? He had been anointed to be king after Saul and what patience it must have engendered to wait upon God to fulfil this promise and not take matters into his own hands. Throughout these years, the lesson learned would be to trust only in God, for the help of man was fleeting:

“While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.”

Psalm 146:2-3.

At Saul's death, after years of fleeing in fear for his life, when the kingdom was delivered to him, Israel grew and prospered under his leadership, because he still looked to God for guidance and help in all his ways.

"And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

And he said. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour, thou savest me from violence. I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."

II Samuel 22:1-4.

Through conquests of neighboring nations, David increased Israel's lands and wealth, but was always diligent to ask for God's guidance and direction before he went to war. Because his heart was humble and toward God, he was helped in all his endeavors and he, his people and army came to be feared and respected.

There was a respite of sorts as the kingdom of Israel grew and prospered, yet it was at such a time when David began to take some ease in his life, that temptation struck:

"And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem."

II Samuel 11:1.

David tarried at home with his wives and children while his army was sent forth to battle the people of Ammon. Was he weary of war after so many years? Did he feel comfortable enough that he sent others to lead the army while he waited at home and took his ease? Whatever his spirit, whether boredom, complacency etc. it was at this time he spied Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah (away fighting in Israel's army) and took her for himself, who was another's wife.

He lost his footing and compounded his sin of adultery when he discovered there was to be a child born of their union, by staging Uriah's death - using his power as king to place him in the forefront of battle. This was the thinking of the flesh, not the man who was "after God's own heart", by trying to hide one sin he created another.

Under the precepts of the law, adulterers were to be stoned to death, as was one who murdered. Yet God's law was not established

to promote only cruelty and death for offence, but rather to lead by love and example, knowing the frail nature of man and that he would fail, by always making room for repentance. Therefore, because David was quick to see his wrong and repent, God showed mercy, but not without leveling great punishment and hardship, which followed David to the end of his life.

God's judgment against David was swift and decisive and how grieved David would feel as Nathan the prophet recounted the blessings granted him of God through the years and how he had repaid God's kindness with evil;

"...I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die."

II Samuel 12: 7-13.

With speed this prophecy began to be fulfilled, first with the death of David and Bathsheba's child, then later with the rebellion and betrayal of David's son Absalom, who tried to wrest the throne from his father. David was forced to flee from Jerusalem while Absalom and his followers took the city:

"And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee, for we shall not else escape

from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword” II Samuel 15:14.

As an added token of his disdain and disrespect for David his father, Absalom took the women of David’s household that were left behind - claiming them to be his, thus fulfilling Nathan’s prophecy to David after his sin with Bathsheba:

“And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father’s concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong.

So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel” II Samuel 16:21-22.

It was not in God’s purpose that Absalom be king after David his father. Therefore, he and his followers were defeated and destroyed, which too caused a grief to David for the loss of his son’s life.

The sword never left David’s family, until the reign of his son Solomon. For this was part of God’s purpose that David’s son Solomon, a man of peace, should reign after him, foretelling of the future coming of his greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ who will one day reign as King over Israel - a nation which will encompass the whole earth.

David was chosen and anointed king over Israel because his heart was tender towards God. He relied on God’s word to guide and direct him from his early days as a shepherd boy to his last years as an aging king overseeing God’s inheritance. Although being flesh, he stumbled at times, his ambitions did not lay in this life, or the advantages he could achieve as king, but in looking for approval in God’s sight and to secure a place in God’s future kingdom to come:

“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.”  
Psalm 84:10-12.

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**"I beheld --- the beast, even till the beast  
was slain ---."**

**Daniel 7:11**

Daniel's prophecy had a saddening effect upon him. He foresaw very great events, and writes:-

"I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of these things." Daniel 7:16.

Daniel was told there was to be, in God's ultimate purpose, a Kingdom upon this Good Earth, to be sent from heaven. But prior to this good age coming there would arise in this world a formidable association of the nations of men. We will quote some of its description:-

"--- he shall --- think to change times and laws:  
and they shall be given into his hand. ---. But the judgment shall sit ---. And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High --- and all dominions (or rulers) shall serve and obey him."  
Daniel 7:18-27.

Now, for centuries, small and large nations have continued independently. And it has been a disunity which has brought about much suffering and loss. But in these later times there has been a getting together of various nations. The nation's media speak of this in the following terms:-

"- - If we are not careful we will wake up trapped in a European superstate. Things are actually worse much than that: we are in it already. --- Britain is powerless to resist; it is surely obvious that this country no longer runs its own affairs. The European Court of Justice based in Luxembourg has just taken an arbitrary decision --- for young drivers - - - and men nearing retirement age. --- The ECJ has --- in Belgium of the European Court, (for an example this is given) - - - "Convicted prisoners must be given the vote against the wishes of the British. - - -" and also has repeatedly forbidden us to expel foreign terrorists - - - now open to Britain (it is) to restore democracy - - - and bring back accountability to the political process BY LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION. ---"

In Britain there is a holding fast by some, to their old rules, and as a result there is already an appearance of Britain with the

U.S.A., with the EEC already inclined to be politically an entity of a European unity of nations, which, to a degree, are already at one side from the United States and the United Kingdom.

So, prophetic fulfilment moves on towards completion. In conclusion we will quote another significant media comment:-

"- - - A burgeoning EU diplomatic empire (arises) with a lavish headquarters in Brussels (and) a huge army of officials and expensive self-styled embassies all over the world. She is also head of the European Defence Agency, an outfit that is assuming ever greater importance as Brussels accelerates the process of integration - - - it is a menacing wasteful leviathan bent on destroying our independence and democracy - - - so striking that the EU and the Court of Human Rights no longer try to hide their determination to subjugate the peoples of Europe - - -" "The time of the homogenous nation state is over, declares - - - the President of the EU - - - we cannot go on pretending that we can survive as a nation within the EU. - - - Withdrawal from the EU used to be regarded as an extremist position - - - but support for such a policy is becoming increasingly popular."

So in present events nations (and peoples) are moving in various ways into alignment, in accordance with what Biblical prophecy said would come to pass in these last days.

## A BIBLE CLASS

### WHAT IS MERCY?

#### Matthew 5:7

The dictionary describes mercy as a refraining from harming or punishing, forbearance, and a thing to be grateful for. In the concordance, mercy is defined as compassion, good, kindly, merciful, and pity.

The word mercy is first mentioned in the scriptures when God spoke to Lot, warning him to leave Sodom lest he be destroyed along with God's destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot lingered:

"... while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city."

Genesis 19:16.

God spoke to Lot:

"... Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

Genesis 19:17.

Lot and his two daughters left Sodom; but his wife looked back to Sodom, and was turned into a pillar of salt, as a result of her disobeying God, Lot and his daughters were saved through God's mercy.

David was a man after God's own heart, yet he failed in the matter of Bath-sheba, the wife of Uriah. When Nathan the prophet spoke to David concerning his sin, David recognized his failure, which would have required stoning, and he quickly repented, saying:

"... I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin, thou shalt not die."

II Samuel 12:13.

David knew the mercy of God because of his repentance and atonement.

The Almighty provided the means of atonement through the mercy seat in the most holy place of the tabernacle, over the ark and under the cherubim. The high priest entered the most holy place through the veil, and sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice upon the mercy seat once a year on the day of atonement, for cleansing first

himself, and then for the cleansing of the congregation. Only the high priest could enter the most holy place to accomplish the atonement at the mercy seat of God. This day of atonement - mercy, cleansing - foretold of the ultimate mercy of God, in the provision of Jesus Christ who gave His life upon the cross, never having sinned himself:

“... he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the spirit.”  
John 19:30.

As He died:

“... the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;...”  
Matthew 27: 51.

The ultimate of God’s mercy is in the provision of His Son as the means of atonement. The Lord Jesus expressed his spirit as he spoke to the Pharisees:

“... go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice:  
for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”  
Matthew 9:13.

Jesus spoke this parable:

“... unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:  
Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.  
The Pharisee stood, and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I sin not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.  
I fast twice in the week. I give tithes of all that I possess.  
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 18:9-14.

Jesus further spoke to the scribes and Pharisees:

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted

the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone”  
Matthew 23:23.

The scribes and Pharisees in Jesus’ time were subject to the letter of the law, rather than the spirit, which is based upon judgment (to think) and faith (a conviction), to bring forth or exhibit mercy.

David lived by the spirit of the law, looking to the mercy of God:

“Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.”  
Psalm 4:1.

Paul helps us to seek God’s mercy, as he wrote:

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4.14-16.

We feel God’s mercy as we seek it, and He responds to our prayers. Let us rejoice in His mercy that fills our living. And let us strive to express mercy in all our ways, as we look to the hope of eternal life, made possible by the life and death of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”  
Matthew 5:7.**

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**“AND IN THAT DAY WILL I MAKE A COVENANT  
FOR THEM WITH THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD”  
Hosea 2:18**

Hosea was a prophet sent to the ten tribes during the reign of:

“... Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah,  
and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.”  
Hosea 1:1.

He was sent to condemn Israel for their rebellion against God and warn of the coming consequences of their actions. His life was to be a parable to Israel, for as they had been unfaithful to their God, so too was Hosea instructed to marry a harlot and experience the same:

“The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.”  
Hosea 1:2.

Israel was in God’s eyes as an adulterous woman who had left her husband for another, because they had departed from God’s ways to serve idols:

“So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.  
And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.”  
Hosea 1:3-4.

The child’s name of Jezreel translates as, “whom God sows” warning of the coming revenge of God upon not only the house of Jehu, for the blood which he had spilled, but also upon the entire kingdom of Israel for their idolatry.

Hosea’s wife then bare a daughter and he was instructed to call her Loruhamah:

“And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God

said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen." Hosea 1:6-7.

This daughter's name Loruhamah means, "not having obtained mercy", again reiterating God's position with his people. No longer would he pity or show them care and mercy because they had refused Him. Yet, at the end of this warning to Israel is given hope for the house of Judah, who still endeavored to walk in His precepts.

When the child was weaned, another son was born to Hosea and his name too was a judgment against Israel:

"Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God." Hosea 1:8-9.

Israel had forsaken the covenant entered into with God, that if they would walk obediently before Him, He would be their God and they would be His people. Therefore, Because they turned their back on Him, God caused them to go into captivity and dispersed them from the land given.

He had brought them from bondage in Egypt under the hand of Moses to a fruitful land where they established themselves as His people, yet they turned to the practices of the heathen surrounding them - they worshipped their idols of stone and wood and refused their Deliverer the Living God.

Even in the midst of Hosea's warnings of their ultimate captivity, there was extended a ray of hope and mercy. For those who would repent and turn from their wickedness, there was mercy to be shown and an abiding place established at the end of God's purpose:

"In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and

the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely." Hosea 2:18.

This can only be speaking of the time of peace which will be founded in God's kingdom on earth when Christ returns. The curse placed after the fall in the garden against mankind, the beasts and the earth itself will be washed away in Christ's righteous reign. The prophet Isaiah also speaks of this time of peace when all of creation will be blessed:

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:6-7,9.

No longer will the law of the jungle or survival of the fittest be the norm as it is today. No longer will the predator stalk and kill, for gentleness and peace will extend to all of creation as the curse is lifted under the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Only through belief in His Son is this inheritance possible - to the humble and meek who died seeing Him in faith throughout the ages, and those alive to see His return. During this age will the promises be fulfilled to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as their children, both actual and spiritual descendants, are gathered into the land promised them through God's word.

"Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." Hosea 1:10.

How merciful was God that even with Hosea's warning came a hope held out if they would but turn to their God, He would forgive their trespasses and renew the covenant He had established with His people. If they would seek Him in obedience and love, He would in turn be their comfort and care.

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## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

**“- - - The king of the south shall be strong. - - -”  
Daniel 11:5**

The United States and the United Kingdom are showing considerable concern about Libya. Why is this? These two powers of the West are very interested in “the South,” because they involve themselves out of concern for areas of the world in which they have economic connections.

As scriptural prophecy is considered, do we not see an omnipotent overruling in the happenings in the nations so that events in the World follow a wonderful divine purpose? Areas south of the land of Israel are involved with the great powers that are to the West and the South, for the final political alignment which will result in Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

In the meantime, politically they will move to act in a preliminary position of being supportive of the Jewish State. As a part of such a stance, they then are acting specially in their involvement with Libya, so that Libya comes in the bounds of Western concern and interest.

Britain for example has recently been involved in the uniting of the European nations in their “Common Market”. But of all these nations the U.K. is not quite so absorbed as the other nations. The volume of regard for this national “get together” is not so fulsome in Britain as in the other members of the EEC.

Comments in the U.K. Press reveal a quiet trend towards holding back from full absorption. We will now quote some of this:-

“Euro fanatics and the A. V. brigade have much in common - - - this is exactly the same mindset as that of the Euro fanatics, Whenever the latest deepening of the EU is put to a vote and rejected, they do not even consider paying attention to the views of the electorate. They simply demand further referenda until the impudent voters provide the right result.

Because however much they talk about democracy, they hold the rest of us - who have never said yes and never supported them - in contempt. - - - So when the European Commission demands that UK taxpayers hand over another (sum) - - - they could not care less what we think - - - our

views are an irrelevance. We exist only to further the great E.U. project.”

This is language that is NOT for a complete alignment of Britain with this European Union of those nations. Additionally in not being so involved, we also see Britain and the USA being moved to be together concerning not only Libya but also other oil-rich countries. Consider the following news report:-

“Oil prices continued to rise - - - fears that unrest in Libya could spread to Saudi Arabia - - - crippling world supplies. - - - Saudi Arabia currently produces one in every four of the world’s oil barrels - - - the growing concern of many economists - - - is that the unrest will spread to other major producing countries such as Algeria and Saudi Arabia.”

So the USA and the UK become in their concern for certain parts of the world, “The King of the South”. And what a sign this is! So, in the affairs of the nations, political events move onwards towards a final conclusion!

**NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR JULY 2011**

Hamburg, NEW YORK

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Thursday: Bible Class 3:30pm; Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

Our monthly advertising has been suspended for the summer months and will begin again in September, God willing. This effort in witnessing, along with our website, has resulted in several inquiries, allowing us to communicate the Truth to people in areas not able to be reached before. The result of this work is in God's hands and we can only hope that some might hear and fear, whether now or in the future.

As we enjoy the summer months with its warmer weather, we rejoice in the handiwork of God, reminding us of the seasonal blessings we are allowed to share.

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Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

As the year rolls by and we get to midsummer, what a merciful blessing it is that we are allowed to our continuing and our contributing to this work of our Magazine.

To have unity with those across the sea and have the consolation of their continuing with us in prayers of approach to our Father Most High is very precious indeed. We pray for each other and we know our prayers are heard, and so the wonderful benefit of our magazine goes on and the focus of the Truth is maintained!

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