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foretold by Christ

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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

“...THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING”

This morning we have read concerning the time of the Judges, Hezekiah, and Paul. In times of trouble they called upon the LORD, seeking His help and finding strength to endure.

During the time of the judges, Israel turned away from God after the judge ended his time of judgment. We read this morning of Israel after 40 years of peace:

“... the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.”

Judges 6:1,6.

In response to their cry, the Almighty sent a judge, Gideon, who went to war against the Midianites with only 300 men. God had required Gideon to send only this small number, lest Israel would feel that conquering Midian was their victory rather than the Almighty's. With 300 men, Gideon was helped to conquer 120,000 Midianites (Judges 8:10). Impossible, one would think; but there is nothing impossible with God, as the hand of the LORD was with Gideon and the 300 men to indeed conquer. After the Midianites were destroyed, the Israelites said unto Gideon:

“... Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you. Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.”

Judges 8:22-23,28.

However, after Gideon's death:

“... the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god.

And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side.

Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.”  
Judges 8:33-35.

Gideon judged Israel for 40 years, leading them with God’s hand upon him – doing so in the time of 1249 to 1209 BC – when Abimelech, one of the sons of Gideon, seized the rule over Israel instead of the 70 sons of Gideon. Israel turned to Abimelech instead of to the Almighty, resulting in Israel’s being ruled by fleshly ways, rather than during the 40 years of Gideon. Indeed Abimelech killed all but one of Gideon’s sons, who hid himself (Judges 9:5).

Our second reading involved the king of Assyria coming in 710 BC to Hezekiah, king of the two tribes of Judah, since Assyria had conquered the 10 tribes of Israel in 721 BC, and attempted to conquer King Hezekiah, who trusted in God. When Sennacherib, king of Assyria sent a letter to Hezekiah, he took it unto the house of God in Jerusalem and:

“... prayed unto the LORD, saying, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thee 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 hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.”  
Isaiah 37:16-17,20.

God did save Hezekiah and Jerusalem. Indeed, He made it possible in speaking to Hezekiah:

“... He (Sennacherib) shall not come into the city (Jerusalem), nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.”  
Isaiah 37:33.

Hezekiah at the same time had a fatal illness, and prayed unto the LORD. The Almighty answered Hezekiah through the prophet Isaiah, saying:

“... I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, 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.” Isaiah 38:5-6.

The Hebrew names for Isaiah and Hezekiah are as follows:

ISALAH – made up of two words:

- 1) yasha = save, salvation
- 2) Yahh = Yah, Jehovah, God

HEZEKIAH – also made up of two words:

- 1) chazaq = strengthen, strength
- 2) Yahh = Yah, Jehovah

The prophet Isaiah was a means of God’s salvation, enabling Hezekiah to be strengthened, Jerusalem was saved, and Hezekiah’s illness was overcome – God’s grace toward those who trust in Him.

Also, we have read of Saul (Paul) at the time of his conversion, from being an enemy of God and His people, to be a “chosen vessel.” When he was blinded on his way to Damascus to persecute the followers of Jesus:

“... he, trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Acts 9:6.

Jesus replied:

“... he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:  
For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name’s sake.” Acts 9:15-16.

Paul did suffer, spent his life and strength to glorify God. For 31 years he endured persecution and wrote to his brethren to

encourage them. He wrote many epistles: Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews. He gave his life, and said:

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”  
II Timothy 4:6-8.

Surely Paul gave his life willingly, in answer to his own question:

“... Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Acts 9:6.

We have listened to three people of God, who loved and longed for the appearance of the righteous judge. Gideon (1249 BC) looked forward to the appearance of the coming Jesus. Hezekiah (712 BC) loved and longed for the appearance of Jesus. The Lord Jesus came in the flesh, and appeared for 3-1/2 years, ministering to His Father’s purpose, and fulfilling God’s promise as He cried out on the cross:

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

Paul gave his life, as he said in AD 66:

“For I am now ready to be offered...” II Timothy 4:6.

Gideon, Hezekiah and Paul were those who loved the appearing of Jesus. And these three died, waiting for the appearing of the Lord Jesus to judge all those who are responsible.

We are a few, a remnant striving to love Jesus’ appearing when:

“... he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King (at his appearing) say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Matthew 25:33-34.

It has been nearly two thousand years since Jesus’ first appearance on the earth. We are striving to be among those at His right hand – to live and reign with Him for eternity. How blessed and strengthened we are by the examples of Gideon, Hezekiah, and Paul – among others – to whom the Lord Jesus says:

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8.

J.A.DeF.

## HIS WORD - THE WAY OF LIFE

What a blessing it is to have the Word of God preserved throughout the centuries in order to teach us of His hope of salvation. In mercy, God sent teachers, prophets and apostles to carry on this work of spreading the gospel message, that all with a listening ear might learn of His Son and look for His coming. Those before Him did not know Him by name, but could see Him with the eyes of faith. We who have been born since His death have the privilege of learning of His life and work as the Messiah promised by name - Jesus Christ.

Paul of Tarsus was one of those sent as a teacher of the gospel - dedicated and single-minded in his service to God by ministering to those called as brothers and sisters in faith. In a letter to Timothy, he writes encouraging him to do likewise, especially during times of trouble and tribulation:

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”  
II Timothy 1:8-9

We would be lost to suffer the fate of all mankind – an eternity of death in the grave, with no hope of resurrection, without this wondrous hope. We may ask why we have been called out to know the hope first given to Israel? The answer is – only God knows. It is not because of our own words or works but ONLY because of His mercy shown towards us. He alone sees into the heart of man and if He detects a nature which can be turned from self-serving to a walk in obedience before Him, His word is put in this man’s path and he is led to know the way of Truth contained therein.

It is a gift offered with free choice. Such a blessing demands obedience in gratitude, but whether we respond appropriately is entirely up to us. This knowledge of Truth is a GIFT given of a loving Father - yet how many children naturally scorn a parent’s

guidance, without appreciation until they mature unto a better state of wisdom.

God called out a people from the beginning, giving man His Word in order to walk faithfully before Him. Obedience promised the blessing of life everlasting made possible through belief in His Son and our Covering for Sin, while disobedience came with the punishment of death:

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”  
Ephesians 1:4-5

As Gentiles we were not the first chosen to be called by His name – but through His merciful kindness a way was made possible that we might be grafted into the hope of Israel through belief in His Son, Jesus Christ. As adopted children, we if faithful, can share in the inheritance promised to all His sons and daughters called to experience the blessings of life eternal in the Kingdom of God when His Son returns:

“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”  
Ephesians 1:10-12

A breach was created between God and man through disobedience to His Word. Only through the sacrifice of Christ, His only child to live a perfect life of obedience without sin, was a way made possible into His presence. Without Christ’s life of godly obedience and His willing sacrifice, there would be no hope for any, other than the grave. As sons of Adam, we have inherited the curse placed upon all flesh:

“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” Genesis 3:19

Yet in being grafted into the hope of Israel through the blood of our Redeemer, we have a hope of life after death through Christ:

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.”

I Corinthians 15:22-23

In order to inherit these promises we must endeavor to follow after Christ’s example by walking after God’s Word in obedience. Peter as did the apostle Paul, left us the particulars of how we may aspire to do so:

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:4-8

To make our election (or selection) sure and firm we must be found to cultivate these attributes in our living, as were found in Christ. These characteristics that were in Him, do not come naturally to the flesh – virtue, patience, brotherly kindness, diligence or love. It takes a true knowledge of God’s Word and personal self-restraint in order to walk pleasing to the Almighty, instead of serving self.

Without guidance, man has always been heedless of serving

anyone other than self. Today the general world circumstances seem to pander to self-gratification and fulfillment of whatever obscure desires seem right to man. We may say the times seem to be getting worse, seeing all forms of fleshly corruption, greed and lust flourishing and acceptable to most. It's labeled today as "doing one's own thing". Yet man's nature has always been prone to baseness without God's guiding hand and instruction. Back many hundreds of years to the time before the flood, God's people had multiplied - some careful to follow His word and "call upon the name of the Lord" (Genesis 4:26), while others gave no thought to the need to live separately from wickedness:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Genesis 6:5-6

The above quotation recorded the circumstances on earth several generations after Adam's failure in the garden. His sons and their sons would be warned of the consequences of failing to obey God's Word and the need to walk in righteousness. This message would be passed down from father to son. Yet by the time of Noah, wickedness filled the earth with most fulfilling the imagination of his or her own heart – much like we see today. It goes to disprove the innate goodness of man and rather his propensity to evil if left without God's Word and guidance.

Yet the record of those throughout the ages who followed God's Word in faith, whether given by oral report or the written Word, have been preserved for our help and admonition, as Paul mentions in Hebrews chapter eleven:

"..faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report."

Hebrews 11:1-2

Those "elders" and others mentioned by name, submitted their flesh to His will, instead of walking after their own desires:

“Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:” Hebrews 11:33-35

These now dead, sleep in the grave, awaiting the resurrection God has promised when His Son the Lord Jesus returns to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

When the trumpet sounds His return, then all privileged to have had a knowledge of His Truth, will be raised and gathered along with the living of similar faith, to face the judgment seat of Christ. Their works while on earth will be judged against the perfect standard set by God’s Son Jesus Christ. Unlike Him, we fail and need God’s forgiveness and mercy – for none of us can stand on the merit of our works or faith alone.

As we look each day to that Word, let us remember its importance as our spiritual food – preserved in the mercy of God to teach and guide us in the path of Truth, the only way which can lead to resurrection and life everlasting.

M.C.S.

**“BLASPHEMERS....DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS”**

Scripture speaks very warningly of these last days. For, says the Bible...

“men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud...” 2 Timothy 3:2

They will fail to appreciate the wonder of the Heavenly Father’s provision.

“...so are unthankful, unholy...”

As the attitude of young people of today is considered, deterioration of moral behaviour is evident. It is a sign of the times. We will quote some remarkable lamentation from the media:

“The breakdown of family life. In the wake of recent events no one can deny that we have bred feckless, lawless males who pass on to their own children the same mistakes and multiply them with each new cycle of parenting...There was far worse unemployment in the ‘thirties’ and genuine grinding poverty...rioting was nowhere to be seen.

What is different now? Certainly a lack of discipline and the absence of the moral compass which for many generations was embedded across society – the difference between right and wrong. But what lies at the top of the pyramid of causes is the destruction which has been wrought to the family, for so long the mainstay of society and the measure by which successive generations were civilised and socialized.”

The press report was concerning an event of a mob taking to the streets. A British top Government official who was on holiday at the time cut his holiday short to return to England, and authorized the use of water cannon (never used before on the British mainland) “we will do whatever is necessary to restore law and order on our streets... Some may be deterred from copycat crimes, knowing the water cannon and the plastic bullet are primed and ready for use”, declared the media, showing a mob in a photograph of young people racing along a street in Manchester.

These are unhappy times, but what is so significant, they are a fulfillment of scripture. We will conclude these remarks from one other sad lament about present day events:

“...Forty per cent of all mothers will now spend some time living as a lone parent...”

And there is the comment that it is “...the breakdown of family life (which) has led to today’s anarchy.”

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**“HE WEAKENED MY STRENGTH”**

**Psalm 102:23**

The title of this Psalm reveals David’s reason for needing help from the Almighty. David was a man after God’s own heart, striving to glorify Him.

The Psalm is a prayer of David who was in affliction, when he was overwhelmed and poured out his complaint before the LORD. David kept God’s commandments throughout his life, except his fleshly failure with Bath-sheba, and his counting the size of his army. He was afflicted as he cried out to God:

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

He humbled himself, was lowly of heart, and his strength was weakened. As David prayed to the LORD in his affliction, and knew forgiveness by the Almighty, he expressed:

“Before I was afflicted (humbled) I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.” Psalm 119:67,71,75.

David was overwhelmed, failed, was faint, feeble, and weakened in his low estate, and cried out to God when he recognized he failed to please God:

“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is over-whelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.” Psalm 61:1-3.

In his time of trouble, David knew God’s shelter, and prayed for His help, pouring out his complaint before the LORD. His prayer was not to complain to God, but to communicate, meditate, pray or talk, seeking God’s strength granted to those who trust in Him.

When troubled David sought God to:

“Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion (control) over me: then shall I 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 19:13-14.

David meditated upon his failures and was overwhelmed, realizing his own strength of spirit was diminished, and poured out his communication in prayer before the LORD, who in mercy forgave him.

We all fail before the LORD, except the Lord Jesus, who conquered his fleshly nature, as He died upon the cross, and cried out in victory:

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

When we fail, we too, like David – are weakened in strength. We also must communicate in prayer to God seeking forgiveness, through our Mediator, the Lord Jesus, realizing as did David:

“Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.”  
Psalm 119:67,71.

We have great help by the example of David; let us cry out:

“Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.”  
Psalm 102:1-3.

How blessed we are that the Almighty will hear our prayer, and will re-strengthen our spirit!

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**A BIBLE CLASS**

**“I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE  
LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL”**

**Matthew 15:24**

The record of this incident involving the Lord Jesus and the Canaanite woman can also be found in Mark chapter 7 verses 24-30 where a few more details are given.

From reading both records we learn that the Lord Jesus had been walking with His disciples throughout the countryside, preaching the gospel message to those who would hear, repent and turn their living back to God. He spoke to His brethren, the sons of Jacob who had strayed from serving God faithfully from the time they were delivered from bondage in Egypt and led into their own land of Israel. Over the years they had turned their back on God, mingling with the unbelieving inhabitants of the land, marrying their sons and daughters and finally worshipping their idols of wood and stone. Yet in love and mercy, God sent prophets to show them their transgressions over the years and finally sent His Son Jesus to guide them back to Him, through His teaching and example.

This was Jesus' work – to harness and restrain His own inner nature and thus be a living example to His brethren, while teaching them the spirit of God's Word, so that their hearts might be turned to Him. The immensity and importance of the work that rested on His shoulders is beyond our human grasp. To know He must NEVER fail – He must never slip from the path of righteousness for the sake of His brethren and sisters in faith from the past, present and those yet to come, was a constant burden He willingly bore.

He was flesh, He grew weary and tired as we do, both mentally and physically. And though there would be times of great joy that lifted His heart to see faith renewed in the faces of those that responded to His words, there would also be sorrow and disappointment to see how many did not.

He would grow weary from the continual travel and the long hours preaching to the multitude that followed, pressing closely – some for true enlightenment and others for entertainment only. We

know this from the record, which often speaks of His need to get away quietly to pray for strength to carry on.

“And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed”.  
Luke 5:16

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed.”  
Mark 1:35

As He entered into each region preaching, many of Israel recognized Him through the eyes of faith as the Messiah promised. They came to listen to His words of repentance and hope and brought their sick to be healed. News of His coming would spread quickly wherever He traveled. Hundreds would leave their daily work to seek Him out - following Him across the countryside to hear the power and authority in His words and benefit from His miraculous touch:

“But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,  
And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.”  
Mark 3:7-8

At the time of our subject under consideration, we learn that He traveled on preaching into the areas of Tyre and Sidon and entered into a house there in order to rest. He must have needed some time for recuperation away from the crowds, for we read that He:

“...entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid”.  
Mark 7:24

A Canaanite woman, who had heard of His miraculous healings, discovered His place of lodging and searched Him out. We can sympathize with this mother, desperate to find a cure for her child in a time when there were few cures for many ailments. In their ignorance of serious mental and physical disorders, many

of that time period, termed the sufferer as being, “vexed with a devil”. Today through the advancement of medical science, there is a greater understanding of serious illness, but at that time of limited knowledge, “having a devil” was the common term used to explain something beyond comprehension or explanation.

“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matthew 15:22-24

She was not a Jewess – she had not been taught the hope of Israel. She was a Gentile from the Phoenician part of Syria (Mark 7:26), as the Bible Dictionary explains. Although not schooled in the Law of Moses, she must have known enough about Jesus to address Him as, “O Lord, thou son of David”. She had faith that He possessed God’s power to heal her daughter as the greater Son of David.

The Lord Jesus did not answer her pleas and so she begged the disciples to carry her petition again to Him. She wearied them so with her insistence, that they asked Jesus to, “send her away; for she crieth after us” (vs.23).

God’s word as taught by Jesus, was as the bread of life – spiritual food to nourish His children that they might recognize Him as God’s Son, repent and turn again to serving God in faith and obedience. This was the Lord Jesus’ work - to bring them God’s Word – to feed and sustain Israel who were at that time, starving spiritually and without hope. This is why He replied to the Gentile woman by saying:

“It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs.” Matthew 15:26

She was not of Israel and had no right to the blessings reserved

for God's children. Would she take offence at this analogy and stop her persistent appeals for help? This might turn away one more timid or faint-hearted, but this woman's faith was so strong that she acknowledged the truth of His words, but continued on to say:

“...Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table.”  
Matthew 15:27

She did not take offense but continued her appeal in humility, for as the “dogs which eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table”, she was willing to take whatever small portion of help He was willing to offer, believing in His power to cure her sick child.

What a testament to her faith in Christ and her perseverance to receive His help in this record. She perhaps did not have a full knowledge about Israel's God or their hope, but she recognized Righteousness and Truth in the person of the Lord Jesus. Her love for her daughter made her press on and she was rewarded for her diligence and faith, although not of natural Israel:

“Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour”.  
Matthew 15:28

Through the kindness and mercy of God, we as Gentiles have since Christ's death and resurrection, been offered the hope of life - adopted into the house of spiritual Israel by the knowledge of God's Word through the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. Do we as those newly grafted into His household, ask for God's help and guidance with the same dedication or persistence? Do we approach unto God in prayer through Christ our Mediator, with the same diligence and fervor as this Canaanite mother? Her example should inspire us to walk more determinedly in faith, with gratitude in our hearts for God's merciful gift of hope.

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SIGNS OF HIS COMING

**“At the time of the end...” (Daniel 11.40).**

Relating itself particularly to the land of Daniel and also pertinently to his people at the time of the end; the prophet writes:

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him”  
Daniel 11:40

So with these words in mind we look at the present day Middle East. We will quote some of recent news media:

“...ongoing problems in the eurozone...deepened in the past few weeks...Anger has been mounting over Britain’s ongoing ties with the EU, with a poll showing that most people would vote to leave it...Earlier this year almost 400,000 people sent in coupons backing our call to quit the EU.

Now the crusade has moved online. All demands that get at least 100,000 online signatures on the Government’s new e-petition website have to be considered for a debate in parliament...would we be better quitting the EU altogether? In the biggest sign yet that public opinion is rallying against the UK’s continued membership 52 percent of voters said they want to leave the EU.

Only 30 percent said they wanted to remain in the EU, according to the YouGov poll...

The poll, compiled for the Campaign for a Referendum, piles further pressure on (the Prime Minister) to hold the first public vote on Europe since 1975.”

Scripture says there will be a King of the South in this last time; and Britain and the United States are very concerned about events in the Middle East; and scripture says that the King of the South will act in conjunction with Israel at the end of the days. As we look at scripture we are told concerning the King of the North:

“Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou and all thy bands and the people that is with thee...Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord

God...so will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel...this is the day whereof I have spoken...I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel..."

Ezekiel 39:4-11

Concerning the King of the South, scripture also says:

"At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake..."

Daniel 12:1-2

We are told that at this time it will be the time of the King of the North and the King of the South. And this is our time!

## NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR DECEMBER 2011

Hamburg, NEW YORK

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

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

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

Correspondence over the last several months with a Central Christadelphian from England reveals how far astray from the spirit of the Truth they have moved. The Doctrine of Fellowship, which once was the focal point of unity within that body, has become no more than a byword, resulting in a diversity of thought and action within that community.

What a blessing it is to have true fellowship among brethren within our small household, allowing us to be joined together in one mind and spirit, as we await the return of our unifying Lord and Savior.

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Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.30 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

The news is again written. To communicate with one another this way is a blessing. To have such feelings of closeness over a long distance is a provision of our Father in Heaven. Looking back to the days of the apostles, how encouraging this communicating of their times in their circumstances; but also encouraging to us in our time.

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