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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

“YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD”

During the past weeks, we have been reading of the work of Ezekiel, a prophet to the captives of Israel in Babylon. The Almighty called Ezekiel to go to Babylon:

“Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

In the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year (BC 595) of king Jehoiachin’s captivity,

The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans (Babylon), by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.”
Ezekiel 1:1-3

Thus began the downfall of Israel as a nation in BC 606, and it was finished in BC 588. Ezekiel saw God’s visions during the captivity, and was sent to Babylon to help the captives there in Babylon.

Jeremiah also was a prophet for those still in Israel. And Daniel was a prophet of God who worked with the kings of Babylon on behalf of the Israelites.

We have been reading God’s word through Ezekiel regarding Israel’s captivity:

“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel,
and prophesy against them.”
Ezekiel 6:1-2

Ezekiel did prophesy against the Israelites, as they worshipped idols and their altars:

“... Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and will destroy your high places.
And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be

broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 6:3-4,7

The Lord GOD knows all things; He never fails, and uses His perfect action, as we read further:

"Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me...

And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them."

Ezekiel 6:8-10

God does not say in vain, for all that He says is true and sure.

Ezekiel again spoke to the captives in Babylon:

"Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Also, thou son of man, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 7:1-4

Ezekiel knew God's revelation of the end of the land of Israel as a nation.

Further, God spoke to Ezekiel regarding Israel:

"... they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall scatter

them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries. But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 12:15-16

The Almighty spoke further concerning false prophets in Israel:

"... mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 13:9

There were some in Israel who kept their covenant with God; and to them He responded:

"... I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:
That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 16:62-63

The Almighty revealed that there were some who turned to God's everlasting covenant, and were sustained by His merciful kindness.

God continued to reveal Ezekiel's help for those already captive in Babylon, in BC 593:

"I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;
And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God." Ezekiel 20:19-20

The people of Israel did not respond to God's mercy:

"Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they

walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.” Ezekiel 20:21

The Almighty reminded His people of their having rebelled against His statutes for 40 years in the wilderness at the time of Moses; and that same rebellious spirit was displayed in Babylon, at the time of Ezekiel:

“And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 20:38

Hezekiah continued to listen to God even after BC 568, when Israel had been destroyed and no longer was a nation, because of their failure to hear God’s words: “And ye shall know that I am the LORD.” The LORD is always there to direct His purpose. He helps those who strive to obey His statutes and keep His covenant – but will destroy those who rebel against His commandments.

Some have listened, as did David, who glorified God:

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” Psalm 100:1-5

Paul also was one who knew the LORD, as he spoke to his brother Timothy:

“... 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, will give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

II Timothy 4:6-8

Paul indeed knew the LORD from the time of his conversion. During his course of 32 years, he learned, grew, and increased in knowing God - “I am the LORD.”

Brethren and Sisters, as we strive to seek the Lord in our daily living, let us grow in determination to praise Him for the life and hope we have received. Paul expressed his mind for us in I Corinthians 15:31 - “... I die daily.” It was a fight, putting down his flesh and growing in the Spirit. Is it not the same for us? We wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus, striving to have oil in our vessels, ready, with our lamps burning, to enter:

“... with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.”

Matthew 25:10

J.A.DeF.

**“A SPARROW ALONE’
(Psalm 102:7)**

The title of Psalm 102 written by David is, “A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and poureth out his complaint before the Lord.”

How well this Psalm reflects the mind and spirit of David – one who was often tested and tried, and who learned through adversity to cry out to God for help and strength to see him through.

“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.”
Psalm 102:1-2

Further in verse 3 David seems to be lamenting man’s short time on earth. In the grand scheme of things, man’s existence is like a brief puff of smoke or like dry wood in a fire that is quickly consumed:

“For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are
burned as an hearth.
My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget
to eat my bread.
By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to
my skin.
I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the
desert.”
Psalm 102:3-6

In many references we find owls and cormorants (or pelicans) associated with desolation and destruction. They are inhabitants of solitary places. Isaiah speaking of God’s coming judgment against the nations wrote:

“...and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof
shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall
lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.
But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl
also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out

upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness."
Isaiah 34:9-11

Although pelicans do nest in colonies once per year, they are on their own for the remainder with very few exceptions, owls also are known as solitary birds.

"I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top."
Psalm 102:7

As to our particular subject under consideration, there are a few applicable points that arise in this 7th verse. The first is that unlike the owl and the pelican, the sparrow is known as being a very sociable little bird. Most of their activities are done in flocks and they will even flock with other species of bird. To find a sparrow alone would be a rarity. David doesn't say he is like a sparrow upon the house top, but specifically that he is like a "sparrow alone upon the house top". Perhaps he chose a sparrow as opposed to some other kind of bird specifically because a sparrow is normally in the company of others, which would amplify the feeling of solitude or abandonment, he felt at times.

The other aspect of interest is in the relative worth of a sparrow. Jesus used this same example as He prepared His disciples to go out and preach to Israel that the Kingdom of God was at hand. He gave them courage and confidence that God would be with them by saying:

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?
But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."
Luke 12:6-7

It seems clear the worth of a sparrow was not very high, for a farthing was the smallest denomination of Roman coin in use at that time. Its value was 1/64th of a denarius, with a denarius being a silver coin which was the average wage a worker might receive for a day's labor.

This also ties into our verse, for we perceive that David thought

of himself at times as insignificant as a sparrow, were it not for God's intervention and care on his behalf. He was a king of Israel with a vast army under his command. He had a reputation as not only a humble man of spirit but also a fierce and courageous warrior, ready to fight for the name of God even as a young boy. A more worldly man would glory in his accomplishments, being surrounded by the great wealth and prestige he was granted. Yet David is primarily remembered in the scriptures as being, "a man after God's own heart". Even though he failed most grievously on several occasions, he was quick to seek repentance and therefore, this psalm is a true reflection of this gentle, humble quality of his nature.

We know from our study of the Bible that throughout history, Israel was constantly straying from the word of God and it was a constant struggle on the part of the prophets, judges and other messengers sent by God, to bring His people back into alignment with His precepts. No doubt things were the same in David's time and that from the great population of Israel, it is likely that those who had a true spiritual understanding of God's word and the desire to walk therein, were a minority. Like a thirsty man afloat in the middle of an ocean – although there is water everywhere, it is contaminated and of no use to slake one's thirst.

This is certainly a dilemma that we in these latter days can appreciate, for we at times feel alone as did David. Although we know this must be so as the time of the Lord Jesus' return draws nearer, and it is an encouraging sign that His return is imminent, our only recourse is to do as David did – turn to God for strength and help.

We would do well to remember that just as a sparrow alone upon the house top – God will never leave nor forsake those who are alert and watching for His indication and guidance - those who watch with hopeful longing for His Son's soon return.

J.N.S.

**“BEHOLD A KING SHALL REIGN IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND PRINCES SHALL RULE IN JUDGMENT”
(Isaiah 32:11)**

This is a heavenly promise foretelling God’s purpose - that of divine intervention. But firstly there is a leading up to this great occurrence, a curbing of the nations of the earth. Great events approach and recent news articles are significant in this respect and so we see many different happenings, each contributing to the divine plan.

One such incident which has attracted the attention of the media involves a radical cleric who has recently been held in Worcester maximum security prison. The European Court of Human Rights, which has authority in the UK, ordered his release in spite of him being considered a danger to wider British society. The media has commented on this situation in these words:

“Prime Minister David Cameron has launched a drive to reform the European Court of Human Rights, insisting it should meddle less in British affairs.

Mr Cameron warned that the court’s work defending human freedom and dignity was being put ‘under threat’ due to public unease over some of its decisions...

Mr Cameron’s initiative comes amid anger in the UK over rulings which blocked the deportation of (the) extremist cleric..., and required the extension of voting rights to prison inmates. While stressing the UK’s commitment to upholding human rights, he warned that the court risked undermining its own reputation by ‘going over national decisions where it does not need to’...

When the UK was unable to deport terror suspects despite painstaking efforts that they will not face torture on return to their homelands, it was ‘not surprising that some people start asking questions about whether the current arrangements are really sensible.’”

Another media report indicated that:

The (Prime Minister) has had direct talks with Jordan’s king in a bid to hasten the preacher’s departure. The Prime

Minister agreed on the importance of finding an effective resolution.”

Such developments do not endear the UK to its European partners.

Another incident involves the financial contribution of the UK to the European Union. We will quote from the media to explain the background to this.

“European Union chiefs are threatening to hit Britain with a cash demand after discovering a hole in their budgets. EU budget commissioners are now planning to deliver a fresh plea for cash. He said, ‘There will probably be a deficit at the end of next year, for which I will have to ask for extra funding.’ The demand for more cash on top of this Year’s UK contribution of nearly £13.5 provoked fury.”

Such actions and reactions upset the UK authorities and the British public, with Britain being less inclined to be closely involved in the workings of the European Union and more sympathetic to its partnership with the US.

Britain is thus being kept to a defined position in relation to Europe and the USA, a defined place in world events — events that in the mercy of Heaven, bring the comfort of hope.

So here is an indication of how the glorious heavenly purpose moves onwards to the approaching time when a king shall reign in righteousness and princes shall rule in judgment.

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**“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS”**

(Psalm 116:15)

We might ask: What is the meaning of precious? – It is a jewel, that which is valuable, peculiar, special - that which stands out. For example, God said to Moses:

“Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.” Exodus 19:4-5

Further, David expressed his mind:

“I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.” Psalm 116:1-2

In the Acts of the Apostles, God spoke regarding David as:

“... a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.” Acts 13:22

Indeed David was precious in the sight of the LORD unto the time of his death. He did fail in the matter concerning Bath-sheba, but quickly repented, saying:

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

David spent his life in praise to the Almighty:

“O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of

all his people,
In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O
Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 116:16-19

David died after his reign of 40 years, as the king of Israel, still praising the LORD. He was precious in the sight of the LORD. His words in the 135th Psalm confirm this:

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD;
praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.
Ye that stand in the house of the LORD in the courts of the
house of our God,
Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto
his name; for it is pleasant.
For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel
for his peculiar treasure (precious).
For I know that the LORD is great, and that our LORD is
above all gods.
Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at
Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 135:1-5,21

God is merciful to those who strive to praise and obey Him. All have failed at times, but the Almighty is merciful. When there is repentance, and failures are put behind, then our God truly does forgive.

There is only One who never failed – the Lord Jesus, the son of man and the Son of God. In His life and death He glorified God; and at the end of His life on the cross, He cried out:

"... it is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the spirit." John 19:30

He praised the LORD in His 3 ½ years, from His baptism by John the Baptist, to the end of His life, without failing; but rather, He fulfilled all righteousness. He now is in the presence of His Father, and precious, as the Redeemer for those who are striving to be precious in God's sight.

We fail, no one is perfect, and all die. Those who are responsible, will be judged by the Lord Jesus; and those who are

found to be precious, will be at His right hand, to live for eternity. The old man of flesh will be gone, and the new man of Spirit will be joined to the Lord Jesus, to reign with Him as kings and priests – His saints. Those who are judged unworthy, not precious, will be cast into the lake of fire.

We, brethren and sisters, strive to be among those who are described by Malachi:

“... they that feared the LORD spake often one to another; and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels (precious); and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.”

Malachi 3:16-17

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THE DISCIPLES' WORK

After the Lord Jesus' resurrection, He was with the disciples for forty days as our readings in Acts explain:

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

Acts 1:1-3

During this time, the Lord Jesus confirmed to His disciples the work they were about to embrace - once anointed by the Holy Spirit. For this reason He bade them stay in Jerusalem until that time when they would be visited by that power from God:

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." Acts 1:4-5

He spent those forty days in their company, helping them to grasp the full nature of this work to come. He appeared in their midst unknown to them and then disappeared just as quickly - awakening their sensibilities to the power that was now with Him as a spirit creature, no longer flesh. Luke tells us of one example of this time:

"And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Saying The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of

them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that
they had seen a spirit.” Luke 24:33-37

Putting ourselves in their position, can we imagine what a profoundly fearful yet faith building experience that would have been? He was dead, buried and now came to them whole and alive, still bearing the marks of His crucifixion. He endeavored to put their fears to rest, asking to share a meal with them – as He had so many times in the past:

“And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands
and his feet.
And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he
said unto them, Have ye here any meat?
And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an
honeycomb.
And he took it, and did eat before them.” Luke 24:40-43

What is more normal or calming than to share a meal with friends? Being now raised from the grave and resurrected to Spirit not flesh, He did not need food for sustenance and life, yet He partook in order to calm their fears – to help them remember Him as before.

There were many things they did not understand, even after Jesus' 3½ year's of ministry. Many of them mistakenly believed that the Kingdom of God would be established at that time after His crucifixion. They had much to learn with the Spirit's help and intervention.

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might
understand the scriptures,
And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved
Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
And that repentance and remission of sins should be
preached in his name among all nations, beginning at
Jerusalem.
And ye are witnesses of these things.
And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:
but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued
with power from on high.” Luke 24:45-49

Here was the infallible proof that He was indeed the Messiah promised from the beginning of God's word, and standing before them – once flesh and blood but now Spirit.

With the help of the Spirit bestowed upon them at Pentecost, they would carry on His work of witnessing to the glory of God through the name of His Son, Jesus Christ - that all men might hear and believe. Their testimony has been preserved through the ages and we are privileged today to read from the gospel messages written by apostles and disciples alike with the help of God's inspiration.

After His forty days spent with them, He departed unto the Father, while they were instructed to wait yet another ten days until the time of Pentecost, when the power of the Spirit would be bestowed upon them:

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”
Acts 1:8-9

Another account of His leaving is recorded in Luke:

“And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.
And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.”
Luke 24:50-53

Refusing to believe that Jesus was the Messiah promised, many of the Jewish elders and scribes attempted to stop the disciples' preaching of the gospel of God through the resurrection of His Son. They were so steeped in the letter of the law and the traditions of men incorporated into their beliefs, that their eyes were blinded to

the knowledge of the power of the spirit alive through His words.

“And as they (disciples) spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed: and the number of the men was about five thousand.”

Acts 4:1-4

The religious rulers of Israel refused Him as their Cornerstone, while His disciples confirmed His name among the multitudes that He was the Messiah come to make possible the remission of sins through belief in Him. In spite of political opposition, many listened to the disciples’ message and believed – hoping in the gift of resurrection after death through His name.

This work – the proclamation of the gospel message through Jesus’ name will continue, even though in a feeble manner without the power and strength the disciples exhibited, until He returns. Only then when “every eye will see him” will all the earth be forced to acknowledge Him as the One True Savior and the Son of God:

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 1:7

Then will the work of the disciples be complete as the gospel goes forth again with power and might – making the entire world accept God’s Truth and His Son, the Lord Jesus their rightful King.

What a glorious hope is reserved for all that today believe in this same word and trust in the end promised to those who endure in faith.

M.C.S.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

**“AND AT THE TIME OF THE END SHALL THE KING OF
THE SOUTH PUSH AT HIM”**

(Daniel 11:40)

The particular prophetic indication is that AT THE TIME OF THE END the Southern Power will PUSH at him.

As the world scene is surveyed we ask the question; where are the southern nations who are capable of exercising powerful political pressure? Certainly the United States and those closely allied to her are involved in southern areas. More specifically the UK and her allies are part of the southern groupings which have particular concerns about the world's oil shipments. The West's petroleum interests directly influence their political thinking. Let us quote from the world's media to illustrate the above.

“Britain is ready to send more military forces to deter Iran. The UK would send more reinforcements... Iran boasted that the EU would soon reverse its oil embargo to avoid hurting its own economy...when oil gets more expensive it will harm the people of Europe...”

It is about such developments, involving the USA and those in the American sphere, that Daniel the prophet is writing. What is happening is overruled by Heaven and scripture is telling us that the ongoing events in the Middle East are continuing in the direction laid down by the Heavenly Father from the time of Abraham and even before him.

Western nations are a considerable geographical distance from Iran, but these same nations, by such world events, are brought very near to the Middle East and its oilfields. Their financial interests make it important for them to be involved in an area that would otherwise not be of great concern to them.

As we read the media we see concerns expressed about oil supplies and the cost of petroleum. What media reporting this is! Showing Heavenly overruling - an outworking towards the approaching Kingdom of Heaven. We will now quote further from the media:

“Britain increased the PRESSURE on Iran.. by warning it is ready to send reinforcements to the Gulf... it spoke of adding strength to a mini fleet of eight vessels already east of Suez. The UK has a contingent capability to reinforce that presence should at any time it be considered necessary to do so. Iran has threatened to close the strait of Hormuz - through which 35 percent of the world’s tanker borne oil exports pass - in retaliation against new EU sanctions over its nuclear threat...the UK frigate HMS Argyllshire, joined French and US warships sailing through the Strait in defiance of Tehran...”

Scripture warns that this area of the Middle East will become particularly troubled. This is a sign to us and then will come our Lord from heaven to save all his people. Oh what a wonderful hope we have.

NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR MARCH 2012

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Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

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Every Third Week: Revelation Study

The year 2012 holds great interest, anticipation and fear for those given to believe in the prognostications predicting the end of the world. Whether based upon the Mayan Calendar, galactic alignment, Planet X or solar storms, many people are genuinely frightened as to what the next nine months may bring.

How blessed we are in this deceived and superstitious time to know God's plan regarding the world. Of His return, Jesus said of that day and hour knoweth no man, not even the angels of heaven but the Father only. However, with this knowledge also comes a warning to, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come"(Matthew 24:42).

We know Jesus will return to convert the old heavens and earth into a new heaven and earth. Not to bring it to an end, but rather to usher in God's Kingdom on earth with newness of life. Let us all watch and pray as we struggle to attain unto that promise.

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MANCHESTER

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Thursday: Bible Class 2:00 pm

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