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An appeal to any who are concerned
over the world situation, presented
through a summary of God's prophecies
revealing His purpose to be accomplished
with this earth and its people.

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PREFACE

Continuing events in the Middle East, with their consequent tension, have directed the world's attention to that area. This part of the earth, involving as it does Israel, God's land biblically speaking, has been the scene of His working since the beginning of His creation.

As there is concern over where the present confrontation with Iraq will lead, it seems appropriate to consider Bible prophecies as they pertain to the outworking in this troubled part.

This article, prepared by The Remnant of Christ's Ecclesia, brings to your attention certain sure evidence of the Almighty's work and purpose with the Middle East, especially as it involves the destiny of Israel and its ultimate impact on all mankind throughout the entire course of future events.

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Introduction

The world lives in an age of uncertainty. One crisis follows another and thinking people wonder what the future will bring.

Yet there is one sublime assurance, and that is the message of God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, which He has caused to be placed upon record in the Bible. God has spoken through His written word to men in all ages and generations about the future, and because He is the All Powerful, what He had declared would come to pass, was sure, and what will yet come to pass, is equally certain.

The intention of this booklet's preparers is to point out to any who are thoughtful or perplexed about the present state of the world, certain passages of scripture showing God's mind and purpose and how the fulfillment already of many declared prophecies confirms that other prophecies not yet fulfilled will most certainly come to pass.

Apart from God's concern with mankind and His good earth, there could be no hope for the people of this world which has not seen true peace from earliest times. Now in this modern age, through ingenuity, the weapons of complete extermination of all flesh threaten as never before and there is always the possibility that a maverick nation will use such things, perhaps when cornered and in desperation.

The reader will find the following remarks under sub-headings, as an attempt to be concise so that salient prophecies may be grasped.

The Promise Of Jesus Christ - The Savior In The Beginning

Genesis 3 verse 15 tells of a seed which would come to destroy the serpent in the head, a necessary thing to undo the evil brought about by serpent philosophy. The serpent had said to the first humans, "Ye shall not surely die", challenging God's law which had declared:

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Genesis 2:17

Adam and Eve sinned as their fleshly thinking embraced the serpent's lie and so did their progeny after them, all victims of serpent reasoning. But they were given hope that a seed would come who would

become victor over the serpent, yet who would suffer from the serpent while doing so, as the scripture defines it, "...thou (the serpent) shalt bruise his heel". Jesus Christ crushed in Himself all serpent temptation in the head, from which all sin and wickedness proceeds. As a result, His pure life poured out in loving obedience even to that death upon the cross, became the redeeming blood of The Lamb of God, the Savior, whom God sent for any who would believe in Him.

Enoch The Seventh One From Adam

Of Enoch it is said that he "walked with God" (Genesis 5:22). But this cannot be said of his descendants, for they perished in Noah's flood. Enoch however, warned his contemporaries of judgment to come as follows:

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jude verses 14-15.

This judgment has yet to take place; the important thing, however, is to realize that there *is* to be a divine judgment by the Lord Jesus, that He is to *come* with His saints and that this Truth has been realized and understood from the earliest time.

After Noah's Flood

In the history of the world there has never been such an upheaval as that which took place at the time of Noah when "the fountains of the great deep (were) broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." The catastrophe of that great flood is still evident today in shells and marine deposits found on the tops of the highest mountains. However, after the destruction of the wicked and the preservation of Noah and his family in the ark, God made a clear and assuring promise:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

Therefore, though in these modern times there is great man-made pollution and nuclear fission devices which threaten the well-being of God's good earth, the promise of God from so long ago makes it clear that there will be divine intervention to prevent men from spoiling the ordered things of Creation.

The Promises To Abraham

Abraham, or as he was first named, Abram, a dweller in the city Ur of the Chaldees, was called by God. He obeyed this call because of the heavenly promises made to him, if he responded. The promises are as follows:

"I will make of thee a great nation"

"I will bless thee, and make thy name great;"

"...thou shalt be a blessing:"

"I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:"

"...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 12:2-3

Abram showed his faith in what God had promised by leaving his country and his kindred, undertaking a long and arduous journey from the Euphrates, under God's direction, to the land of Canaan (Palestine). On arriving there he received a further promise:

"Unto thy seed will I give this land:"

Genesis 12:7

After suffering difficulty in his new position but holding on to what God had promised, Abram received further confirmation of what he could look forward to because of his obedience to the divine will:

"...look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered."

Genesis 13:14-16

Later still he was told:

“...Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their’s, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;...But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again:”

Genesis 15:13,16

Abram believed these promises though as yet he had no child. When that son (Isaac) was miraculously given in his old age and while his son was young, Abraham, as his name had now become, (meaning father of many nations) underwent a severe test of his faith which is eloquently expressed in the following scripture:

“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.

Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”

Hebrews 11:17-19

Abraham’s obedient response to what God required brought divine reiteration and emphasis on the certainty of what had been already promised:

“...By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son: thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

Genesis 22:16-18

The multiplication of Abraham’s natural seed came to pass and is witnessed to by the many millions of Jews in the earth at the present time. But Abraham is dead and as yet has not possessed the land of Israel which God promised to him personally. As foretold, Abraham’s descendants went down into Egypt and became slaves but were delivered from bondage by God through, Moses. They were given the land of Israel “in the fourth generation”. But the overthrow of the enemies of God’s purpose, through the possession of their gates by Abraham’s seed, has not yet taken place, nor as yet have all the nations of the earth been

blessed in that seed. This outcome however, is sure and centers on the work of the Lord Jesus Christ who *is* Abraham's seed. He is to return to this earth to bring about the fulfillment of all the promises to Abraham. Then will be the resurrection and Abraham will be raised to receive his promised possession. Jesus Christ will triumph over the gates of the "spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). Consequently, all nations will be blessed with the peace of Him who is the Prince of Peace.

The proof that Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham is shown as follows:

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.
He saith not,
And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed,
which is Christ."

Galatians 3:16

Those also, who have become the Brethren and Sisters of Christ, spiritually partake in the hope of the promises to Abraham as follows:

"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Galatians 3:29

Jesus himself shows that Abraham knew all of these things. He says, (and these words were addressed to the Jews):

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

John 8:56

The Prophecy Of Moses

The law of Moses, given to the nation of Israel in days of old, was a wonderful provision. Moses himself occupied a very important position in the work and purpose of God, as the scripture declares:

"And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,
And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel."

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

Nevertheless, Moses knew a greater one than he was yet to come, so he prophesied:

“The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”

Deuteronomy 18:15

He was foretelling the coming of Christ, the Son of God, who also spoke of himself as the Son of man (e.g. John 6:27). The proof that Moses prophesied particularly of Christ is seen in the following:

“Repent...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:
Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me;...”

Acts 3:19-22

A Remarkable Prophecy At The Time of Joshua

The work of Moses ended and he died after the children of Israel, (Abraham's descendants), had sojourned for forty years in the wilderness of Sinai. Joshua was then instructed to lead his people into the land promised to their forefather. There was however, a barrier before they could enter, the swift flowing River Jordan pouring down into the Dead Sea. Joshua was instructed to send the ark of God's covenant, which was carried by the priests, and was the very center of their ordinances of worship, ahead of the people of Israel. They were to distance themselves from it as the following shows:

“Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go:
And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that

come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

That the waters which came down from...the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.”

Joshua 3:4,13,15,16

This miraculous event was an allegory. The ark of the covenant in which resided the word of the Almighty, written with the finger of God, represented Christ, the Word made flesh. The swift flowing Jordan ending in the sea of the dead, which is never full, represents the flow of humanity from Adam, the first man, all of whom are to end in death. But Jesus, the anti-typical ark, was the first of the sons of men to stem that flow in the purpose of God. God accepted His perfect sacrifice and raised Him from the dead on the third day. Those who follow Christ will, through the resurrection, follow Him to life and the land of promise, about two thousand years later, solely because He, the Savior, stemmed the flow of death. That two thousand year period of time is now almost complete.

The Prophecy of Hannah

Hannah was a tormented unfulfilled woman living in the land of Israel several centuries after the time of Joshua. Through prayer to God, she found inner consolation as can all who seek His favor. When God's help was made very evident to her, she poured out her spirit of gratitude as follows:

“He (God) raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them; the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give

strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

I Samuel 2:8-10

Much teaching and wisdom is conveyed in this essence of prophesy. A day will surely come when oppressed peoples will no more be deprived for the benefit of their oppressors. God’s lowly ones in that day will inherit a place and position when the earth is gloriously and righteously ruled for God and not for man. Those who would be adversary to such a beneficent change will be broken, because His Anointed (Christ) will be King, having all the power of heaven to support him.

The Promises to David

David, an early king of Israel, was described as a man after God’s own heart. At times he was guilty of failure, but being truly repentant and submissive in tribulation to what God required, he found divine favor in wonderful heavenly promises of a future that would be sublime.

The message of the Spirit through God’s prophet was as follows:

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:...and have made thee a great name,... Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel,...that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more,...

Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will stablish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.”

II Samuel 7:8-16

The fulfillment of these wonderful promises did not take place in Solomon, David’s son, who failed in his exalted position, though he may be regarded as a type of what would ultimately be revealed. The New Testament in its first words makes the position clear, “...Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” He was God’s “only begotten Son” (John 1:18). His throne will be for ever when it is set up at the appointed

time. In that day, the nation of Israel turning to God, will be delivered from the afflictions of the children of wickedness and the resurrected David will see it, he who had said:

“Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?...thou hast spoken also of thy servant’s house for a great while to come.”

II Samuel 7:18-19

The people of Israel have been scattered amongst the nations over the centuries. At the time of the Babylonian captivity God said of His nation, “I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it:” Though we see Israel now returning to the land of her forefathers, the following part of the prophecy has yet to be fulfilled:

“...it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.”

Ezekiel 21:27

In that day Israel will “...serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I (says The Creator) will raise up unto them.” (Jeremiah 30:9) These truths are “the sure mercies of David.” (Isaiah 55:3).

What The Prophet Isaiah Said

Isaiah lived 700 years before Christ, in troubled times. But he had a great message of hope for his people:

“...there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse (the father of David), and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, ...
And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:...

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked....

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD,...

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, ... and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

Isaiah 11:1-12.

The reader will doubtless notice that these words relate to what ultimately will be the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham. They also give an understanding of Christ, who was not the second person of a Trinity of Gods, but a Son who was given “the spirit of the LORD”, and who is to return to righteously judge the earth, so bringing the blessing of Abraham to all nations. Moreover, the lost tribes of Israel and the dispersed Jews will be brought back to the land promised to their forefather Abraham.

What The Prophet Jeremiah Declared

Jeremiah witnessed the destruction of the Jewish kingdom. He saw his people being taken into captivity to Assyria and Babylon (the territory which is now called Iraq). But he had a message of hope from God to his scattered people:

“Behold, I will bring it health and cure (i.e., the broken down city of Jerusalem), and I will cure them (i.e., the Jews), and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities....”

Jeremiah 33:6-8.

The cleansing promised is through God’s Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, whom they do not recognize as such yet. But they will at His return to this earth, as shown in the following:

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they

have pierced, and they shall mourn for him,..."

Zechariah 12:10.

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet."

Psalms 22:16.

This took place at the crucifixion of Christ, when the Jews did not recognize Him. But their salvation will come at His return when they see Him as He is.

The Prophecy Of Ezekiel

Ezekiel lived in captivity after the defeat of the Jewish army by the Chaldeans (Babylonians). He also had a message of hope from God addressed to the children of Abraham:

"... I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, AND WILL SET MY SANCTUARY IN THE MIDST OF THEM FOR EVERMORE....

And the heathen (nations) shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore."

Ezekiel 37:26-28.

These words promise the Kingdom of God, not in heaven, but on this earth, with a divine religious center in the land of Israel. This is the only hope for universal peace—when nations are made to recognize the purpose of God with His good earth and with His nation of Israel.

The Prophecy Of Daniel

Daniel also was a captive in Babylon but the divine hand worked to help him have a respected position of authority in that alien land. This enabled Daniel to act for the welfare of his fellow Jewish captives. He also became the interpreter of the dreams of the Babylonian potentate. One of these dreams which Daniel was caused to explain, is known as "Nebuchadnezzar's Image." The following is what Nebuchadnezzar was told:

"... the great God hath made known to the king what

shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain,
and the interpretation thereof sure.”

Daniel 2:45.

The dream was of a great image having a head of fine gold, with breast and arms of silver, the loins and thighs of brass, with legs of iron and feet partly of iron and partly clay. This dream described successive world empires beginning with Babylon, the head of gold. The iron leg phase identified the last world empire (Roman - which dissolved into a number of nations, as it is even today). This iron phase would have a basic weakness in it—i.e. a mixture of iron and clay, illustrating that they (the nations contributing to international confederacy) “... shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.” (Daniel 2:43). Such has been the history of men’s affairs even to the present time. The League of Nations failed, the United Nations Organization is weak, and the stronger powers are not always prepared to wait for its deliberations and follow its rulings. But God shows that He has the ultimate solution:

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

Daniel 2:44.

The Prophecy Of Zechariah

Zechariah lived at the time of the Jews’ return from Babylon to the land of Israel. He had a message of warning as well as of hope. The land was being rebuilt but there was to be future distress:

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;... and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

Zechariah 14:1-2.

Some will be spared in that day by sudden divine intervention:

“Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations,...

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the

mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley;... and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.”

Zechariah 14:3-5.

The above words speak of the returned Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, coming to Jerusalem with His resurrected people, for ALL the saints will be with Him. This miraculous coming will bring about the fulfillment of God's promises from ancient times. The hostilities of governments and the deception of their peoples will then be at an end, for:

“... the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”

Zechariah 14:9.

These words show that there is to be a great religious change. The eastern religions will vanish, and a divided Christendom will be revealed as spurious, for there is only one LORD, and He is a unity, and it will be required that He be described as such in the “one name”.

What Jesus The Christ Declared

Jesus was asked a most pertinent question: “... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Matthew 24:3). Included in His discourse, in reply, were the following words:

“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it (or He) is near, even at the doors.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”

Matthew 24:32-34.

The fig tree is the emblem of the nation of Israel. In recent times it has been depicted on her postal stamps. Further it is mentioned in the prophecy of Joel where the attack of the enemy of Israel upon her land is referred to in the words:

“... a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number,...

He hath ... barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare,..."

Joel 1:6-7.

Forty years after Jesus discussed His second coming with His disciples, Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews were scattered amongst the nations, no more to be a nation, although their identity continued. But in 1948, after the Holocaust of World War II, a sovereign state of Israel once more came into existence. This was no mere chance, especially as Arab nations in the Middle East were not prepared to allow this to happen. In the face of hostility and conflict, the new nation grew and became established; the barked fig tree started to grow its leaves again.

Now Jesus said that the generation which witnessed this great event would not pass until all the things of which He spoke were fulfilled. Note some of the things which He declared as follows:

"... nation shall rise against nation,... and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Matthew 24:7-8.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Matthew 24:14.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Matthew 24:22.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days ... the stars shall fall ... and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds..."

Matthew 24:29-31.

This century has seen war on an unprecedented scale, whole nations

geared up for the conflicts that have arisen, not merely trained armies. In a so-called modernized world there are still terrible famines and new as well as old pestilences still plague mankind, even though medical skill has been greatly enhanced. As never before, the word of God, the Bible, the Gospel, has been distributed throughout the world and is witness to His sure purpose as well as warning mankind for failing to hear it.

The grave warning for these times is seen in the words that the present state of things will not be allowed to go on. Man's stewardship of the earth has been one of misrule, and the decline is so great that international organizations will not be able to reverse it. Evil inventions as never before threaten to destroy human life. Devilish stockpiling of containers full of cultivated diseases of the most horrible kinds is acquiesced to. Deadly concentrated poisons have been produced, ready to be used if the military deems it necessary. There is also the nuclear threat. If men unleash any of these weapons, they cannot change their minds and reverse the effects once they are set into operation. So they forfeit their right to choose for themselves; therefore, God will take control.

Divine intervention which is coming, will be very great indeed. As Jesus warns:

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Matthew 24:37-39.

Concluding Remarks

It is sobering to reflect upon the lesson of Noah. Noah lived in violent and immoral times. When man's behavior became utterly abhorrent, God's solution was to take all the wicked away. This He did with a flood of water. Only Noah and his family were delivered because he believed the warning which God gave to him.

At the present time it is a like situation, with immorality on the increase, and the world threatened with violence as never before. Yet God has given opportunity for deliverance from such evil by His abundant warning in the scriptures. The second epistle of Peter defines the position:

(God) "... spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"

II Peter 2:5.

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now... are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men....

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;... Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, with-out spot, and blameless."

II Peter 3:7-14.

The reader may ask the question, How can I "be found of him in peace" when such prophecies come to pass? The answer, surely, is to become a Brother or Sister of Jesus Christ, if one is to be found blameless at His coming. This necessitates an understanding of what Jesus means in the purpose of God. Furthermore, baptism by immersion in water is essential. The following explains how important this is:

"... the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

I Peter 3:20-21.

By man's obeying this requirement, God grants forgiveness of past sins for Jesus' sake, whom God sent in infinite mercy, to be the Redeemer.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12.

AN APPEAL

The marvelous outworking of God's word may awaken in many a sense of concern and urgency lest these divine promises come to pass before the reader is prepared and watching. Any wishing further information or having questions is therefore invited to write. Your interest is welcomed and will receive a prompt reply.



The following articles are available, at no cost, to any who are interested:

SOME DOCTRINES TO BE UNDERSTOOD
IF ONE SEEKS SALVATION

WHAT DOES BELIEF IN THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM
AND THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST IMPLY?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE?