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And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Revelations 11:1-4

### Introduction

These words, found in the eleventh chapter of Revelation, are not a "prophecy," but a "promise" of something wonderful God is going to do during the most horrible time the world has ever seen, or, as Jesus said, "ever shall be." It will happen during the last three and a half year period before the second coming of Christ, during which Jesus said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 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 24:21-22). It is the opinion of this

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The Doomsday Clock came into being in 1947 as a way for atomic scientists to warn the world of the dangers of nuclear weapons. That year, the Bulletin set the time at seven minutes to midnight, with midnight symbolizing humanity's destruction. By 1949, it was at three minutes to midnight as the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union deteriorated. In 1953, after the first test of the hydrogen bomb, the doomsday clock ticked to two minutes until midnight.

The Bulletin — and the clock — were at their most optimistic in 1991, when the Cold War thawed and the United States and Russia began cutting their arsenals. That year, the Bulletin set the clock at 17 minutes to midnight.

Scientists today set the hands of the infamous "Doomsday Clock" forward

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writer that *"those days"* are at hand, and that the days we are living in are identified in the ninth chapter of Revelation by the sounding of the fifth and sixth trumpets, neither of which has reached their ultimate fulfillment at this time. It is time, however, for the children of God to be awakened to the fact that we have been taught many things about the last days that will never happen, because they are nothing more than fables that are constructed on false premises by a few men and women who are *"well meaning,"* but confused. It is not a *"special revelation"* that has convinced this writer, but the clear evidence that the progression of time during my generation has moved steadily through the eighth and ninth chapters of Revelation. The eighth chapter deals with the sounding of the first four trumpets, all of which are understood to be the environmental issues of our generation; issues that were the number one news topics in the decade of the eighties. They included *"acid rain"* which killed the grass and trees; *"pollution of the lakes and seas,"* which in some cases killed all the fish (Lake Erie could not support life during that time period); *"pollution of the drinking waters,"* and *"pollution of the atmosphere,"* which *"darkened"* the sun, moon, and the stars. On September 11, 2001, we were awakened to the sound of the fifth trumpet sounding, which is the first of the *"three great woes."* Radical Islamists succeeded in a plot to destroy the twin towers in New York City. With the fall of the towers, a *"pit"* was opened, and the smoke that ascended out of the pit was seen by the entire world. Obviously, this was not the *"bottomless pit"* of **Revelation 9:2**, but it was a sign that the spiritual *"pit"* had been opened, and from that time, the *"locusts (radical Islam)"* began swarming worldwide. When America invaded Iraq, the sixth trumpet began to sound, which loosened the *"four angels (the spirits of ancient Babylon)"* which were bound in the *"great river Euphrates"* (**Revelation 9:13-14**). According to verse fifteen, these are *"...prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."* In **verse sixteen**, we see that they have an *"army"* which is numbered at *"two hundred thousand thousand"* (200,000,000). This is not the army of any one nation on earth. Instead, it is the most radical among the Islamists, which would number less than twenty percent of the world's Islamic population.

During the past two years, we have watched as one by one the nations surrounding Israel have been radicalized. Israel will soon be surrounded by those who want nothing more than the extinction of the nation of Israel and all the Jews. The western nations of the world are turning against Israel, and we cannot trust that the government of our own nation will stand with them in their time of trouble. The coming time of trouble will be worldwide, where the scripture says a *"third part of men"* will be slain, but the worst of it will be in the nation of Israel, where the scripture says *"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein"* (**Zechariah 13:8**).

**For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.**

**Jeremiah 30:5-7**

There will be no nation standing with Israel in the time of their greatest trouble. America will *"defend Israel's right to defend themselves,"* while not lifting so much as a finger to actually stand with her to defend her. The fact that Israel will survive the onslaught of the nations against her for forty two months is really incredible. She will use every weapon in her arsenal, but the onslaught will continue. The enemies will *"come like a storm"* and *"cover the land like a cloud"* (**Ezekiel 38:9**), which will negate the use of nuclear weapons by either side. The battle will be hand to hand and house to house in Jerusalem. The prophet Zechariah says, *"the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity..."* (**Zechariah 14:2**). There will be only one answer for the nation of Israel, and it will not be a military answer. It will be as God says in **Zechariah 4:6** concerning the

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one minute from two years ago.

**"It is now five minutes to midnight,"** Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BAS) director Kennette Benedict announced today (Jan. 10) at a press conference in Washington, D.C.

That represents a symbolic step closer to doomsday, a change from the clock's previous mark of six minutes to midnight, set in January 2010.

In some 2012 doomsday prophecies, the Earth becomes a deathtrap as it undergoes a "pole shift," courtesy of an asteroid impact a rare alignment with the center of the Milky Way, and/or massive solar radiation destabilizing the inner Earth by heating it.

### MYTH: Planet X Is on a Collision Course With Earth

This 2002 Hubble Space Telescope picture of the star V838 Monocerotis and surrounding dust clouds has been said to contain evidence of a phantom world--alternately called Planet X and Nibiru--that is on course to collide with Earth in 2012.

### Would you like to know what the BIBLE say about the END TIME?

#### 2 Peter 3:1-18

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 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, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye

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"help" that will come to Israel, "Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**" This is a prophecy of the ministry of the "two anointed ones, **that stand by the LORD of the whole earth**" (**Zechariah 4:14**), which are also called the "...two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves" in verse twelve.

### Two Witnesses

**And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.**

**Revelations 11:3-4**

The scripture does not tell us that the "two witnesses" are two men. Instead, God says, "These are the **two olive trees**" which were spoken of by in **Zechariah 4:11**. They are also called "the two olive branches" in **verse twelve**, and the "two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth" in **verse fourteen**. We will consider the two olive branches for a moment. In **Jeremiah 11:16** we read of Israel, "The LORD called thy name, **A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.**" The apostle Paul uses this analogy of Israel in his epistle to the Romans, and adds the analogy of the unbelieving Gentiles as being a "wild olive tree." Paul addresses his words to those Gentiles at Rome who had believed the gospel of Christ:

**Romans 11:17-24:** "And if some of the branches be broken off, **and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: **HOW MUCH MORE SHALL THESE, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?**"**

God had chosen the children of Israel, and had planted them as "...a green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit" (**Jeremiah 11:16**). Due to their rebellion and idolatry, Jeremiah depicts them as a tree struck by lightning with branches broken off in a storm. The apostle Paul shows that many (but not all) of the natural branches were "broken off" through unbelief, and wild branches from the wild olive tree were "grafted in" by faith in Jesus Christ. Now, since Christ died as a lamb to "take away the sin of the world," God's "olive tree" is one tree with two different branches, which are the believing Jews and the believing Gentiles in one tree. This "tree" is what Paul calls "the Israel of God" in **Galatians 6:16**. It is made up of all those who are "in Christ Jesus" where Paul says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." When the scripture speaks of the "two witnesses," saying, "These are the two olive trees," it speaks of the one true church of Jesus Christ, made up of both Jews and Gentiles who trust in Jesus, that He is "the Christ."

### Endued with Power

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me...**

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therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Thes. 2:2

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Mark 13:28-33

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: [29] So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. [30] Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. [31] Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

[32] But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. [33] Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.



Here is what you need to know.

Mark 13:33

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Acts 1:8

When God poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in the second chapter of Acts, it was upon a hundred and twenty Jews who followed Jesus and believed that He is *"the Christ."* What they received that day was *"the promise of the Father"* (Acts 1:4). It was the same *"blessing"* that God had promised to the entire nation of Israel at Mount Horeb, *"if"* they would *"obey His voice"* (Exodus 19:5-6). Israel never received that blessing in the almost fifteen hundred years from Moses to Christ, but a *"very small remnant"* of Israel did receive it on the Day of Pentecost. Isaiah prophesied of this in **Isaiah 1:9**, saying, *"Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."* The apostle Paul quotes Isaiah in **Romans 9:29**, saying, *"Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah."* Notice that what Isaiah calls *"a very small remnant,"* the apostle Paul calls a *"seed."* The hundred and twenty, which was the *"very small remnant"* of Israel, was also the *"seed"* that was sown to bring forth *"a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues"* (Revelation 7:9). It was those hundred and twenty Jews that ultimately brought the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, and thus, to us.

Just before the *"time of Jacob's trouble,"* which Jesus calls *"...great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"* (Matthew 24:21), God will once again pour out His Spirit as He did upon the hundred and twenty Jews on the Day of Pentecost. This time, however, it will be upon a *"remnant"* of the church which was birthed on the Day of Pentecost. The *"remnant"* will be those who believe that Jesus is *"the Christ"* whom God sent into the world to *"make an end of sins"* (Daniel 9:24). They understand that He is the *"lamb"* which God sent into the world to *"take away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29). The weak and sin-laden church of the twenty first century will have no part in what God is going to do in these last days. They, like the children of Israel before them, have *"...changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man"* (Romans 1:23). They have also, just as the children of Israel did, *"...changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator"* (Romans 1:25). They, just as Israel before them, are being fitted for their own destruction when the righteous judgment of God is brought forth at the return of Christ to earth.

**Revelation 11:3:** *"And I will give power unto my two witnesses..."*

The *"promise"* to the last day *"remnant"* of the church is the same as that which was given to the hundred and twenty in **Acts 1:8**; *"ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."* God will pour out His Spirit in this last day exactly as He did in the second chapter of Acts. It will be worldwide in every nation and upon every race, but it will be only upon a faithful *"remnant"* in every place. The remnant of the church will be brought into the *"fullness"* that has never been seen since the first generation of the church when it was seen upon the hundred and twenty.

### The Fullness

**Romans 11:25:** *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*

The term *"fullness of the Gentiles"* does not speak of the end of a *"Gentile age"* and the *"rapture of the church."* In order to understand what the apostle is speaking of we must see what he says concerning the *"fullness of the Jews"* in **Romans 11:11-12**; *"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now*

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## Their Message is Wormwood!

By Randall Outland

The Old Testament prophecies clearly tell us what Christ would accomplish through His death on the Cross.

**Daniel 9:24:** *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

In this passage, we see that Christ would *"finish the transgression"* and *"make an end of sins."* Some 483 years later, as Jesus came on the scene, John the Baptist declared, *"...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29). In Peter's second recorded sermon following the coming of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, he said, *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."* (Acts 3:19). After his conversion, the apostle Paul proclaimed, *"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."* (Romans 6:6-7).

In the twenty first century, however, this message has drastically changed.

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## Why Is America in Debit?

By: Kirbbie L. Cowart

Many people are astonished at the condition of America with trillions of dollars in debt. Are you ready for the answer as to why we are here? The Bible has the answer if you care to look for it. I fine that's the problem people, don't want the answer if it come from the HOLY BIBLE.

Could it be our words have been stout or (strong) against God? Could it be we have spoken against God before the world that we are no longer a Christian nation? Could it be because we have taken Prayer out of our Schools and the Ten Commandments out of our courts houses?

I remember a time when the Nations of the world look up at us and called America BLESSED! We were not a debtor nation we gave and supported other nations and people.

Could it be we are under a CURSE? If so then who cursed us and why?

**Malachi 3:8-10**

*Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. [10] Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

**Malachi 3:11-12**

*And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. [12] And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith*

*the Lord of hosts.*

**Malachi 3:13**

*Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?*

**Malachi 3:14-15**

*Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? [15] And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.*

God said this whole nation have robbed him in tithes and offerings. People go to church when it is convenient for them to go and want give a dime to the work of the Lord. But when they get in trouble they speak stout or (strong) words against God. Such words as "God never helps me". "God don't answer my prayers" or "why did God let this happen". And yet expect God to bless them, bring about a good end to the trouble they are in.

When they sow wild seeds they want God to make it a good harvest when the harvest comes in, it not what they expected and now it becomes God fault. Then more strong words against God , people are living under a curse and don't even know it.

I'm just a country Shepherd calling for people to repent of their sins and trust the Lord Jesus as there Messiah, (Savior) and Obey His Holy Word, The Holy Bible.

The only hope for America is for **"We The People,"** to **"REPENT"** and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. I f not the curse will only get worse!

It is **"We The People," that is under the CURSE.**

## Their Message is Wormwood!

The new message that is being preached across the airwaves and from pulpits around the world says that Jesus died to take away the "penalty" of sin, and as a result, a redeemed child of God will continue to sin as long as he is in this body of flesh, without fear of penalty. Billy Graham, in his book "Storm Warning," writes "...as long as we remain in these mortal bodies, none of us will ever be perfect. None of us lives without occasional sin and failure, and it is hypocritical to pretend otherwise" (Page 158).

This modern gospel has been so ingrained in the hearts and minds of those who have received its message that when the truth is proclaimed, the one proclaiming it is considered to be a hypocrite. If we listen closely to the modern gospel though, and honestly compare it to what the scripture says, we quickly see that the "Jesus" of this modern gospel is not "The Christ" who was prophesied, because he fails to accomplish what the Old Testament prophets promised Christ would do, and what the New Testament apostles say that He did.

In looking at the truth, what does the scripture really say about sin in the life of a born again child of God? First, the apostle Paul declares:

**Romans 8:1:** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

**Romans 8:9:** *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ,*

*he is none of his.*

**Galatians 5:16-18:** *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

**Galatians 5:24-25:** *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

In these passages, we see that a real born again child of God is not in the flesh, but rather in the Spirit, because the Spirit of God dwells in them. They live in, walk in, and are led by the Holy Spirit, and because of this, they do not fulfill the lust of the flesh. The Apostle John echoes this by saying:

**I John 3:4-10:** *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever*

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## ENCOURAGED, WHAT A GOOD WORD

Leslie Jordan

Encouraged, what a good word! There are times when every one of us needs some encouragement, and there are also times when we need to be an encouragement to someone else. Try to be sensitive in your life to days when you may need someone to talk to or be with and to days when you can feel someone you know might need a word from you. The words in the poem above describe the way our heavenly Father would want His children to live. It is true you know; love, joy and peace are always within our reach. But do we live as though we have reached out for them, or are we stumbling? Does your life indicate an encouraging spirit, a sense you know love, joy and peace are there for you? In each of our lives occasionally there will come difficulty, a challenge, a situation hard to accept. However whatever may come our way the Lord will be with us and His Word can be our guide.

Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." As you read the words here in Joshua, think about them. How would it affect your life, my life, if indeed we did as has been written here? Were our mouth filled with the law of the Lord no doubt it would be much easier for the thoughts in the beginning of the poem to be seen in our life. By meditating day and night on God's Word there would be no room for evil thoughts or actions to creep into our life. Could it actually be possible to follow such a verse? God seemed very definite as He gave the words to Joshua. The very next line reads, "Have not I commanded thee?" He did indeed command, and God meant what He had said. We fail as we distance ourselves from the Lord and from His Word. As the words in our Bible were given to the men used to preserve what our Father had to say He fully intended those words would be taken as absolute and followed. It happens God never offers a suggestion, He always means what he says! God never fails but we fail to do as He told us to do.

You may hear some bad news at your job. Today a lot of places are in trouble and people are worried about keeping a job. Your neighbor may get bad news, can you encourage him? You may not have a job for him but you should be able to tell him how to pray and where to find peace as he looks for work. As you pray together perhaps some new idea for a job will come to one of you. Some illness may strike you or a loved one. How will you react to the diagnosis of the doctor when the news is not good? As you get to such a spot on life's rocky road, will you stumble? Or have you found the answer to life's struggles? Do you know "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms"? Please do know the eternal God is your refuge.

Strong faith, and meekness, temperance for the mind. You know God told us in His Word He will keep our mind, so allow Him to keep your mind. The world wants your mind, the devil wants your mind, but much better to know God wants your mind. With so many distractions confusion comes in. The devil loves confusion, be careful, God is never in confusion. The child of God who is often in the Word, often talking with their Father, will be infinitely more equipped to meet the challenges of life. You can be sure, friend, challenges will come, illness will come, trouble at work or in your family will come. But when the trouble comes you can have strong faith. Kneel and know the Word is true. Your battle may not be easy, that was not the word used, but with the Lord as your guide and with Him ever by your side, you can make it through anything to victory. Go ahead, trust the Lord and be encouraged.

## The Last Day Witnesses

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*if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; HOW MUCH MORE THEIR FULLNESS?"* If it is a wonderful thing that God used the unbelief of the Jews as an occasion to send the gospel to the Gentiles, how much more wonderful it would have been if the Jews had believed, and the entire nation had received what the hundred and twenty received on the day of Pentecost. It was the believing Jews that brought the salvation of God to the Gentiles; how better it would have been if the entire nation had believed to bring salvation to the entire world. This is what Paul speaks of as being "*their fullness.*" Sadly, the Jews did not receive Jesus when He walked among them, and they did not believe the gospel when it was preached to them, so obviously they never received the "*fullness*" that was prepared for them. After striving with them for their salvation for many years, the apostle Paul reaches this conclusion, "*...their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted...*" (Acts 28:27). According to the apostle, they will not see "*...until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*"

Paul speaks to the believing Gentiles at Ephesus of the "*fullness*" that is promised to the church through the working of the mighty power of the Holy Ghost in the people.

**Ephesians 1:22-23:** "*...the church, which is his body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.*"

**Ephesians 3:19:** "*...that ye might be filled with (into) all the fulness of God.*"

**Ephesians 4:13:** "*...till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*"

This is the "*fullness*" that will be bestowed upon a faithful remnant of the church in this last time by the outpouring of God's Spirit. The world has never seen such a church since the hundred and twenty Jews received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, but such a church will be seen before Christ returns. These will be the last day witnesses which will literally invade the nation of Israel with the gospel of Jesus Christ during the time of her great tribulation. A remnant of Israel will see their Messiah (Christ) in a remnant of the church. The "*scales*" will fall off of their eyes, and God says they will "*...look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son*" (Zechariah 12:10). This will happen during the very worst of the conflict, when it seems certain genocide will be their fate, until such time as they "*look to Jesus,*" and know that He is "*their Messiah.*" God says of that time, "*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.*"

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## Their Message is Wormwood!

*is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

The Bible clearly shows us that the apostle Paul and the apostle John did not beat around the bush. They plainly proclaimed a message that is in line with the words of Christ:

**Luke 6:43:** *For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

The modern gospel message of the church, which says that a born again child of God will continue in sin, simply does not stand up to what the scripture overwhelmingly says. A real born again child of God has undergone such a transformation that he will not continue to sin.

God, however, shall not be mocked, as He is not blind to those who proclaim this other gospel. The prophet Jeremiah foretold of those who would proclaim this false message in our modern time.

**Jeremiah 23:13-14:** *And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.*

Those who proclaim this false modern gospel have joined themselves unto the enemy. They have been deceptive, not only in speech, but also in character. They have prophesied smooth things, and in doing so, they have caused untold thousands to err.

Those who have accepted this false modern Jesus, and have received his gospel may see those who proclaim it as mighty men of God, but God sees them as "Sodom and the inhabitants of Gomorrah." What was it though, that God saw in Sodom and the inhabitants of Gomorrah?

**Ezekiel 16:49-50:** *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.*

**Jude 1:7:** *Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner; giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

This is not a light indictment against the false prophets who are actually peddling "another gospel" and "another Jesus" (II Corinthians 11:4). The Bible clearly tells us that God will not sit idly by and do nothing. Jeremiah also prophesied as to what God would do, not only to the prophets of Samaria and Jerusalem, but also to the false prophets and teachers of our modern time.

**Jeremiah 23:15:** *Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.*

The word translated "wormwood" in this passage is "la'ānāh" in the Hebrew (Strong's Hebrew Concordance #3939), which means, "to curse; wormwood (regarded as poisonous, and therefore accursed)." The word translated "gall" in this passage is "ro'sh" in the Hebrew (Strong's Hebrew Concordance #7219), which means "a poisonous plant, probably the poppy (from its conspicuous head); generally poison (even of serpents)."

Because these prophets claim to be speaking God's truth, when in reality they are speaking lies and causing people to err, and not to repent, God is going to feed them with "wormwood," which is poison. He will also make them drink the "water of gall," which is spiritual death to all who drink it. In the last days, the Bible declares:

**Revelation 8:10-11:** *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they*

*were made bitter.*

These prophecies, found in Jeremiah and Revelation, are playing out before our very eyes as the wormwood which the Lord has fed to the prophets of the modern false gospel is flowing out of them, but instead of being the "rivers of living water" that Jesus Christ said would flow out of the bellies of them that believe on Him (John 7:38), it has become a "river of death" that multitudes today are drinking of.

The Bible tells of another occasion where the people of God encountered "waters of death:"

**Exodus 15:23-25:** *And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.*

In these modern times, as the false prophets spew forth their poisonous water, we must understand exactly what it is: **It is Wormwood!**

Thirty five hundred years ago, God showed Moses the solution to the "waters of death," and today, the solution is the same. It has not changed. It is the "tree" that Jesus, the Christ, died upon (Acts 5:30), which we call "the cross." The true gospel message of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified (I Corinthians 2:2)" can heal the waters once again.

Life and death are set before us this day, and we have a choice to make. We can either believe that Jesus is "The Christ" who finished the transgression and made an end of sins as the scripture prophesied He would do, or we can believe a gospel message that has only a form of godliness, but denies the power thereof, in that it says we will continue in sin as long as we are in this body of flesh. Of the latter, it is clear that God says, "...from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5).

What will your choice be? I implore you to choose Christ, "who is our life" (Colossians 3:4), that you might live.

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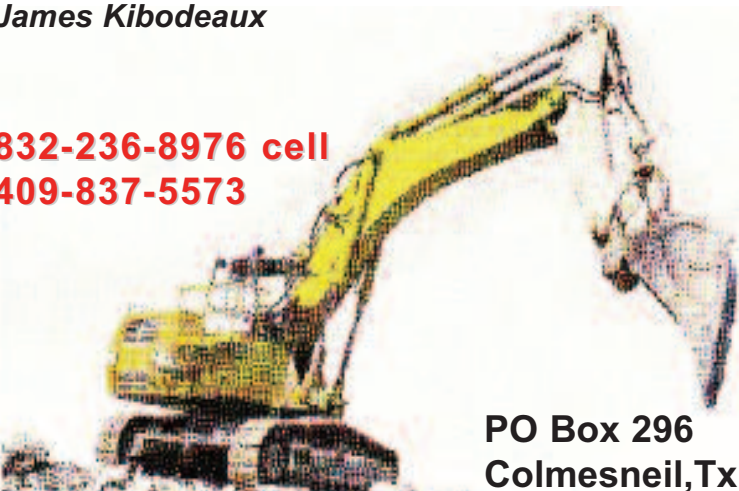
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