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H.I.S. Ministries September Newsletter, covering August 2011

Another month is gone – where does the time go? It could be *our age that makes time pass faster and faster*, at least that is what “they” say, “*the older you get, the faster time goes*”! ☺ Anyway, this summer was definitely shorter than other summers have been!!

We have been extremely busy, of which we are *giving thanks to the Lord* that He is sending people to ask questions, even angry argumentative questions, for that allows us to help them to see that we deeply care about Mormons’ eternal destiny and are willing to assist them in seeking for the truth about God, Jesus and salvation: ***Don’t be deceived, don’t be troubled.*** (Matt. 24-25.)

We are starting our “***Understanding Mormonism***” classes at Calvary Chapel on September 11th and continuing till Thanksgiving week – last class being on 20th of November. We are planning on 2 hrs each Sunday evening (from 6:00PM – 8:00PM). We hope to include 15-20 minutes for questions after each class. There is still room for more people to sign up! All are welcome! Dennis is leaving for Australia on September 12th – he’ll be back on the 22nd of September. He will miss only one class that I will handle with Chris Hohnbaum’s help.

Israel and Jerusalem are near the heart of God. Last month we wrote about Israel and Jerusalem, and if you have not read our August letter yet, please read it first, followed by this, “*the second part*” to see how important Israel is to our God. “*...for he that toucheth you [Israel] toucheth the apple of His eye. For behold, I will shake Mine hand upon them...*” (Zechariah 2:8-9.) The Book of Zechariah is an important study for our time, for Zechariah announces God’s prophetic program as it concerns the Gentiles (which most of us are) and predicts the blessings of Israel’s Millennial age (starting immediately after the Tribulation) and how God’s glory will be displayed through the Nation Israel in the future. He outlines events leading up to it. We are seeing these things taking place here and around the world in a very fast fashion. The Book of Zechariah also dwells more on the Person and work of Christ than any other prophetic writing. Zechariah is quoted more in the New Testament than any other Old Testament book.

God’s Word demands that we treat Israel as His Treasure, the “apple of His eye”, and Jerusalem as His Holy City where He will come to rule and reign for a thousand years. The United States has prospered from the late 1940’s, when the US came to the defense of Israel – until the early 1990’s when matters started to change. **God has promised to bless those who bless Israel** (i.e. who stand in defense of Israel) **and curse those who go against it.** (Gen. 12:3.) During the last couple of decades natural disasters and other major problems in the USA have seemingly come in connection to our treatment of Israel. It has been said by those recording these events that *United States better pay attention to decisions they make concerning Israel.* **Anti-Israel** decisions by United States, and by other countries that are pushing for the division of God’s Land (Joel 3:2), seem to be **almost immediately followed by a “natural disasters”**. Can

all these disasters be just coincidental? After you read these examples, you can decide for yourselves. I will list here a few of them that even younger ones among us should remember. [At the end I will give you sources to check so that you can verify them.]

October 30th, 1991 – As President George Bush, Sr., was opening **Madrid Conference** to discuss ‘*Land for Peace*’ concerning Israel’s role in the Middle East, the “*Perfect Storm*” developed in the North Atlantic, creating the largest waves ever recorded in that region, traveling 1,000 miles from East to West (normal movement of storms is from West to East), crashing into the New England coast – 35 foot waves crashed into the Kennebunkport home of President Bush...

August 23rd, 1992 – **Madrid Conference** was moved to Washington D.C. and “*Peace Talks*” resumed. “*Hurricane Andrew*”, the worst natural disaster ever to hit America, comes ashore producing an estimated \$30 billion in damage and leaving 108,000 people homeless.

January 16, 1994 – President Bill Clinton meets with Syria’s president Hafez el-Assad in Geneva. Talks were concerning Israel having to give Golan Height to Palestinians. Within 24 hrs a powerful (6.9 the Richter scale) earthquake hits South California. This ***Northridge quake*** becomes the second most destructive disaster to hit the U.S. - just behind ***Hurricane Andrew***.

January 21, 1998 – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets President Clinton at the White House. He was received coldly! Clinton and Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, refuse to have lunch with him. Later that day “the Monica Lewinski scandal” broke into the mass media and begins to occupy major portion of Clinton’s time.

September 28th, 1998 – Secretary of State Albright puts together details about Israel having to give up 13% of Judea and Samaria. ***Hurricane George*** with winds of 110 mph, gusts up to 175 mph, slams into US Gulf Coast... Arafat addresses UN about declaring Palestinian State by May 1999. ***Hurricane George*** pounds the Gulf Coast causing \$1 billion in damage. At the time Arafat departs, storm starts to dissipate...

October 15-22, 1998 – US arranged a meeting with Arafat and Netanyahu in Maryland about Israel giving 13% of Judea and Samaria to Palestinians. Oct. 17th awesome rains and tornados hit Southern Texas. Rain and flooding continued till Oct. 22nd, leaving \$1 billion in damage. Oct. 21st Clinton declares this part of Texas a major disaster area.

November 30th, 1998 – Arafat arrives to Washington, again to meet with Clinton to raise money for a Palestinian state – with Jerusalem as the capital. 42 other nations were represented in D.C. They all agreed to give Arafat \$3 billion in aid. (Clinton promised \$400 million and European nations \$1.7 billion. On the same day Dow Jones dropped 216 points and next day the European Market had its worst day in history.)

December 12, 1998 - Clinton goes ahead with “*land for peace*” process. The House of Representatives voted 4 articles of impeachment against Clinton...

May 3, 1999 – The very day Yasser Arafat is scheduled to declare a ***Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital***, the most powerful tornado system ever to hit US sweeps across Oklahoma and Kansas. Declaration is postponed at Clinton’s request...

October 11th, 1999 – Jewish settlers in 15 ***West Bank*** settlements are evicted from the God’s covenant land of Israel. That day the Dow Jones had its worst week in ten years and on Oct. 15th Dow lost another 266 points, and a hurricane slams into North Carolina – the very next day, Oct. 16th, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake rocks the Southwest in the most powerful quake in the 20th century.

August 2005 – Jewish families were evicted from their home in the ***Gaza Strip*** as a response to American Foreign Policy pressure by Condoleeza Rice. As this was happening a huge weather system is forming in the Atlantic. This storm became ***Hurricane Katrina***, destroying New Orleans, Louisiana (Ms. Rice’s home state), an area the size of Britain, leaving thousands homeless and dead. This hurricane also spoiled “*Southern Decadence*”-weekend planned by the homosexual community of New Orleans, supported by the mayor of New Orleans...

March 11th, 2010 Japan made her strongest pronouncement in its **condemnation of Israel's action to build 1,600 housing units in East Jerusalem**. Exactly one year to the day,

March 11th, 2011, the greatest earthquake (9.1) and tsunami in Japan's recorded history hit Japan, effecting the entire country and caused economic downfall in USA and in the world. [There are many more reported disasters, but maybe this helps us to see what is going on. The USA is not singled out for these disasters – other countries that go against Israel have seen consequences as well.]

In Early Summer of 2010 – Israel's prime Minister Netanyahu came to visit the White House. **He was only allowed to use the servants' entrance to the White House!** President Obama left the Prime Minister in a basement room for two hours while he went upstairs to have a dinner with his family. (Unimaginable rudeness towards the Prime Minister of Israel!) **When he finally came back to meet with Netanyahu, Obama put his feet up so that the bottoms of his shoes were facing Netanyahu.** This is a greatest insult in the Muslim-culture, and photos of this were aired in Muslim nations. Israelis understood the meaning of this as well. When Netanyahu left the White House, **he was ushered out through the servants' exit.** Immediately after Obama's poor treatment of Israel's Prime Minister, **the Gulf Oil Well exploded.** This explosion is still having a great impact on the US, its land and people...

As I am typing this, there is a large hurricane nearing the East Coast, and the major US population areas. Is this another warning sign? Could this have something do with July 26th, 2011 vote taken in US about making Jerusalem the Capital of Palestine - vote to be followed by UN vote in September about Palestine State? (Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel – and has been for 3000 years!) Results of this July 26th vote have not been made known yet, but are said to be announced perhaps in September when UN is *planning on declaring Palestine a State and demand that Israel withdraw to 1967* (and perhaps even to 1948) **boundaries.** All this without Israel's agreement!

This hurricane approaching Eastern States at this time is said to be the worst ever coming to this area, affecting perhaps 65-70 million residents, from North Carolina up the entire Eastern Seaboard, including Long Island, New York City, Boston etc. and even **Washington DC, that was just a few days ago hit with a rare earthquake, doing damage to the Washington Monument** (closed now indefinitely), **the Capitol** and the **LDS Washington Temple!** Is there a message of warning in all this?

When God has something to say, we'd better listen! **Don't mess with God's land, Israel, and His City, Jerusalem!** (Sources for these reports:

1. www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/t/tenmajorevents.htm ;
2. www.1timothy4-13.com/files/prophecy/disasters.html ;
3. <http://godssecret.wordpress.com/2010/01/10/american-foreign-policy-israel-and-natural-disasters/>

(Story of Japan: www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2010/3/0311_01.html)

Who is the God of Israel? He is the God of the Bible, and God of all true Christians.

Moses asked Him: **What is your name?** God answered: **I AM THAT I AM.** (Exodus 3:13-14.)

He is eternally self-existent God, without beginning, without ending.

He later revealed His covenant name to Moses, and to Israel. **“And God spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I AM the LORD: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by My name YHWH was I not known to them. And I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan (Israel).”** (Exodus 6:2-4.)

The following is taken from **COMPASS eNEWS**, dated August 15, 2011.

[Thank you, Compass, for bringing this to our attention!]

The Name of God



"Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever" (Dan. 2:20.)

What Does YHWH Mean?

"YHWH - *Yahweh*" is the personal name of God in the Bible. Called the *Tetragrammaton*, it is composed of four letters, no vowels. The Hebrew letters are **Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey**, read right to left in the Hebrew (see above), left to right in English, YHWH.

Hebrew letters all have meanings. You're going to love what the letters mean in "Yahweh"!

Yod

Yod the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet and is masculine in gender. It portrays the symbol of an entire hand, or closed hand, from the wrist to the fingertips. This is distinguished from another letter, **kaf**, that means "**palm.**"



Hey

Hey is feminine and means "**to behold**", "**show**" or "**reveal.**"

Vav

Vav is masculine and signifies a nail, peg or hook, signifying being nailed or bound together. (**See above the third Hebrew letter from the right – or second from the left.**) [Sorry, the picture of this Hebrew letter would not copy from the original.]

When read as Hebrew reads, from right to left, God's name means: "**Behold the Nail, Behold the Hand**" or simply "**Behold the Nailed Hand**". The meaning of the name YHWH is salvation – in other words: "**Behold, the nailed hand is salvation.**"

Zech. 12:10 "...**they will look upon Me whom they have pierced**"

Ps. 22:16 "...**they have pierced My hands and feet.**"

From our mailbox: A desperate LDS lady wrote:



“Hi Rauni, I'm a struggling member of the LDS church. I'm a convert. I've attended for 3 years and became a member 1 1/2 years ago. My husband has been a member since he was 8... [we are both in our 50's now.]

Since I joined I've had a gut instinct that something is wrong. I have now reached a point that I agonize over attending the church and am quickly beginning to disbelieve its doctrines and Joseph Smith. My life has become very secluded (I go to church and to the store once a week to buy groceries). I'm very depressed and suffer anxiety attacks frequently. I pretty much live on anti-depressants and Xanax to survive. I go through the motions of living each day but in essence I feel dead inside and have no quality of life. I'm miserable.

My husband strongly believes in the church. Any time I try to point something out he finds a way to dispel it by saying that the members of the church will have some flaws because we are still human. When I try to point out things I've researched about Joseph Smith or the Book of Mormon he points to a “renown archaeologist” that has “proven” its truth and things from the dead sea scrolls that also point to its truth. He also mentions that congress once tried to dispute it as being false but were unable to.

He wants desperately to be sealed in the temple and I, quite frankly, want nothing to do with the temple.- I feel like I'm close to an emotional breakdown and have no one to turn to since my husband supports the church so strongly.- From your experience, what do you suggest I do to maintain my sanity. - Thank you very much. C _____”

My reply:

Thank you for writing, thank you asking. We surely hope we can help. We come from where you are now. I too was a convert - Dennis was a life-long (generational) Mormon. When I came to see the LDS "church" as a hoax, after 20 years as an active temple going Mormon, Dennis was still clinging to it with all his (emotional) might, after all, he was a senior high councilman in our LDS Stake at that time.

It was the Bible and my research into its perseverance and history that finally won him to agree to test Mormonism by the Bible that they claim to believe in, but in actuality do not trust at all!

It is hard to say what would work with your husband, but let me try by attaching some papers we have written to compare *Mormonism and Christianity* (biblical doctrine). (You can print them to make them easier to use.) Mormonism can be summarized - **Joseph Smith vs. the Bible**. If the Bible is true, then Joseph Smith is a false prophet.

I assure you that after over 40 years of Mormonism studies, I know that he was a false prophet and the Bible is true - all of it.

I would like to talk to you by phone. Please call me: 801.943-5011.

And please try to go off from anti-depressants (talk to your doctor about that) - they could make you worse in the long run. Coming to know the truth about Jesus Christ of the Bible, and trusting in His finished salvation work for all who come to Him, gives you peace and can take away your need for "medicinal help". Please know that some of medications, given for depression, have to be taken off from your system slowly - ask your doctor to help you how to do it.

Getting rid of what you already know to be false (Mormonism), will relieve your heart and mind from anxiety! It worked for me, and I am sure it will work for you.

Cindy, I am here for you if you want me to help you. I think I understand your anxiety and why you feel so bad. I have been there - but after I tested Mormonism by the Bible I came to see that I had been fooled. Because I did not know what the truth about God really was - is why I was able to accept the lies of Joseph Smith. It is the truth that sets us free. (John 8:31-32.) - **Our story is on our website:** www.hismin.com/AboutUs.htm

We also have at least 2 dozen other *former Mormon stories* on our site.

www.hismin.com/FormerMormon.html . # 1 is Dr. Lynn Wilder's story. **Lynn was a BYU professor who, with her husband, left the Mormon Church a few years ago.** Her husband was

a member of bishopric and a High Councilman. They and all their 4 adult children, 3 sons and a daughter, left Mormonism and embraced **Jesus of the Bible** as their Lord and Savior. All 3 of their sons had served a full time LDS missions.

These are good stories of courage, faith and hope. Very helpful to all who wonder. These stories will give you strength and may help your husband too.

Our monthly newsletters, available on our website, answer Mormon-questions. We have several years worth of them on our website: www.hismin.com/newsletter.html. They can be read and printed from there. I'd love to help you. Please let me know how you are doing. In Christ Jesus of the Bible, Rauni

We have received "tons" of emails this last month. We try to answer them all. We also received just a few days ago a six-page handwritten letter from two LDS missionaries. A Christian lady (in Utah County) had given to them our booklet, "***The Truth About Mormonism***", when they knocked at her door. She had challenged them and taken a promise from them that they'll read it. (They did.) They did not say that they disagreed with what we had written, *but they wanted to give their explanations to the doctrinal issues we had written about - as polygamy, eternal progression, one god vs. many gods, creation vs. organization, temple ordinances (eternal marriage and work for the dead), etc.* These young men were obviously thinking that we had just misunderstood these doctrines and that they, being LDS missionaries, could help us to see that these are true doctrines and even biblical. I typed a 10-page answer to them, explaining that **these LDS doctrines are unbiblical and false. I thanked them for their courage and thoughtfulness for taking time to read our booklet and writing to us.** Now we hope and pray that they will write again. I also included some other materials with my letter, as a DVD, "***The Bible vs. Joseph Smith***" and Mark Cahill's booklet, "***The Second Greatest Lie Ever Told***". **Please pray that their hearts and minds will open to God's truth.**

I may include parts of their letter and my answer to them in our next month's newsletter.



Please pray also for health and healing of our friends Merridy, Heber, Lois and Dale. Please pray for Bruce and success for his coming trip to Alaska. Also keep Dennis in your prayers as he travels to Australia and sets up a ***Ministry to Mormons*** there. He will leave 9/12/11 and come back 9/22/11. Please pray also that I will be able to take care of all here while he is away.

We have many anonymous prayer requests from LDS people who are not ready to have their names revealed, but the Lord knows who they are. Many are in serious spiritual turmoil and fearful.

We want to thank you for your assistance and encouragement. They mean more to us than words can express. We are asking that the Lord will meet all your needs and bless you accordingly. You are our partners in this work, and we could not do this without you, is the fact!!

Satan isn't playing games, but sadly, many Christians are! It is a shame that many who have accepted the Lord as their Savior by faith, are not as serious about souls as Satan is! Jesus clearly told us that the enemy's goal is to, "*kill, steal, and destroy.*" Satan fights for every soul - to join him in the lake of fire for all eternity. Unfortunately, some Christians have neither the zeal or concern for the fact that each person who dies without Jesus will literally burn in hell for ever and ever. That is what the Bible says. (Rev. 20:15.)

Our concern is for eternal destiny of the souls of Mormons and other lost persons. That concern has compelled us ever since we gave our hearts to Lord Jesus, nearly 30 years ago. We are doing this because we believe that the Bible is the Word of God. It commands us to warn. (Ez. 33:7-9; Mark 16:16.) We are not selling anything, nor do we seek any personal benefit – only a benefit of

those who, through our work, come to Jesus of the Bible. That is the very reason why we will not “back off”, as we are often told to do, and why we do not “sell out”, i.e. compromise for *earthly friendships or comforts of this world*. This is why we push on despite the persecution and hatred we often receive. We will continue to warn people about false religions that are the tools of Satan and his demons who are out to take their souls to hell! We are often accused of not being “tolerant”! **Was Jesus tolerant of those who taught falsely? Read Matthew 23 and see that He was not!** Was Paul tolerant of false religions, or Peter, or anyone who knew the Lord Jesus and was preaching the true gospel of Christ? Not on your life! Paul even rebuked Peter, who was at the time a “compromiser” and even hypocritical. (Gal. 2:11-21.) Paul rebuked Peter publically, and he realized that he had been wrong and thus he had no hard feelings towards Paul of his rebuke!

Of those who persecuted Paul, he asked, “*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?*” (Gal. 4:16.) We are convicted of God’s Truth which is that *Jesus alone is the way, the truth and life*. (John 14:6.) Jesus told us to love our enemies. By saying that, He assured us that we will have enemies for the sake of the gospel. (Matt. 5:20, 44; John 15:18, 20; 1 Peter 2:21, 23; 4:14-16.)

Remember that, “Tolerance is a virtue of a person without convictions.”

God bless you, our dear friends of HIS (Lord’s) ministry. **You are in our thoughts and prayers daily!!!**

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Thought for the month: “If you tell a lie long enough, people will start believing it. Greater the lie, the more people will believe it.” – Adolf Hitler, 1930.
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