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* He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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This New Year has begun with many end time signs clearly visible to Bible students, while the rest of the world doesn't seem to notice anything. Times have not changed much in that respect from the time when Jesus walked on the earth: Jesus had just fed the five thousand, walked on water, healed multitudes of sick at the shores of the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 14), when the religious leaders came to Him asking for a sign from heaven to determine if He was from God! Jesus marveled, *"When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather: for sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but can you not discern the signs of the times."* (Matt. 16:1-3. NKJV) What were these "signs of the times"? The last of the prophets, John the Baptist (Matt. 11:13), had just before this announced that the Messiah had come, and that He was going to perform miracles, things that no man had ever done before. He did the signs of the prophesied Messiah in the presence of them, and in spite of undeniable evidence, they had no sense to see that. Israel as a nation, because of their religious leaders' unbelief, missed Messiah's first coming, and rejected their Messiah, Jesus. There are even more prophecies in the Bible concerning His Second coming than for His First Coming. Are we missing them now as they did 2000 years ago? Please read Paul's warning about that in Acts 13:15-41. We must know what God has said to us about Himself, and what He is going to do in the future. Paul wrote to Timothy about coming perilous times (2 Tim. 3) and that the only way to "make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" is to know the scriptures (3:15). Paul continued, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* (3:16.) What we are seeing now, may indeed be our "time of the signs". We have seen false prophets and teachers (exactly as Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:1-3) in recent years making a mockery of true prophecies about the Second Coming of the Lord by claiming to know the day and hour of Jesus' return, even though we are told that NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY NOR THE HOUR (Matt. 24:36). When it did not happen as they had said, those weak in faith lost what little faith they had had. Peter had warned about that, saying that then *"...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..."* (2 Pet. 3:3-5, KJV.) When Jesus' disciples asked Him *what will be the sign of His coming and the end of the world*, the first thing Jesus mentioned was **deception**. (Matt. 24:4.) Satan is a deceiver, and because **there are true signs of the Lord's Second Coming**, he will twist

and falsify them till people do not believe the true signs, even when they are clearly in front of them. One of the many deceptions that some Christian churches have fallen for is **Spiritual Formation movement** which is promising that they can hear the voice of God by using **mystical eastern style prayer-techniques, called also contemplative or centering prayer**. This practice brings the same results as **TM or Transcendental Meditation**, which attracts demonic spirits instead. Another popular practice world-wide is **yoga** that in reality is a **“signaled prayer to Hindu gods”**, as Hindu-gurus openly are admitting that it is. We also see the prophesied **One World Government** fast approaching along with **One World Religion**. Another **end-time sign** is the attempt to **join Christianity with Islam**, calling it **“Chrislam”**. [A search for **Chrislam** on the Internet reveals that there already are many well-known pastors and churches that promote **Chrislam**!] Many in ignorance assume that God of the Bible and Allah are one and the same! **Not even close! Allah is the moon-god** chosen by Mohammed from among 360 gods to become Islam’s only god. Jesus in Islam is called **Isa**, a prophet of Allah, but **NOT the Son of God**, **“for Allah does not have a son”**, says the Koran. Islam is at this time expecting its coming **Mahdi, 12th imam**, that fits exactly the biblical prophecies of an **Anti-Christ**. Muslims even site Rev. 6:2 for Mahdi’s coming... The spread of Islam around the entire world has already reached the **major religion-status** with **1.7 Billion followers**. However Islam is more of a political ideology than religion. **Islam** means **“submission”** –and that is what it is demanding from people. Most of the **non-Muslim world** was grieved just this January by the murders of 17 innocent people in Paris, France. [*Isn’t it odd that when Muslim terrorists kill people in Europe, the **world unites against Muslims**, as we saw in Paris where over 40 world leaders with millions of people opposing Islam’s terrorism marched, but when Muslim terrorists kill people in Israel, the **world unites against Israel**?*] These cold-hearted Muslim murderers have finally awakened and exposed the world to what we are up against – **we are facing a coming Islamic domination. We hear about ISIS in the news daily**. They fully expect the world becoming Islamic and under Sharia law. Just this past year **hundreds of soldiers** (Syrian, Lebanese and Kurds) **were beheaded by the Islamic State** (ISIS), as were also three Americans and British humanitarian workers, and they have been threatening to behead 2 Japanese men unless Japan pays 200 million dollars in ransom. One of them was already beheaded 1/24/15. These are not war killings, but innocent humans killed or to be killed to appease Allah and Mohammed. The Koran, their holy scripture, **calls for beheadings**. **“So when you meet those who disbelieve, strike their necks until you have inflicted slaughter upon them...”** (Surah 47:4) **“I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve, so strike them upon their necks...”** (Surah 8:12.) In the Koran there are more than hundred commands **to kill Christians and Jews**. It is easy to push **Satanically blinded Muslim youth** that have no assets and no future, into doing what to us is unthinkable. **To them becoming a “martyr” by killing Christians and Jews is the only way to “Paradise”**, and at the same time becoming a hero to their families. They do it for Satan who hates the Jews who are God’s chosen nation. Anti-Semitism has always been Satanic. Satan hates also Christians, for they too are God’s people, born of the Spirit of God. Christianity is spread through sharing the Good News of a loving God who sent His Son as the Savior paying for our sins and giving eternal life to all who simply believe on Him. **Islam is spread by the sword: convert or die.** In Nigeria Boko Haram, just 2 months ago, killed over 2000 Christians, and the world did nothing! **The Bible tells us that after the Church Age ends in Rapture, which can happen at any time, beheadings are how the believers in the Lord will die during the future 7-year Tribulation.** We can easily see who the killers are during that time. **We must be very close to that time for we hear of Islamic beheadings almost weekly already.** **“...I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and**

true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ ” (Rev. 6:9-10, NKJV.) “...I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for their witness to Jesus, and for the Word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands...” (Rev. 20:4, NKJV.) There are already over 50 million Muslims living in Europe today. We read and hear of troubles resulting from large Muslim populations in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Sweden. [In Belgium # 1 baby name during the last 4 years has been Mohammed, and 40% of the school children there are Muslim.] Europe is in a mess that their liberal governments have created by allowing Muslim immigration without understanding Islam and that the purpose of Islam is to invade.] American Muslim population is growing fast also. It is reported that there are already over 8 million Muslims in USA. Even in Salt Lake City, Utah, there are five Mosques, and West Valley City, Utah, has a Mosque that is the largest, so far, in the Western USA. Muslims do not assimilate into existing cultures – they bring their own and as soon as they have enough of them in a given area, they segregate themselves, as they have already done in Dearborn, Michigan and Newark, New Jersey, where they practice Sharia-law, totally in opposition to the Constitution. Promoters of Islam here in USA are saying that Islam is a “*religion of peace*” and that *they oppose killings done by ISIS and other jihadists*. However, Islam is the major religion in Iran, and leaders there are preaching the same message “*death to Jews and Israel and USA*”. Becoming a Christian is punishable by death in all Islamic states. “*Imams*” in their mosques world-over are preaching hate and jihad. What we are seeing taking place in the world today **are signs of the times that the Word of God has told us**, if we only open our eyes to see. **God is setting the stage for the Tribulation events to begin soon**, and that happens when Israel is attacked from all sides. Israel is surrounded by Islamic nations. All countries uniting against Israel are Islamic – only exception is Russia, but even her population is also largely Muslim. **However, Israel will not be totally defeated. (1 Sam. 12:22.) Israel has to be there for the Lord to come and rule from Jerusalem. This all looks scary, but we know that God wins. The Word says so. We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.** (Ps. 122:6.) “*Even so, come Lord Jesus.*” (Rev. 22:20.)

“If even a very few Christians in every place would begin to ‘speak often to one another’ about the Coming of the Lord, they would soon come together to pray for His return... and to pray the prayer which He Himself has given to us, ‘Even so come, Lord Jesus.’” Sir Robert Anderson. ***Our love for the Lord yearns His coming.***

There is no better motivation for diligent witnessing than expecting the Lord’s coming at any time. Once a believer starts to think that his Master is not coming, at least not soon, his desire to witness begins to deteriorate.

From our mailbox: I received a letter from a Mormon who has written many times before. He is denying miraculous Virgin Birth of Jesus, and that Jesus is God who became a man. He wrote: “*Jesus was not born of a Virgin. Jesus is not God, but a son of God. You are wrong in teaching that. Mormon prophets, seers and revelators, from our founding Prophet Joseph Smith onward, have taught that it was God the Father who came to Virgin Mary and conceived Jesus’ body, “same way as mortal men are begotten by their mortal fathers”. There is no other way to create a child than by sexual relations between a man and a woman. Our leaders have taught that sex is eternal principal and that we will be having spirit children after we are exalted into godhood. We were begotten as spirit children in the preexistence the same way by this same Father God and mother goddess. We all have the same Heavenly Father, even if a different heavenly mother. Jesus is our elder brother from preexistence as is Lucifer. When Jesus became a man, His Father was the same one who is the Father of our spirits also. Our prophets have taught that Jesus is not a son of the Holy Ghost who is a spirit man. The Mormon Church is not publically saying much about this fact anymore, even though we can read*

about it in our prophets' writings. We do not talk about it much now because we would be even more persecuted if we did. You say that Mary was a virgin because of Isa. 7:14, but in the original Hebrew it does not say virgin, but that a "young woman" will give birth to a son. "Virgin" is entirely different Hebrew word. The "young woman" "became a virgin" only when the Hebrew word "almah" was mistranslated into Greek in Matt. 1:23. This passage in Isaiah 7:14 obviously has nothing to do with Jesus, who, if this prophecy would have applied to him, should have been named Immanuel instead of Jesus. These issues I am presenting here prove that Joseph Smith and the restoration were necessary to correct false teachings about God and Jesus found in the Bible."

Reply: I would suggest that you'd stop looking for ways to try to deny the truth, but instead **seek the TRUTH, which is a title of Jesus Christ, the Virgin-born Son of God.**(John 1:1, 14.) God created the heaven and the earth by His Word. He created man, Adam, "**from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**"(Gen. 2:7) **There is nothing that is impossible to God. Thus Virgin-birth was no problem for God. There was no sex involved in creation of Adam and Eve, neither was there sexual involvement in the birth of Jesus.** God had said back in Genesis 3:15 that He will defeat Satan by the **Seed of a Woman. I.e. there was going to be one woman, a Virgin, who will bring forth a Son without an aid of any man, and that woman was Mary.** Mary is called **a Virgin** by both Matthew (1:23) and Luke (1:27-35). In Greek that word in both gospels is "*parthenos*". It cannot mean anything else but virgin, as was predicted in Isa. 7:14. A Hebrew word used in Isaiah was "*almah*" and it also means "*virgin*", as well as a young woman. (Generally speaking, a young woman before she is married is a virgin.) **Both Matthew and Luke verify that Mary was a Virgin till she gave birth to Jesus, thus Jesus was "Virgin-born". Sex is not an eternal principal.** God intended it for procreation here on earth. **We were not born to God and his wives in preexistence. We were born first physical (natural) and afterwards (born again) spiritual.** (See 1 Cor. 15:46-47.) **Only Jesus, who is God, came from heaven.** (John 3:13, 31; 8:23-24.) **There is no marriage in heaven.** (Matt. 22:29-30.) You say that Jesus should have been named *Immanuel* instead of *Jesus*, if Isaiah's prophecy was correct. **Isaiah is correct.** His Hebrew name YSHUA (translated Jesus), means **YSHUA (God) is salvation.** What Matthew wrote (1:23) **means that in YSHUA, God is with us.**

An LDS lady asked: "*Why do Christian believe and say that you do not have to do anything for your salvation but have faith, when your Bible is commanding works? You also say that all you have to do is to say the sinners' prayer to be saved. Explain to me Mark 13:13, Hebrews 3:6 and 14 – these verses (and I can give you even more) make salvation conditional of what we do by saying that "IF we hold fasts to the end, the same shall be saved", and 1 Cor. 15: 2 says that "if we do not, we may have believed in vain."*

Reply: Let me first give you several verses to read: Rom. 1:16; 3:20; 4:3; 5:1; Gal. 3:10-14, 23-26 and Eph. 2:8-9. From these alone (and there are more ☺) you can see that salvation is **not result of works, but of faith placed in Jesus' finished work for our salvation.** However, just "**saying the sinners' prayer**", so-called, **does not save! To become saved, we must "confess with our mouth AND believe in our hearts " the gospel that saves.** (Read: Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-4.) Mark 13:13 is often used by just about all "*works based religions*", including Mormonism. **The fact is that the New Testament does not teach that salvation is given to those who work for it.** Mark's passage speaks of a genuine believer who is going to follow Christ from the day of his new birth to the end of his life. It is possible for a believer to fall for sin, as Apostle Paul said that he did (Rom. 7:15-24), but he thanked God that **through his faith in Jesus, he will not come into condemnation.** (Rom. 8:1; John 5:24; 1 John 1:7.) In Hebrews 3: 6, 14, word "**IF**" explains that the continuance of Christian life is a test of our faith's reality and evidence of our new life in Christ. **If we have been born again, we cannot lose our salvation.** The question that needs to be asked is, **was our faith real and from the heart to begin with?** (2 Cor.13:5) **If we were truly born again, we have eternal life (present tense).** We cannot be *unborn* any more from our new birth than from our physical birth. Thus Jesus said that **we will never perish.** (John 10:28-30.) However, *if we do not remain faithful, we can lose our rewards but not our salvation.* (1 Cor. 3:11-15.) **Eternal life**

cannot be lost for it is the gift of God, not of works of any kind. (Eph. 2:8-9.) Now, let's look at Hebr. 3:14, "...for we have become partakers of Christ, IF we hold...unto the end". The entire letter to the Hebrews is a warning not to return to Judaism (i.e. to the law). There were **professing believers** who were tempted by "**evil heart of unbelief**" (vs. 12-14) to return to "**works of the law**". Their faith was shown not to be a **true faith in Christ alone** since they wanted to return to Judaism and its laws. People can be assumed to be "**partakers**", true believers, even if they are not. Judas was also a "**partaker**" but he was not true believer and true partner in Christ. **We have to be tested**, is the message in the scriptures. **If we are truly born again from above**, then we are **true partners in Christ** and thus also **secure in Christ**, even if we fail. John wrote acknowledging that we, born-again believers, are still susceptible to sin. "**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and truth is not in us.**" "**But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.**" "**If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" (John 1:7-9.) I hope this helps. If you continue studying the Bible, you will come to see that the Word of God is truth (John 17:17) and you can trust it completely! – Rauni

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness..." (Rom. 1:18) We deserved God's wrath that was against our ungodliness/sins, but "**while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**" (Rom. 5:8.) Dr. Henry A Ironside wrote about our justification, how "**our blessed Lord Jesus as the substitute for sinners, drank the cup of wrath that we deserved, and made full satisfaction for iniquity; and now God can justify everyone that believes in Him, whom He raised from the dead... He was made sin for us, He who knew no sin, that we might be made righteousness of God in Him... what is necessary that [we] may be saved... God has bankrupted Heaven to save [our] guilty souls... Romans 5:1, 'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' Justified by Faith! Faith is believing God and asking no questions. It is taking God at His Word.**" (Quoted from Lighthouse Trails Research Journal, January/February 2015, p. 21.) Pastor Adrian Rogers also wrote about the Lord's **complete payment** for our sin, "**Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. (Romans 3:25.) Propitiation is a big word that means satisfaction. Because God is a holy God, His anger and justice burns against sin. And He has sworn that sin will be punished. There must be a satisfactory payment for sin. What is the solution? God said that He would become our substitute. He would take the sin of mankind upon Himself in agony and blood - a righteous judgment and substitute for sin. His wrath burned out on the cross when His only Son died as man's propitiation for sin. And this is love (see 1 John 4:10).**" What can be more assuring and comforting than to know that our salvation is secure in Christ Jesus! We indeed can KNOW that we have salvation (present knowledge). (1 John 5:13.) **Faith is not a leap in the dark.** Dr. J. Vernon McGee wrote, "**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" (Hebr. 11:1.) **Greek word for substance is hupostasis. It is a scientific term, meaning assurance, the opposite of hypothesis or theory. It is what rests upon facts. What is the substance in Hebr. 11:1? It is the Word of God.**" We can trust God's Word without hesitation. When Jesus prayed for His own, He asked the Father, "**Sanctify them through Thy Word: Thy Word is Truth.**"(John 17:17.) Is that great or what? **Let's share the Gospel that saves! (1 Cor. 15:1-4.)**

We have been blessed to see good results from our many separate discussions with several active LDS women, who have just last month, one by one, come to faith in Jesus of the Bible and two of them, even though married to temple-active spouses, have removed their garments and by so doing made clear statements to their husbands that they will have nothing to do with LDS teachings any longer even though they love their husbands and are praying for their blindness to be lifted. This didn't happen overnight, but involved days and weeks and hours and hours of talking and also emailing proofs from the Bible about "**God they didn't know**" (Acts 17:22-27), **teaching them the truth about Triune God and Jesus who is God**. We prayed that the Holy Spirit would witness to their hearts and minds as we were talking with them, and our prayers were answered. Two of these ladies are local, and others from out-of state. We have, over the years learned that the most important in talking with LDS persons about their Mormon beliefs is to hand them a Bible that does not, as their LDS Quad, have LDS Church's notes, summaries and references. When we can show them from *an unadulterated Bible* who God is, what the true gospel is and how to be saved, work for them gets a lot easier. Even though we also must deal with doctrines of the Mormon Church, **it is the Word of God that shows them that what**

they have been taught is wrong and not biblical. We are thankful to you who help us to keep nice KJV of NKJV Bibles "in stock" so that we are able to hand them a Bible as soon as the door for discussion is opened. With your help we can buy beautiful leather bound Bibles, and they see that the Word of God is valued in that way also. They often express their surprise that we give these and other materials to them free of any charge. It has opened their eyes to see that there is no earthly benefit for us in this work helping them to find the Truth. They can see that we care for them and that the Lord loves them. When we were searching for truth about God over 33 years ago, we learned this from a ministry called "Firefighters for Christ". They mailed us from California Chuck Missler's Bible studies, and when I asked how much I owed for them, they said, "**Ask and you will receive. Gospel of God is free.**" We were impressed and saw that they cared even though they did not know us, and that they were doing the work of the Lord and not for their own gain. We also learned many years ago from our evangelist friend, Mark Cahill, what a joy it is to freely give. We cannot "out give" the Lord.

We have received many emails from Mormons who are already seeing that Joseph Smith could not have been a prophet, and that the Book of Mormon and his other "scriptures" were just his inventions. There is always a danger that when they see that they have been lied to, they think that it was God who deceived them. They are so disillusioned that they do not even want to know if there is a real God. We must show them that Joseph Smith's teachings had nothing to do with God, but rather with "the god of this world". "**...if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them**". (2 Cor. 4:3-4). Instead they had believed "another gospel", "another Jesus", influenced by "another spirit". As Paul wrote, these were taught to them by "**false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.**" (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15.) We are earnestly praying that these Mormons open the Bible, and come to trust it and God who gave it to all who seek to know Him. (2 Tim. 3:16.) Please pray for us and with us for these hurting people.

We again ask you to pray for Debbie and her husband Tim and their little son, David. Unless the Lord intervenes, Debbie may not be here long, but our God is God of miracles – He can still heal her. We seek the will of God. (1 John 5:14.) We also pray healing and strength for Dick, Dale, Tom, Max, Pat and Merridy. Dennis is facing sinus surgery – date is set to March 3rd. Please pray for him. There are others who need direction from the Lord in their lives. Please pray for Heber, Bruce, Jo Ann, Gail, Kami, Gregory and Robert.

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Thought for the month: Worry is assuming responsibility God did not intend you to have.

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