



[H.I.S] He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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## HIS Ministries January 2021 Newsletter, covering December 2020

We wish you all a Happy New Year, better than last year, 2020, that had started well economically, but because of the effects of “China-virus”, it didn’t end that well! But nevertheless, we know that God is in control and He is good, all the time! Praise His Holy Name.

Utah experienced a 5.7 *earthquake* on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. It did a lot of damage around Salt Lake Valley, it even knocked the trumpet out of the hand of Angel Moroni that stands on top of the Salt Lake City Mormon Temple. Just a few months later we had *unheard-of, 125-miles per hour wind-storm* that downed over a thousand large trees in “down-town” Salt Lake City. The largest damage to trees took place in the old Salt Lake City Cemetery, a famous tourist destination, where most of the Mormon leaders since 1850 have been buried. Without those beautiful trees, this old cemetery is not going to be the same.

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### Time is short! End is near! Think about Eternity!

We pray that the LORD GOD will give all of us a clear vision of His will and direct us in His ways so that we may be able to rescue many more lost souls and lead them to Him and salvation while time remains!

Paul wrote about the last times, saying, *“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying its power, and from such people turn away!”* (2 Timothy 3:1-5.) Apostle John also warned the believers saying, *“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come...”* (1 John 2:18.)

It has been nearly 2000 years since these words were spoken and written down, but they seem to be written to us and for our time! Twisted doctrines and heresies abound even among those who present themselves as Christians, believers in *the biblical Jesus Christ*. Violence and unrest have increased in many states and we have experienced some of that even here in Utah. People talk about “*peace*”, but there seems to be no peace in the hearts of people. Paul wrote as if he was speaking to us and what we could soon be facing when he said, *“For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”* (1 Thess. 5:3.) Many have been lulled into a false security, but as we read the Bible and compare its prophecies to current events, we cannot help but see that *the end times are fast approaching*. Nearness of the end should motivate all of us to be even busier with the Lord’s work than ever before - while we still have time. This is not the time to be slack from presenting the Gospel to those that are lost. Our hearts must be broken if we consider eternity and what those who do not know the Lord Jesus would be facing if we do not share with them the Gospel declared in 1 Cor. 15:1-4! In these scriptures both Paul and John were referring to those *who may say* that they are believers in Jesus Christ, but yet ignore or minimize the importance of the Word of God and warnings

presented there about the coming end times and beyond. Even some churches present just their own agendas and programs instead of what God has said about these times, and by so doing they lead people step by step further away from God's truth and our freedoms we now have in the Lord. (John 8:31-32, 36.) Regardless of opposition, we must stand on His counsel and do our best and obey what God's Word says.

The Spirit of the Antichrist is been revealed by *twisted scriptures and erroneous doctrines*, along with an assurance that *there will be peace, freedom and happiness when the nations of the world become united under one leadership and under one religion. There are promises of "peace and security", but that without God and under the "protective control of government"*.

*The United Nations* from the start (1940's) has been a "forerunner" for *the one world government*, and its first president, *Paul-Henri Spaak*, prime minister of Belgium and one of the early planners of *the European Common Market* (EU), clearly was looking for a suitable man to lead this *new world order*, a man whom we would term an "antichrist". Mr. Spaak wrote, "*What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold allegiance of all the people and to lift us up out of economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and whether he be God or devil, we will receive him.*" In His first coming, Jesus came to His own, that is Israel, but *they did not receive Him* though they had *heard the voice of the Father* (Matt. 3:17) declaring Jesus as *His Only begotten Son*. Jesus, speaking of the Antichrist, prophesied that they would receive "*another one*" rather than Him. He said, "*I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.*" (John 5:43.)

When entering Jerusalem on *His presentation Day* (our Palm Sunday), *Jesus wept*, and said, "*If you had known...the things that make for your peace...*" (Luke 19:41-44.) They did not know the scriptures as they should have! Thus they did not accept Jesus who would have brought them peace and been *their Messiah and Prince*. (See Dan. 9:24-27.) Since the Jewish readership rejected Jesus, their Messiah and His Gospel message that was to be "*to the Jew first*", was now presented to the Gentiles, "*until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*". (Rom. 11:25.) "*The fullness of the Gentiles*" refers to the time when the last person is added to *the Body of Christ, the Church* (Col. 1:18, 24), and *the completed Body of Christ* be raptured to heaven. (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.) When that (Rapture) takes place (it could be at any day, at any time) Israel will be cast into "*the 7-year Great Tribulation*" called "*Jacob's trouble*" (Jer. 30:7; Matt.24:21). God's purpose for the Tribulation is to judge Israel for her rejection of *God's gift of eternal life He gave in His Son* (John 3:16), and also punish the entire world for sins against God, that will be comparable to the worldwide flood during Noah's day. (Matt. 24:37-39.) During that time Israel and the whole world will be living under the leadership of the Antichrist, "*the man of sin who exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped...showing himself that he is God*" (2 Thess. 2:3-4).

At last God will *bring the end of wickedness...* (Isa. 13:9; 24:19-22).

*The 7-year rule of the Antichrist*, who is also called *the Beast*, is spoken of in the Book of Revelation, chapters 4-19. [Rev. 19:19-20 tells us what is going to be the end of him (the Beast) and his false prophet.]

During the first half of the Tribulation, there is going to be a worldwide revival (Rev. 7:1-17), when God sends 144,000 "*Jewish evangelists*" to fulfill Jesus' prophesy that *the Gospel will be preached to the whole world*. (Matt. 24:14.) The Second half of the 7-year Tribulation will be unbelievably horrifying (24:21) – to the point that 2/3 of people will die. (Zech. 13:8.) *One third of them will be put through the fire and refined as silver is refined, and tested as gold is tested*. (Zech. 13:9.) They indeed will be tried and tested and they will acknowledge that *Jesus was and is the Messiah of Israel* and they are converted and will call Him to come back. They will mourn as they see *Him, whom they have pierced*. (Zech. 12:10-11).

*The Bride of Christ, all born again believers in Christ, need not to fear about the 7-year Tribulation* for it will not take place *until after the Rapture*, which itself has no preceding signs, but is *imminent and could happen at any moment*. Many are troubled and some are even fearful when seeing that *the*

*Great Tribulation may be very close, and at times some may be even questioning if they truly are part of the Body of Christ! Just remember that **if** you have repented, asked the Lord to save you and **have received Him** (John 1:12-13), **then you are born from above and are forever saved child of God.** The Word of God is true and we can be sure that Jesus will come as He promised and take us to **His Mansions** (John 14:1-3). Paul wrote (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18), **“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (raptured) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”***

Why we are taken away before *the time of wrath/punishment* (the Great Tribulation) is spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1:10: **“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him...Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come.”** (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10; 1:10b.) Jesus promised (John 14:1-3), that **He will take us to be with Him, and that He is there preparing a place for us.** (See also Isaiah 26:20-21.) These words are indeed comforting in the midst of all the chaos we see around us and in the world. **Praise God for His great love and salvation.** (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9.)

Considering all that, do we know what is taking place now in the Middle East, Israel and in Jerusalem?

The main stage for the *“Great Tribulation”* is already been set in the Middle East. The entire world (excepting America), has turned against Israel and United Nations is condemning Israel if she defends herself when attacked by missiles etc., which is happening there just about daily. Iran (*Persia*) seems to be the power behind most of the attacks on Israel, whether these attacks actually come from Hamas, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria or Russia. Iran has been making plans to take over *the entire Muslim world*, and if these plans would succeed, Iran could own most of the oil needed by the world, and thus it would have all the money they need to make bombs, and build up armies *to destroy Israel, America and all of the Judeo-Christian world*, Iran is swearing to destroy.

***Israel is God’s chosen nation*** (1 Chron. 16:13; Ps. 33:12) and thus the Devil, from the beginning, has been making plans to destroy Israel so that God’s promise for *the Lord to come back and rule from Jerusalem, Israel, as the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords for a thousand years*, could not happen. (Rev. 19:16; 20:4.) He will protect Israel as He protects all that are His own people. The Lord commands that we ***pray for Jerusalem.*** (Ps. 122:6.)

During the recent months *United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain and Sudan* surprised the entire world when they, under the direction of the US President, negotiated peace with Israel, that, at this time, enjoys incredible prosperity. Israel’s prosperity may end up being the reason/motive for the soon coming *“Russia-led invasion”*, prophesied in Ezekiel Chapters 38-39, that will take place ***on the mountains of Israel.*** (38:1-8.)

What is happening now in the Middle East may be the final *nations build-up* that will lead to *the Tribulation*, and that means *that the Rapture must be even closer* for the Lord has promised that He will take *His church* (all born-again believers) out of here *before He will come to test/try Israel* (7-years Tribulation) and punish the entire unbelieving world as He has said He will do. (See Isaiah 24:1, 6; 26:21.)

[If you are interested, we’d recommend that you’d keep yourself informed about the Middle East happenings by checking, as often as you can, *Amir Tsarfati’s* site (from Galilee, Israel), titled [*“BeholdIsrael.org”*.] We listen to Amir at least weekly. He is an amazing *“Messianic Jew”*, who came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior/Messiah while serving in Israeli military and studying the Torah, and writings of the Prophets, not the New Testament. He loves Jesus and when he can, he travels the world preaching the Gospel.

If you have any questions about what I write in our newsletters, do not hesitate to ask, and I will be glad to explain further. God's Word teaches and instructs us what His will is so that people would know how to handle the daily difficulties we are facing. We must obey Him and follow Him in all matters concerning our life and help others who also want to obey Him.

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We have recently been informed that our Post Office has returned letters mailed to us in our own "return envelopes" with our printed address, by PO adding a yellow sticker that says "incorrect address". Our address has been the same for about 30 years. If any of you have had that happened to you (having your letters or contributions to us returned back), please inform us, and we will again contact our Post Office. Similar things used to happen to us quite often some years ago, even book-packages that we had sent, never arriving. That is very disturbing.

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An LDS Lady wrote: *"I have a question about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am LDS, I have served a mission, married in the temple and have had many callings in the church. I have also received my Patriarchal Blessing. In our Relief Society meeting a sister teaching a lesson said that God's blessings and promises come with conditions and that God's love is also conditional upon our obedience to the laws of the gospel. I read again my blessing and noticed that it says that IF I LIVE WORTHILY, certain blessings will be given to me. Does "IF I LIVE WORTHILY" indicate a condition? I have thought that God's love is unconditional and also what is promised to me in my Patriarchal Blessing, are mine too, otherwise either God is lying or he does not know the future and thus makes everything depend on me/us to earn blessings and God's love by doing certain works. I am confused. Is this so?"*

**Reply:** The Mormon Church teaches "...when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (D&C 130:20-21.) It means that everything, including God's love, is conditional. Word "if" indicates condition, does it not? When someone says to you, "If you do such and such, you will receive such and such..." The word "if" and what follows it, spells out on what condition you can expect to receive something...I understand that this is confusing and disappointing. I recall experiencing the same when I was reading my own *Patriarchal Blessing*, when I was still a believing Mormon. We, you and all Mormons, have been taught that the *Patriarchal Blessing is God's revelation to individual receiving that Blessing*, and giving information about his/her future, thus it should not be conditional, but based on God's foreknowledge. These issues, among many others were what caused me to question who the Mormon God really is. I reasoned: *If these blessings relating to my future, were coming from the Real and True God, He would not say "if you live worthily" you receive "certain blessings", for all knowing God knows the end from the beginning, would not give predictions that depend solely on you and not on what God already knows. In Romans 4:17, God of the Bible says that "He calls those things which do not exist, as though they did."* If your Patriarchal Blessing would have come from the true God, He would say for certainty what your life is going to be, but LDS patriarchs are not speaking for the true God, and they can only give *conditional predictions* that depend on you to bring them to pass, and if they do not take place, then the fault is entirely yours. These "blessings" are nothing more than what common "fortunetellers" can predict by "reading" from tea-leaves of tarot-cards.

I would like you to do what I also did: *Seek God from His Word, the Bible. He loves you unconditionally!* He sent His Son to redeem you and give you eternal life. (Read: John 1:1,12,14; 3:16; 8:23-24; 17:3.) He is eternal *all-knowing God* and all He is asking that you would commit your life to Him and His care, and He will forgive all your sins and be the Lord and Savior of your live now and forever! (See 1 Corinth. 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9.)

Please write again, and let's talk. ([hismin@xmission.com](mailto:hismin@xmission.com) – Tel 801.943-5011)

In Christ of the Bible, Rauni

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We thank you for your prayers and support of us and our Ministry. We are so blessed!



We ask that God will *give you desires of your heart* (Ps. 37:3-5), and that He will protect you and all of us from Covid19 and other serious illnesses. We love to continue serving the Lord and we praise Him for His love and care until He comes to take us home.

We continue to be amazed about our Pastor-friend, Mika, in Finland, and for his desire and devotion to keep on studying Mormonism, so that by gaining understanding of Mormonism's twisted beliefs, he will be able to open their blinded hearts to see the truth. (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11:4, 13-15; 2 Peter 3:15-17.) We thank the Lord for him. He needs prayer too.

We are asking you to pray with us for our Country and those who lead us that they too would seek the Lord's will and direction, and that we as citizens of USA would strongly oppose what God is opposing, that we would not allow babies to be killed in their mother's womb, but that we'd seek ways to help people in desperate situations, directing them to our Loving Lord to be saved and cared for. (John 3:16.)

We are asking prayer for two seriously ill, dying LDS women we have known for a long, long time. They are not expected live much longer. We have loved them, witnessed to them, and prayed for them for decades, but they have not responded to God's call and His desire to save them. One of them lives in Idaho and the other one here in Salt Lake City. Our heart is breaking for their eternal future.

Please pray with us for improved health also for Judy, Liz, Sharon, Aira, Lisa, Marlene, Richard, Al, Sandy, Wayne, Cynthia and Scott.

Serving our Lord here in Utah,

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**Often asked question:**

*"Why so many Mormons 'turn agnostic or atheistic when they leave Mormonism?" Joel Groat answered: "They didn't really 'turn', they just became more of what they already were - 'practical atheists'. After all, there is no ultimate, transcendent God in Mormonism, there is only an infinite progression of glorified men who worked their way to a divine state that enabled them to create other men to repeat the process."* Something to think about!

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