



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

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God has commanded in His Word that we'd continue to "*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; [adding] may they prosper who love you.*" (Ps. 122:6.) We often do not pay attention to God's *promise to bless all* who love Jerusalem/Israel and pray for her! Instead of loving Jews and praying for Israel, the world at large is anti-Jew and in every way Anti-Israel, and history tells that it has been so from the beginning. Why? It is spiritual war between God and Satan.

God created mankind for fellowship with Him. After Satan tempted Eve; and Adam, through his disobedience to God, relented his stewardship of the world to Satan, mankind grew more and more wicked, hateful and *was evil continually* (Gen. 6:5-7). "*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*" God said to Noah that He was going to destroy the earth with a flood and everything in it. But God, in His mercy and love for mankind, in spite of the wickedness of men, relented and wanted to give to them one more opportunity to repent. So God told Noah to build an Ark where those who would repent could be saved from the flood. Noah preached about this coming judgment for 120 years but had only 8 total people saved in the Ark!

God has always sent a warning ahead of time before He brings His judgment to His disobedient people and other nations.

In order to understand what is happening, even now, in our times, we need to be searching the Scriptures, at least from the time when God chose Abram to be the father of God's Chosen Nation, Israel, and made covenant with him. **It is called the Abrahamic covenant**, and, in a way, is the beginning of the "*rest of the story*". (See Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-21; 22:15-18!) **This covenant is an unconditional covenant God made with Abram and his descendants.** (Read Gen.15.)

About this **unconditional covenant**, **Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum** – [a Russian born American theologian and Messianic Jew, *who believes that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and is the authority in all things related to faith*] - **wrote: "Unconditional covenant can be defined as sovereign act of God whereby God unconditionally obligates Himself to bring to pass definite promises, blessings and conditions for the covenanted people. It is unilateral covenant characterized by the formula 'I will' which declares God's determination to do exactly as He promised."** (Underline added.)

God promised not only to make Abram the father of a nation but also to provide a homeland for that nation, including their ethnic and national identity. And indeed, Israel has miraculously maintained her national identity even after being separated over 1900 years from their homeland. Thus we can be absolutely sure that God will keep His covenant, and that He will bring it to pass in every point, exactly the way He had promised. This covenant expands to three main provisions – *land, seed and blessing*. For the promise of the Land, see Gen. 12:7. For the promise of Seed, see 2 Sam. 7:10-16, where God promises to establish **David's kingdom, house and throne, forever.** **God will fulfill His promises further in the Messianic Kingdom when the Lord Jesus Christ, as the greater Son of David, who rules from David's throne.** (Luke 1:32-

33; Micah 4:1-5; Zeph. 3:14-20; Zech. 14:1-21.) He will rule over redeemed Israel and over the believing Gentile world. (Rev, 20:4.)

It is important for all to remember that the knowledge of God and His love for all people, Jew and Gentile alike, is made available through the Bible, which, in its original languages, *is the inerrant Word of God*. The Old Testament portion, 39 books, were written in Hebrew (excepting a small portion of Daniel in Aramaic) by God's chosen Israelite writers and prophets. The New Testament portion, 27 books of the Bible, written in Greek, were also written by Jews who were converted to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Messiah. **Thus all of us, non-Jewish Gentile-believers in God and His Salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord, we owe our knowledge of all that to Jews.** Thus Anti-Semitism and hatred of Israel and Jews is unexplainable other than that it must have originated from Satan. Israel is God's land and nation, and Jerusalem is His City, so of course Satan hates Israel and her people. **There is a war going on!**

Before the Messianic Kingdom will be established, there has to be a gathering of Jewish people back to their homeland from around the world to where God had scattered them among many nations because they had disobeyed and forsaken and rejected the Almighty God.

From God's Word we know that as He had promised He will bring His people back to their own land (Jer. 30:2-3; Jer. 30:7; Isa. 43:5-6), and when they come back, they will come back in unbelief (Ezek. 36) God's preparation for that specific future judgment He had ordained as spelled out in Scripture. (Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:21; Rev. 4-19). The judgment of the Tribulation is to purge out rebels towards God from among them, and finally bring Israel to national repentance. A large portion of Israelites, that enter into the 7-year Tribulation, will die, and only a remnant will be saved and go to the Millennial Kingdom. (Rom. 11:25-29; Zech. 13:8-9.) The final gathering of all Israel will be in the Messianic Kingdom. Isaiah foresees not only the terrifying Tribulation period (Isa. 24:5-6, 18-22), but he also wrote about the *blessed kingdom age*, where under Jesus, "*Jesse's Offspring*", righteousness and peace reigns (Isa. 11) and when "*all the nations will flow into Jerusalem to worship the Lord*". (Isa. 2:1-4.) Isaiah's closing chapters, 60-66, further emphasize the peaceful nature of the coming Messianic Kingdom.

From God's Word we learn that the enemies of Israel are indeed enemies of God. They have made plans to destroy Israel from the day Israel again became a nation in May 14th, 1948. They say "*Come, let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name Israel may be remembered no more.*" (Ps. 83:1-8.) Nations as Turkey, Russia, Lebanon, Syria, Iran and others are, right at this time, sitting with their armies at the borders of Israel ready to strike, along with Israel's old enemies, the *Philistines*. (Palestinians on the Gaza strip.) This war could well be the expected "*Ezekiel war*" (Ez. 38-39) predicted to be the war beginning at the time or close to the time of *the Rapture of the Church*, and continuing during the first part of *the Great Tribulation* when the *One World Leader (the Anti-Christ)* will be revealed. (2 Thess. 2.)

Jerusalem for the last many years has been practically in our daily news, for it seems that all Muslim countries claim Jerusalem as their holy city. (Zech. 12:2-3.) Yet their scripture, Koran, do not mention Jerusalem, not even once! [There is much more to say about the last days, Israel and Jerusalem, but perhaps later. [See Zech. 12-14 and Ezekiel 38-39.] Jews have been, throughout history, severely persecuted, and during the last 2000 years blamed even for the crucifixion of Jesus, though it was Romans who actually did it, accompanied by pressure of some Jewish leaders. The last and most horrendous persecution of Jews was under Hitler in 1930's that killed over 6 million Jews. That finally made most of the *civilized world* ashamed and brought forth a decision that Jews need to have their homeland back. Thus Israel became a Nation in 1948. But having their own homeland back didn't stop their persecution – and from that very day onward their own God given land has been continually under attack, but even defending their own land has been condemned by the United Nations and by the Worldwide News Media.

God had sent His prophets, as Ezekiel, and His messengers to be as a "*watchmen on the wall*", warning about the coming dangers, calling people to repentance and also telling them about God's forgiveness if

they repent. (Ez. 33:7-9.) God told Ezekiel to warn people, and said that *if they do not listen, then they will be responsible of their own destruction, but if he (watchman) fails to warn them, and they perish, then God will require their blood at the hand of the watchman.* God always warns ahead of time and gives even visible signs of His coming judgement. [This World-wide Pandemic could very well be one of the signs of what is still ahead!] In Matt. 24:3-5, when Jesus was asked by His disciples about the *signs of the end times*, He first warned about *deceptions* (that lead to destruction) – i.e. people coming in His name, misrepresenting Him and the Gospel of salvation... That is why Paul even *jealously warned* about those who will come to them with a purpose to deceive, and present *another Jesus' and another gospel and a different spirit*, just as Satan also cleverly came to Eve to deceive her. (See 2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15; Gal. 1:8-9.) Exactly as Paul warned, there indeed are in our day "*false apostles and deceitful workers*" who are sending their "*missionaries*" around the "*Christian world*", presenting "*another Jesus' and another gospel*". They are sent only to the countries where the name "Jesus" is known, but people most often are *yet biblically illiterate*. They come with *deceptive information* that *may even sound biblical and good*. They present *their version of who Jesus is* - (some say He is mankind's spirit brother, some say He is an angel or Michael, etc.), and they add "*obedience to the laws and ordinances into their gospel*". They do not give *the biblical gospel that saves* (1 Cor. 15:1-4) - "*that Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures*". Note that there are no laws or ordinances included in the Gospel of Christ. That is why the apostles of Christ warned everyone to inspect all that is presented to them as "*truth*" to see if it so, and "*according to the Scriptures*". (See 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1.) Paul encouraged believers to *STUDY the Scriptures* (2 Tim. 2:15) and by them *KNOW the truth and the DOCTRINE so that they can correct and instruct those who have been led astray*. (2 Tim. 3:16-17.) When Apostle Paul and Silas were teaching in Berea (Act 17:10-11) they complemented the Bereans for their "nobility" and diligence in checking *from the Scriptures* if what they had taught was actually so! What about us? Shouldn't we, as true believers in Christ Jesus (John 3:7), and children of God (John 1:12-13) likewise know the Scriptures and learn about the soon coming judgment and the end of the world? Absolutely we should learn, know and then warn! We must tell everyone whom we know that is not a believer in God and His Son, Jesus Christ of the Bible, and the Gospel that saves. (1 Cor. 15:1-4). If we do not inform, wouldn't we also be responsible of their destruction? (Ex. 33:7-9.) We have the information "*how to be saved*", and what is soon going to take place –i.e. *the Rapture of all born again believers, and the following 7-year Tribulation for unbelieving Israel and the world*. That knowledge obligates us all to be "*watchmen*" responsible for warning them as was Ezekiel. (Ez. 33:7-9.)

Do you know what to say to the unbelievers in the biblical Gospel or to those who have in the past accepted a counterfeit Jesus and a false gospel? Can you prove to them what really is the True Gospel of God and who declared it and put it in understandable words?

IT WAS APOSTLE PAUL WHO WROTE: "I DECLARE TO YOU THE GOSPEL, WHICH IS PREACHED TO YOU, WHICH ALSO YOU RECEIVED AND IN WHICH YOU STAND, BY WHICH ALSO YOU ARE SAVED...FOR I DELIVERED TO YOU FIRST OF ALL THAT WHICH I ALSO RECEIVED THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES." (1 Cor. 15:1-4.)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9.) ***How can you be sure that this is the true saving Gospel of God if no works are required?***

From Paul's writing we get three tests-questions we must ask, and we give answers to these questions:

What is its source for the Gospel– where did it come from? God gave it. It is found in His Word, the Bible, and thus its source authenticates it.

What does it promise you? Gift of salvation comes by grace of God. Any gospel that is not the Gospel of Grace is not the true Gospel.

Can you earn it by doing good works, or can you buy it by giving money to your church or organization?

No, you cannot, for it is the gift of God. One cannot pay for a gift. A gift can only be received.

What is the subject of the Gospel? Jesus is the subject of God's gospel of grace. It was bought and paid for by Jesus Christ on His cross where He died and by shedding His blood He paid the sin-debt of all who come to Him and receive His gift of salvation.

What is justification? What is sanctification? These are often asked questions concerning salvation. (1 Pet. 1:10-13.) Our *justification* takes place in a moment when we receive Jesus Christ (John 1:12; 3:7) as our Lord and Savior who took our personal sins "*nailed them on His cross and paid for them IN FULL.*" (Col. 2:13-14; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2; 1 Pet. 1:10-13). *Sanctification* takes place for the rest of our lives as we are learning to live in Christ from that time on, and finding our purpose and gifts which God had given and set us apart for His use. (**Important:** Read Romans 12:3, 5-8 and 1 Peter 1:10-3.)

We indeed are blessed to be *born again believers* in Lord Jesus Christ and living in these amazing end times that were foretold by the prophets of God even thousands of years before. We do not fear for our God is in charge and in total control of lives of His own children. "*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind.*" (2 Tim. 1:7.)

We are thanking you and praising our Lord for you, our friends and partners, who are praying for me and us both daily and also supporting us in multiple ways. Our ministry is doing well. I specially thank you for your prayers on 8/16 when I fell seriously on a large flat cement step at the front of our door. I was just bringing in an exceptionally large amount of mail, and my left "flip-flop"-shoe got stuck on the edge of a rug, and I, in a second, fell very hard on my knees and on my right arm and hand. I think I *blacked out* for just a moment, for the pain was huge in both of my knees and also in my left arm and hand. The Lord and His angels must have been there to take care of this for after a few minutes I was able to move a little and even stand. Tough my left knee was bleeding, neither one of my knees were broken, nor was my arm, wrist or hand!! AMAZING! It was Monday and on Mondays Dennis is working in Park City, but about 20 minutes after my fall, he came home earlier than usual. He checked my knees and my left arm and hand and he was assured that nothing was broken, though the pain was huge. **We praised the Lord and thanked for prayers in our behalf for this could have been a deadly fall considering that my head narrowly missed the large cement step.** I am healing quite well, excepting my left hand, and my fingers are still hurting and I had a hard time typing this newsletter, but I did it!! ☺ This incident was a blessing for it again made me see that the Lord's angels watch over me and us – and reminded that all is going to be well with us.

We ask very special prayers for our dearest friend, Suzi: her cholesterol level is dangerously high and she was ordered by two doctors to be on special vegan-diet for at least a month or more to get it back down. Please remember Judy in your prayers for she had to have her right foot operated on, and she also fell yesterday (remember, her left side is paralyzed) and she had to call 911 for help. We love Judy and she is

amazingly “up-beat” regardless of all she has to go through. Dennis brought a good report of her yesterday as he takes to Judy his various home-made special soups when he visits her on Sundays. Please pray for Aira and her difficult situation and also that we, Silja, Dennis and I, will receive God’s direction on how to best assist her. We were able to visit Aira in July and though it was good to finally see her (only for a short time), she is not happy about what has happened to her. We are not able yet to tell here much more, but the Lord knows, and if we just pray for her, we trust that He will resolve this for her. Al and Sandy both need better health - Al is 92 and he has serious problems. Richard and Heber need better medical care than is now available for them. Heber is also witnessing to a Muslim, and needs the Lord’s help in that. We also ask prayer for our friends Cynthia and Scott, Marlene, Lisa, and Bruce. Please pray of Mary, our still *new believer* and her studies of the Bible. Mark and Virve (in France) still have not been able to travel to the US because of these Pandemic requirements for travel in France seem to change even day to day. We also ask your prayers for our unsaved friends and family members. We ask the Lord to let them know that He loves them as we do too and He wants to save them. The Lord is coming soon and they have to have their way to Him cleared so that they, and we too, could know where they are going after this life ends.

We listen to **late Dr. J. Vernon McGee** on BBN-radio for 30 minutes every Monday-Friday at 12:30 PM. He is one of those “*old-time straight talking Southern Baptist preachers*” we enjoy listening to. We’d like to share a couple of his thoughts with you this month. First one is on *Repentance* and the second one on *Hell*:

“Never think that a loving God is going to send you to hell – He isn’t! The only thing that will get you there is the reality that you’re an unredeemed sinner who remains that way by choice. You simply don’t want to face your personal responsibility for going there.”

“Today, when people say they cannot believe - that’s incorrect! In reality, they are choosing not to believe. This problem is not intellectual, it is a matter of the will! There is sin in their life which they love too much to want to change.” And that’s the truth!

We thank you for all you have done for to make it possible for us to minister in this work of the Lord till He comes for us in the Rapture, and we meet all of you, “*here, there or in the air*”, as the saying goes, or we are called up home by the Lord, one by one. (We prefer going by the Rapture... 😊)

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Some of you may remember the late Mormon Apostle, J. Golden Kimball? He was one of those “*old ones*” who dared to say what came to his mind. Here is one of his famous sayings:

“Some people say a person receives a position in this church through revelation, and others say they get it through inspiration, but I say they get it through relation. If I hadn’t been related to Heber C. Kimball I wouldn’t have been a damn thing in this church.” J. Golden Kimball

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