



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

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The Fall season is beautiful in Utah, even now, after extremely dry and hot summer. Mountains are full of color, but the weather experts say that the colorful leaves will not last as long as usual because of the dryness of the soil and air. We ought to drive to the canyons and take a closer look now that the weather is so nice, 80+ degrees today and the same promised for a few more days. I hope you all enjoy this season.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, *Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills, California*, had arranged an all-day **World-Wide Conference**, having well known speakers as **Jan Markell** (*Olive Tree Ministries, MN*), **Amir Tsarfati** (*Behold Israel Ministry, Galilee, Israel*), **Pastor Barry Stagner** (*Calvary Chapel, Tustin, CA*), **Michele Backman**, (*former US Congresswoman, MN*), and **Pastor Jack Hibbs** (Conference organizer at Chino Hills, Calvary Chapel, CA). These conference meetings were seen electronically in over 50 countries in addition to all 50 states in the USA. We were impressed and happy to see and hear it all. The title of this Conference was **BEHOLD HE COMES**, covering the End Times Scenario, and informing what is actually taking place in the world right now as the *Rulers of the World* are planning for *One World Government* and *One World Religion*, and eventually having *One Man leading it*, whom the Bible has named *the Anti-Christ*. This all has been predicted in God's Word as what will take place just before the end. Anyone who has doubted that the Bible is telling the truth about past, present and future, has to see now, by the evidence, the correctness of the Word of God for all this was foretold thousands of years ago, even our current times and happenings are there in detail, *seasons are changing, earthquakes are increasing in frequencies and strength, wars are going on and more wars are in view, famines and pestilences are effecting the world, and the Bible tells even about this pandemic currently reaching the entire world, and more.* (Matthew 24.)

All these events are recorded in the Bible and if people would have studied God's Word, these "*signs of the times*" could have been known before they happened (and some of the future predictions still could be known before they do happen). All of these things are evidencing that God, who alone knows the future, has warned us so that we could be prepared. He has said, **"I am God, and there is no other. I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning... before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you."** (See: Isa. 46:9-10; 48:5; Rom. 4:17.)

Questions people ask: *Where did we come from? Why are we here? And What will happen after we die?* Answers to these and many more questions are in God's Word, the Bible.

**"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."** (Gen. 1:27.) God created Adam in His Spiritual image, thus Adam in his character became a representative of God on earth that God had created for mankind. **"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul..."** (Gen. 2:7.) Adam sinned, disobeyed God, when he listened to Eve who had been deceived by Satan. (2 Cor. 11:3.) The Spirit of God departed from them and children born to them were born after **Adam's own image, "the children of the flesh, these are NOT the children of God"**, as Adam had been. (Gen. 5:2-3; Rom. 8:9b.)

God created mankind for fellowship with Him, but in order for mankind to live with God after this life in God's kingdom, they all must *be born "from above"*, from God, as Adam had been, and have *His Spirit* living in them, thus making them His children. Thus Jesus said, *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (John 3:3,7.) All who have become *born again believers in Christ, are children of God* (John 1:12) and thus members of *the body of Christ, which is the Church; Jesus is the head of His Church.* (Col. 1:18, 24; Eph. 1:22-23.) Ever since the Church was born (Acts 2:1-4) and when Israel (*God's chosen people*) became a nation again in May 14, 1948; from that time on there have been two entities belonging to God. They are not the same – i.e. the Church is not Israel and Israel is not the Church. Apostle Paul describes the Church as a body that after Pentecost has been *composed of both Jews and Gentiles*. (Gal. 3:28.) He teaches that Christ broke *"down the middle wall of partition between us"*. (Eph. 2:11-18) [Paul is alluding to the wall in the Jewish Temple that separated the Jews from the area open to the Gentiles.] Paul terms this as *a mystery* (Eph. 3:3-4) that in the biblical sense, *is something that was once concealed, but later revealed*. That *"mystery"* was actually God's plan for the Church and the Gentiles – *"that the Gentiles should be heirs of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel."* (Eph. 3:6.) The Church was planned by God, predicted by Christ during His earthly ministry, and initiated by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church is unique in the plan of God but separate from His plan for Israel. [When Jews rejected the gospel of Christ that was *first to be delivered to the Jews* (Rom. 1:16), *gospel was then delivered also to the Gentiles*. Paul was/is an *apostle for the Gentiles*, and he assured that *all believing Gentiles will be partakers in the inheritance of the Saints (Jews) that we all might be worthy of the Lord...being fruitful in every good work, increasing in knowledge of God*. (Col. 1:9-12; Eph. 2:10.) *The Church partakes of the spiritual promises of the Abrahamic covenant that were fulfilled through Christ*, and Israel will fulfill its national destiny as a separate entity, *God's forever nation*. (Gen. 13:15; Jer. 31:31-36; Isa. 2:1-3.) *This will take place after the Rapture and Tribulation - during the Millennium*. The New Testament teaches that the Church was an *unrevealed mystery* in the Old Testament. (Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:2-10; Col.1:25-27.) The Church began suddenly without warning (Acts 2) and the Church age will also end suddenly, and without warning, at the Rapture, before the Tribulation for Israel (and for all unbelievers in the world) begins. (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10). *The Church is taken by Christ (in the Rapture) to the Father's House* (John 14:1-3) where it will be safe during the Tribulation. The Church, as the Bride of Christ, will come back to earth with Him at His Second Coming. (Rev. 19:14.) The Church will rule and reign with Christ along with Israel during the Millennium. (Rev. 3:21; 20:4.) Jesus had told His disciples, *who are part of His Church, that they will join Him in the Kingdom and reign over the 12 tribes of Israel*. (Matt. 19:28.) Paul also wrote, *"If we endure, we shall also reign with Him."* (2 Tim. 2:12.) The primary purpose of the Millennium is God's restoration of creation (Isa. 11) and Christ's gathering the remnant of repentant and redeemed Israel together (Zech. 13:7-9) where Christ will be ruling over Israel and the world, sitting on *David's Throne*. (Luke 1:32-33; 2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16) The Church, *the Bride of Christ*, will be involved in King's activities during His Millennial kingdom. [The Judgment of God awaits apostate Christendom who refused to *receive Jesus as God* who died for them. (John 1:1; 8:24.) Some have rather accepted *another Jesus* who is not God. (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15; Gal. 1:8-9.)

The last book in the Bible is *the Book of Revelation, the Revelation of Jesus Christ* (Rev. 1:1), where He tells what *the end times* are going to be like. The first three chapters are Jesus' description of *the Church Age*, the times we are still now living in. However, Jesus promised (Rev. 3:10) that He will keep His Church *"from the hour of trial* (from the Great Tribulation, Matt. 24:21) *which shall come upon the whole world."* The Chapter 4 starts with words *"after these things"* (in Greek: *Meta tauta*), i.e. after the Church is no longer here. And indeed, the *"church"*, that is mentioned 19 times in the first 3 chapters, is not mentioned, not even once in Rev. chapters 4 – 19. The Church Age, (from Acts 2 until the Rapture) is the time of the grace of God. (Eph. 2:2-10.) The Rapture ends the Time of Grace. It takes place when Jesus comes to *"rapture"* His own (*His*

Church) away before the promised trial and the wrath of God is poured out on the earth. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9; Isa. 26:20-21.)

We are indeed living in somewhat *scary end-times*, but we are also living in *hopeful expectation of the Second Coming of Christ* that will take place in two events. In the Rapture only those who are “*caught up*” (raptured) will see the Lord Jesus, but later, after some years in between these two events, comes the *actual Second Coming of Christ when the entire world will see Him*. (Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:30.) We do not know the time of His coming in the Rapture, but we do know *the order of events that are going to take place*. *The first event, in fulfillment of the prophecies of His coming, is when the Lord suddenly appears in the clouds to take His true believers, His Church and Bride, to safety in His Father’s House, to be with Him till God’s indignation and His wrath against the unbelieving world is past*. (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9; Isa. 26:20-21.)

As we already mentioned, the Church is made up of Christians and also of Jews who have believed in Jesus and received Him as their Messiah before the Rapture takes place. (John 1:12-13.) The Rapture also includes *born of the Spirit believers who have fallen asleep* (i.e. who have died) and who will come with Jesus to receive their resurrected bodies (1 Cor. 15:51-52) and *those of us who are alive and remain [we] are meeting the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord, just as told in 1 Thess. 4:13-18*.

Remember that before Jesus’ arrest, trial and crucifixion He told His disciples that He is going to leave them. He said, “*In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.*” (John 14:1-3.)

[Jesus had also taught, using parables, about His coming marriage to His bride (*His church*). - In Matt. 22:1-14 He tells a story about a King (*His Father*), who was arranging the marriage of His Son (*Jesus Christ*). Invited guests (*the Jews*) made light of it and did not accept the invitation to come. Then the King sent His servants to invite everyone who accepts His invitation, be they good or bad. And they (*unbelieving Gentiles*) came, filling the entire wedding hall. They had been instructed to prepare, and wear a “*wedding garment*” (*Holy Spirit*), but many of them only promised to make proper arrangements when they were invited, but had not done so. “*Though many are called, only few are chosen*” (i.e. they were invited to come to Jesus, but they had not been born again, and when they were tested *they were found not to have the Holy Spirit (proper wedding attire)* and they were cast out “*into outer darkness where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (vs.13-14). Jesus also told about those who only say they want to come to Him, but later make excuses why they actually couldn’t do as they had said that they will do. (See other comparable parables: Matt. 25:1-13 and Luke 14:16-23.)

***When will the God’s Son’s Wedding take place? The time of the wedding is determined by the Father. It will not take place until the Father says to His Son, “go and get your Bride, your place is ready”.***

***“Watch therefore, for you know not when the Son of Man is coming.”*** (Matt. 25:13.)

***The Marriage of the Lamb*** will likely take place in the ***Mansions of the Father*** where ***the Lord has been preparing a place for His Bride*** ever since He ascended to heaven two millenniums ago. *When Jesus comes back to earth, He comes with His Bride (now “His wife”) and with Old Testament saints, and also with His Tribulation saints who were not part of His Church. (Rev. 19:11-14.) They all come with Him to celebrate their Redeemer and King at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb: “Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints... Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.”* The Church is the Bride, and *the redeemed of other ages are the wedding guests, and the friends of the Bridegroom are the patriarchs, the prophets, the priests, the scribes, i.e. all those whose names were written in glory. All of them are full of joy, for they are blessed of God.* (Rev. 19:7-9.)

The Lord's first miracle during His earthly ministry was at the wedding in Cana when He transformed water into wine – now it is in His wedding feast when He drinks the new wine of the kingdom as He had promised long ago. (Matt. 26:29.)

When He comes as **the KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OR LORDS**, the whole world will see His coming. (Matt. 24:30; Rev.1:7;Phil. 2:9-11;Zech. 12:10.) He comes to rule and reign with His saints and with the redeemed of Israel (Rev. 19:1-20:4) in His Kingdom for a thousand years. (See also Zech. 13 and 14 and Rom. 11:25-27.)

The *end time scenario* summarizes the entire Bible (from Genesis through Revelation) that was written by God's appointed men during about fifteen hundred years. As God's chosen prophets and apostles received the word from God, and they wrote, **"the word of God came to me saying..."** The entire Bible is the Word of God! **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect (=mature) , thoroughly furnished unto all good works."** (2 Tim. 3:16.)

The Bible is a collection of 66 books. The Old Testament contains 29 separate books and the New Testament contains 27 additional books, which His chosen Jewish men and women wrote down so that all people can come to know **the God of Israel, the One and Only True God, and His love and plan of salvation for all mankind**. **"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord."** (Rom. 6:23; John 3:16.) God has given us His message, and **that message is the Gospel that brings salvation**. (Declared by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:1-4.) **It reveals God's love for all mankind. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** (John 3:16.) The New Testament in the Old Testament is concealed. The Old Testament in the New Testament is revealed.

In order to truly understand the Word of God, we must have a spiritual attitude towards it for **God is Spirit**. (John 4:24.) [The God of the Bible is Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three Persons in one God.] The Bible teaches that God's plan for us is **that we would have eternal life with Him**. We know that human life on earth is very short when we consider eternity, but we do not know when our earthly life comes to an end, thus we must seek to know Him **"today"** (Hebr. 3:12-15) while we are still alive, and learn how we can gain eternal life, **life that will never end**. After we die, it is too late to seek God, for as Hebr. 9:27 says, **"...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."** Truth about God cannot be found with just a casual attitude to His Word. When we approach His Word, we must do it seriously and respectfully, for God is Holy. **Thus our assignment in life is to know the Word of God and learn what His doctrine is so that we can provide reproof, correction and instruction to those who have been misled by false teachers and their interpretations.** (2 Tim. 2:16-17.)

Jesus warned about deceptions as **the #1 sign of the end times**, times we are now living in. (Matt. 24:3-4.) We have been saved by the gift of God's grace through our faith in Jesus' finished work for us, not of our own works, lest any man should boast. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained for us to do." (Read: Eph. 2:8-10.) **We do not work to gain our salvation but after we have been saved, we are to do the works of God** so that others can come to know that we indeed have been saved by God's grace alone. (James 2:17-19.)

Spiritual attitude reflects spiritual life that helps us to truly understand the deep things of the Word of God as Matthew in 13:12 wrote: **"For whosoever hath [eternal life], to him shall be given [knowledge of the divine plan and revelation] and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."**

Each book of the Bible must be studied verse by verse, paying attention to each word and what they mean in the context they are in. Only then we can gain discernment and be aware of what is not true, and reject deceptive

interpretations that may be presented to us. ***We must be like the Bereans, talked about in Acts 17:10-11. They, the Bereans, did not just blindly accept even good sounding and inspirational teachings of the apostle Paul and Silas without checking first from the Scriptures if what they had said was indeed so! We must learn to be like the Bereans!***

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From *the signs of the times* we can see that we may not have much time left to share the Gospel of salvation with those who do not yet know Jesus personally and believe in Him. However, this is every believers' urgent assignment now, though many may say, when we ask them about Jesus, that they know Him, but when talking with them further, we may see that they only know about Him but have never received/accepted Him as their own personal Lord and Savior. Jesus was talking about that when He (in Matt. 7:15, 21-23) said "...not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven... many will say to Me in that day (the judgment day) *have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*" Knowing Jesus means that we individually and personally believe that He is God (John 8:24) who became a man and that He died on the Cross for the sins of all of them who come to Him in repentance, asking forgiveness of all their sins (1 Cor. 15:1-4), and willingly commit their lives to Him. If they will do that, at that instant, *they are born of the Spirit of God, and become children of God*, (John 1:12), never to be lost, but have everlasting life. The Gospel that Paul declared promises that. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 needs to be our message to everyone we meet who is not yet saved. Becoming a child of God is God's call to each individual, but we are to share the information that makes them desire to know Jesus and receive Him to their hearts and lives.

We, who were once lost and had believed in "*another Jesus, another gospel and had another spirit*" (that Paul warned about in 2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15 and in Gal. 1:8-9), can understand how worrisome and even confusing it could at first to see the differences, until the Bible Scriptures are shown and compared to these "*anthers*" that are not based on biblical truth.

The Mormon Church's General Conference is held this first weekend of October. It is again a huge reminder to all of us who have come from darkness of a false gospel to the Light of the Truth that is reveled in Bible. The LDS leadership will, like before, declare their world-wide devotion to their founding prophet Joseph Smith and those who have come after him, and what he had done and what they are still doing as they proclaim their *false gospel, temple-work, God being just a former man, men becoming gods, and "Jesus" who is like they are, a created being and their brother, and more....*

It is always amazing to us that their members still do not seem to notice that their current teachings about God oppose their main holy scripture, the Book of Mormon (1830), that teaches that **there is only one God and He is Spirit** (Alma 11 and 18). **The BoM actually teaches against their temples and secrets, and against the work for the dead.** (Alma 34:30-36)(And that can only be done in the temples.) The BoM does not agree with their other teachings either, as for example, sealing couples into eternal marriage that makes them eligible for Godhood.

[Looking back, I see that because I did not have living parents or grandparents, and because I did not know the Bible, *the work for the dead* attracted me to Mormonism and gave me a desire to *have my parents and grandparents work for the dead done, I sealed to them, so that I may have family in the next life.*]

There were only 25 temples in the entire world where *the work for the dead* and "*god-making rituals*" could be performed when I joined Mormonism. I went to the Swiss LDS temple in 1965 to have that done. There are now 250 temples around the world and more planned to be built. **What is important to see is that most of the LDS doctrinal teachings that are totally un-biblical and un-Christian are only taught in their temples**, and that should be alarming to all of them. There they teach *how the world was made, not created* – (made by *gods organizing the world from existing materials*). *They teach that Lucifer is mankind's brother*, and they introduce *oaths and tokens that are from Freemasonry* (likewise un-Christian), and *teach about eternal family and godhood, and more.*

**What does the Bible say about that?** *"If there arise among you a prophet... and giveth thee a sign or a wonder... whereof he spake unto thee saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let*

***us serve them: Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet...for the LORD your God [is testing] you to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul... And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God...*** (Deut. 13:1-5.) This is huge. Joseph Smith started teachings that the temples are places ***“where living can hear from the dead”*** ...and they will act ***“as mediums for the dead who will be after you...”*** **All that is an abomination to the God of the Bible.** It is ***necromancy***, it involves ***consulting familiar spirits who in actuality are demons***, presenting themselves as ones who are ***“familiar to you”***. (Please read Deut. 18:11-14, 20-22.) The Old Testament pronounced a death penalty for a ***“prophet”*** who tries to lead people ***“after other gods”***. And interestingly (Deut. 13:5) Joseph Smith was ***“put to death”*** in June 1844, about 2 months after he, **in April 1844, had started to teach that god was once a man**, etc.. Coincidence? May be not! Isaiah 8:20 warned, ***“...if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”*** Isaiah continued in Is. 9:15b-16, and warned about ***“the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail”*** (ref. to a tail of a scorpion - Rev. 9:10) , ***“for the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they who are led of them are destroyed.”*** God had told Hosea to write, ***“My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you... and also forget your children”*** (Hosea 4:6.)

We'd want to give this information to help you all to see that there indeed can be no salvation in following a false prophet and falsehoods that he promoted and are believed among Mormons even today.

***“Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him when He is near.”*** (Isa. 55:6.)

**The Lord God loves you and all Mormons and all lost people, and wants all to come to Him and be saved.**

We have had a very eventful September – a lot of work has been done and we thank you, our friends and supporters, who pray for us and for those whom we are conversing with and sharing the gospel. We know that the Lord will reward you for all you do for us and HIS ministry. The Lord is, through you, making sure that we are able to continue in this ministry until He calls us home, hopefully by the Rapture. ☺

We had a joy of meeting a young couple (young to us!) last Saturday evening who had come to Utah some time ago with a desire to share the gospel with the LDS people and they were seeking our help in educating them about Mormonism. We spent a few hours with them (and more later, we hope). We think that they are ***“God-sent”***, and that He will direct them and show what His plan for them and us is.

I am pretty much healed from my scary fall about 1.5 months ago – only my left hand is still sore, but my knees are healed, tough red and little scared. ☺ Thank you for your prayers. We have been otherwise quite well, avoiding this flu-type epidemic and pressures that are presented to all.

Our God is in control and we have no worries because He watches over us and over our work.

We ask more prayer for Judy for she has had a hard time with her balance. (As you know, her left side has been paralyzed for 6 years.) Dennis was able to make some new arrangements to her bathroom to make her more secure there. We are asking the Lord's direction for Aira's situation to find out solutions for her. We ask prayer for Marlene, Mary, Bruce, Richard, Heber, Mark and Virve, Lisa, Suzi, Al and Sandy, and Scott and Cynthia. Their needs are known to the Lord and He will help them as we ask. (1 John 5: 14-15.)

I had planned to share this time some letters we have received from LDS people, but I run out of space... ☺

I will try to share some of them next month.

God bless you!

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