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Big snow storms during the last couple of weeks have made mountains and even yards look pretty and white, and besides that we all are thankful that there will be needed water for this coming summer. Ski resorts are busy with people from all over the country and even the world. Resorts' snow bases are about 6 feet deep already with more snow promised for the coming week and even longer. Snow has reached clear down South to St. George where it hardly ever snows, and temperature there will be in 30's and at nights even below that!

We have freezing temperatures which is proper for Northern Utah in January. No complaints there.

Christmas was peaceful for Dennis and I – not much company, and it was good for me for my fractured vertebrae-problems have flared again and are very painful and have kept me *down* most of the time. I have not been able to write as much during the last month or more, for sitting at the computer and typing is too painful after an hour or two. This January newsletter will be coming a bit later and shorter though I would have lot to share, but cannot until this heals. I am not willing to go to a doctor for this, for they already have said that they may have to do another surgical procedure – but I don't think so! I am talking to the Lord about this, for He can heal if He wills as He has done with my other health problems. (1 John 5:14-15.) Some of the pain may be serving His purposes for my betterment. Only He knows!

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The next event on the prophetic calendar for *the true church* (the Lord's own) is *the rapture* (John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-52.) Paul described this event best in 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9, teaching that the Lord will come and take His own to the *Father's House* to be with Him while the Great Tribulation is going on for 7-years on earth. The rapture will take all *then still living believers* and *those who* before that have "*died in Christ*", since Pentecost. Paul wrote that "*we will be caught up... in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.*" This event could happen at any moment without any further warning than what we can read from God's Word. While Christ is preparing a place for us there in the *Father's house* (John 14:1-3), the church (all born again believers) are to remain faithful while watching for His otherwise unannounced return *for us*. When the Father gives the signal, *the shout will go forth* (1 Thess. 4:16-17) and ***the church age will be completed at the rapture***, and "*thus we shall always be with the Lord.*"

[Unbelief in the coming rapture has been promoted by many Protestant churches ***who claim that the idea about the rapture was not known to early Christians***, at least not until John Nelson Darby (1800 – 1882) became a popularizer of the modern version of *the doctrine of pretribulation rapture* that spread around the world through *the Brethren movement with which Darby was associated*, and further spread through many American evangelicals. Not knowing the facts only shows that many who say that *rapture was not known until Darby* obviously have not bothered to study the earlier documents of the church, nor some not even the New Testament canon that reflects *a clear premillennialism*, as Paul's writings mentioned above. Some controversy has remained because the rapture was not in many early writings as clearly connected to the Tribulation, though they clearly believed in the imminent return of Christ and thus *they were predominantly premillennialists*. These very early beliefs can be found in the writings of *Barnabas* (ca. 100-105), *Justin Martyr* (110-165), *Tertullian* (145-220), and *Hippolytus* (ca. 185-236). Among the apostolic fathers' writings we see the same belief as in *Clement of Rome* (90-100), *Ignatius of Antioch* (98-117) and others. (You may want to check Larry Crutchfield's "*The Blessed Hope and the Tribulation in the Apostolic Fathers*", Harvest House Publishers, 1995.) [They all believed also that the church will be suffering and persecuted when the Lord returns.]

**The Great Tribulation is predominantly God's last call for Israel's repentance and restoration.** God's *prophetic clock* remains on Israel for the seven-year Tribulation, i.e. *week of years*, found in Daniel 9: 24-27 and is Daniel's vision of **70**

**sevens, or 490-year period that God has decreed to the Jewish people.** By the end of verse 26, the first 483 years of this 490-year period have already been **fulfilled in history that came to an end at the first coming of Messiah. The one event** that begins the “**70<sup>th</sup> seven**” of Daniel is seen in 9:27, “**Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years): but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end of sacrifice and offering...**” (who is this “he” in verse 26 – “the prince who is to come”? **He is the anti-Christ who makes a 7-year covenant or treaty with Israel. That event starts the Tribulation. The anti-Christ breaks that covenants in the middle of the week (of 7-years).** Some have taught and assumed that it is the rapture that starts the 7-year Tribulation. No, that is not true. The rapture *is an imminent event and that could happen at any time without warning. The starting point of the Tribulation is not the rapture, but the signing of this seven-year covenant. The Tribulation cannot begin until the anti-Christ is revealed and he actually signs the covenant with Israel. (See Isa. 28:14-22.) Again: Though the rapture could happen at any time, there is a set time when the Tribulation begins and it is based on the anti-Christ and his covenant with Israel. There are many denominational Christian churches that say that there is no real Israel in existence, and that the people in the current state of Israel are not Jews. However if the Bible is to be trusted as God’s Truth, and it is, there are Old Testament prophecies that are based on many signs that are expected to take place soon (as in Daniel 9, Isaiah 28, Ezekiel 36-39; Zechariah 12-14, etc.) If there is not Israel, Jesus could not come back in His second coming (Zech. 14:3-4) – none of what is told in the Word of God would be possible if current Israel is not a Jewish nation spoken of in both Old and The New Testaments. The Church is not Israel nor is Israel the church. We are living in times that the prophets have told about, as the last Ezekiel war (38-39) that is ready to break loose at any moment now – and we all know that, if we follow the news from the Middle East. Israel’s treaty with the coming world leader and the man of sin to be revealed, could take place at any time soon. (2 Thess. 2.) That requires that the Jewish state is an acknowledged and sovereign nation around the world, and we know that Israel is that, and has been a sovereign nation for 74 years. [Israel’s excellence in science, economy and military capabilities are well known, and even feared.] When Israel signs this covenant with the anti-Christ, she actually will put all her trust in the anti-Christ, including her military security. We can reason that powerful and sovereign Israel would not sign off her rights and security to anyone who does not have solid power behind him to make that covenant. For this to be fulfilled in the near future, presupposes that this man is already in a position of high political power, though not yet known widely that he is the one will or could be “it”! This type of man will be the anti-Christ. But the rapture comes first!*

After the rapture, **unbelieving apostate Christendom** (those who just say they are Christians, but are not really) along with **unbelieving Israelites will be left behind to enter the 7-year Tribulation period.** Rev. 17 is talking about *religious* people, who will help facilitate *the great delusion of Antichrist* and make a way for the *one-world religion, and the worship of Antichrist*, and reception of his mark, **the mark of the beast** (Rev. 13:16-18). The False Prophet, who will be the head of the apostate church during the Tribulation period will be presented then also.

The Church is a unique plan of God that was an “*unrevealed mystery*” in the Old Testament but is now revealed in the New Testament. (See Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:2-10, Col. 1:25-27).

***The Church began suddenly and without warning in Acts 2, and it ends suddenly and without warning at the rapture.***

The time of the rapture is not told to us, excepting that it will take place *before the Tribulation begins* (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10). **Then the believers are taken by Christ to His Father’s house** (John 14:1-3) and will remain in heaven during the Tribulation, and we come back with Jesus. The church is represented by the 24 elders (Rev. 4:3-11; 7:13-14; 19:4). The church will come back with Christ and be also at His decent at the Second Coming (Rev. 19:14-16).

*During the millennium the church will reign and rule with Christ* (Rev. 3:21). Jesus told His disciples (Matt. 19:28) that they will reign over the 12 tribes of Israel. Paul writes to the faithful followers of Christ, Jews and Gentiles, “*If we endure, we will also reign with Him.*” (2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 20:4.) **The main purpose of the millennium is the restoration of Israel and Christ’s rule over it and the world. (Gal. 3:28-29.) The Church as the Bride of Christ will be involved in the millennial kingdom as ambassadors of King Jesus around the entire world.**

God chose Israel to represent Him and teach other nations about Him and His purposes. He set His prophets to teach, write and foretell His plans, but Israel failed over and over again, and since they were His chosen nation, God had to punish their disobedience. (Gen. 28:15.) We read about this in the Old Testament - God disciplines His own, but *He never forsakes them.* (Hebr. 13:5; 2 Cor. 4:9.)

Without God’s call for Israel and His prophets writing about God’s plan throughout the Bible that is His Word, given by the Holy Spirit, we would have no knowledge of Triune God and salvation He has prepared for all who come to Him in faith, though “*For the Jew first, and then also to the Gentiles.*” (Rom. 1:16.) If it was not for God, the Bible and Israel, the

world would not have any knowledge of true God, Jesus Christ and salvation He gives to all who come to Him. (John 3:16; 17:1-26.)

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 Israel and the Jews and praying for them, the world at large is anti-Jewish and in every way anti-Israel, and history tells that it has been so from the beginning. We have written about this before, but looking at the condition of the world now, we see that this needs to be repeated, and often. (2 Cor. 4:1-6.)***

***Let us check this out together! We are in the spiritual war that actually is between God and Satan. Why? Because Israel is God's chosen nation, thus Satan hates Israel and the Jews, as he hates now all of us too who have become God's children (John 1:12) by receiving Jesus and being born again (John 3:3) and wanting to share God's truth.***

***This is why and how it all began:*** God created mankind for fellowship with Him. Satan was immediately ready to destroy God's plan and attack mankind and separate them from God. After Satan tempted Eve and Adam, and through Adam's disobedience to God, Adam ended up relenting his *stewardship/dominion of the world* to Satan, and mankind grew more and more wicked and hateful and they were ***evil continually*** (Gen. 6:5-7; 2 Cor. 4:4). *And the Lord grieved in His heart that He had even made man.*

***"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 people saved in the Ark!

***God has always sent a warning ahead of time before He brings His judgment to His disobedient people and warns even nations that do not believe in Him. 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 a 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, were written in Greek by Jews who were converted to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Messiah.*** ***Thus all of us, non-Jewish Gentile-believers in God and Salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord, owe our knowledge of God and salvation to the 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 nation and land, 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 Almighty God. (Ez. 36.)

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 they 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, the Koran, does 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 the 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 Ezekiel) 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*". Notice that they are sent only to the countries where the name "Jesus" is known, but their 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* – Mormons say He is mankind's and angels spirit brother, some others (JWs) say He is an Archangel Michael, and that they, like LDS, add, "*are saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances into their gospel*". They do not give *the biblical gospel that saves* (1 Cor. 15:1-4) and says "*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 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 is 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 had been teaching in Thessalonica, and from there went to Berea (Act 17:10-11) they complemented the Bereans for their "***nobility***" and diligence in checking ***from the Scriptures*** if what they had been taught was actually so!

**What about us?** Shouldn't we, as true believers in Christ Jesus (John 3:3), and children of God (John 1:12-13), likewise know the Scriptures in context they were given, and make sure that what we are taught is biblical and true for there are false teachers just about everywhere "***twisting the scriptures for their own destruction***" (2 Pet. 3:16) and say what they think they mean or want them to say and mean. We must make others also aware of the soon coming judgment and the end of the world. We should study, learn, know and then warn! We must tell everyone whom we know is not a believer in God and His Son, Jesus Christ of the Bible, that it is 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 the True Gospel of God is 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.)

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; 3:3,7) 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 the 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 the 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.)

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We are thankful that I still can write this newsletter, the first one for the New Year of 2022. I have been in severe back- pain for weeks, day and night, and I was afraid that I'd have to relent and skip this one. Dennis says that I am a "***stubborn Finn***" that does not quit. I have been in the process of studying, planning and writing it now nearly 3 weeks – it has been that slow. I hope to get the newsletter to our ***printer-Bob*** by the 5<sup>th</sup>

of January. There are perhaps many reasons why this back-pain has hit me so hard now – one of them is perhaps the cold temperature, many days below 10 degrees... It is obvious that my back surgery in October 2019 didn't fix my 5 fractured vertebrae, though they were "cemented" or glued together then. My bad fall last August has added to my problems and gave more places for arteritis to settle in. My entire left side, from my back to my left leg and foot feel like it is one big pain field. I cannot take much medicine for the pain, only ibuprofen 600 mg, 4 times a day, but that has upset my stomach with acid-flow-burn, and things have gone from bad to worse. A friend brought me an icepack 2 days ago I can alternate with heat, and it has lessened the pain some but only for a short time, and pain is back every 2-3 hrs. I hate to complain, for I know that the Lord is aware of what I am going through, and as long as He allows it, I am to "grin and bear" and wait, but I do talk to Him all the time asking Him to give me some relief so that I can do my work. I have many letters to answer too – some of them seem to be even urgent. Dennis has been working a lot, though he has told most of his clients that he will not take as much work any longer, but they think some of it "is not that much", but they take all day to do anyway. 😊 He has had a load for sure for he has been taking care of me, fixing food, cleaning, doing dishes and even laundry during the last month... He does not complain but I feel bad that he cannot rest even when he is home. He also has a lot of arthritis pain in his hands and shoulders... is it old age that is affecting both of us? 😊 It just may be. We hardly can wait for spring, warm weather and summer – but we'd prefer the rapture right now, or sooner! 😊

There are many others in our list who need your prayers beside us. I will just list the names here as I know that Lord knows what ails or troubles them and He will take care of them according to His will and plan (1 John 5:14-15.) Pray for Judy, Jamie and her son, Marlene, Sandy (she also has fallen and hurt herself), Al, Emily, Suzy, Shaije, Aira, Heber, Richard, Mark, Virve, Mary, Bruce and our former-Mormon friends in Australia (who likewise cannot take these "jabs" and are in trouble for that). We also ask prayer for our unsaved family and friends, and an opportunity to share Christ again with them, since they have rejected Him before.

We thank you for supporting us, helping us, praying for our ministry work and for us personally. There are no words that would fully express how thankful we are to and for you. Many write to us telling that they love our Newsletters and that they are sharing with others what we have studied and learned from God's Word. Our monthly Newsletter has become a major part of our ministry during the last 2-3 years, since we have not had our Mormonism classes now as we used to have all year long. We receive phone calls and questions and we answer letters daily, and that is also part of our ministry work and teachings. God is leading and we are taking instructions from Him that come in many forms.

We hope to send tax receipts in 2-3 weeks for your gifts and help you have given to us and our Ministry during 2021. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for without your help we could not do what is required of us, though Dennis has been working for our personal needs all the time, but he is nearing 80 years of age and perhaps cannot work that much for very long. God knows what is ahead and we are not worried. 😊

**Have Happy New Year 2022.** May our dear Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly this year and always.

In His love,

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**Happy New Year, 2022, to you and yours.**

We are sorry to be a bit late with our Newsletter.

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At first we'd like to warn you all about **The Chosen** video series filmed at the Mormon owned movie-making site in Utah, built specifically for making the Book of Mormon movies and other promotional LDS films and videos. During the last week or so, the Mormon owned TV station, *KSL Chanel 5*, has been advertising LDS movies and also promoting **The Chosen**, a film about the life of the *Mormon Jesus*, who, *according to the Book of Mormon, came to destroy sinners and spared only the more righteous* of the people - in complete contrast to the Bible, that says that *Jesus did not come to destroy or judge but to save the sinners*. (See Matt. 9:13; Luke 9:56; John 12:47.)

The Book of Mormon, 3 Nephi, chapter 8, describes *the great and terrible destruction* that "*this Jesus*" was causing to take place. Chapter 9 lists dozens of large cities (by their names) that *Jesus of the BoM* destroyed, as "*that great city of Zarahemla*" with perhaps millions inhabitants that were burned, drowned or buried under the earth as he destroyed these cities, one after another. ***This destroyer identifies himself as Jesus Christ, and says: "Many great destruction I caused to come upon this land and upon this people because of their wickedness...Behold I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God."*** (3 Ne. 9:12, 15.)

In this TV ad for **The Chosen**, they also show a film clip from the Book of Mormon movie of ***resurrected Christ after his resurrection appearing to the Nephites*** and thus connecting ***The Chosen*** with other LDS movies about Jesus with a purpose to convert viewers to Mormonism that has continually ***attempted to promote itself as basically Christian in its theology to be accepted as just another Christian denomination.***

Perhaps it would be good for all of us to read these Book of Mormon chapters (3 Nephi 8 and 9) now to remind us of the huge difference there is **between Jesus of the BoM** and the real Jesus of the Bible, who is God manifested in the flesh. Jesus warned about false Christs and false prophets (Matt. 24:24-25) as did Paul, who warned of those who *come to you and bring another Jesus*. (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15.) It is important to know that *Jesus of Mormonism was not begotten by the Holy Ghost* (Matt. 1:18), but instead he was "sired" by their "heavenly father", who is an resurrected and exalted man who had progressed into a god as all Mormons are likewise striving to become. From a wrong father-god comes a wrong son, "another Jesus"! **But Jesus of the Bible is God who became a man to save sinners.**

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**God bless you all.**

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