



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

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During the 1900 years that Israel had been scattered among all nations of the world even Bible believing people had pretty much given up hope that God will ever bring the Jews back to *their own land*, even though the Bible says so. Many have spiritualized prophetic words of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Joel and others, reasoning that that perhaps God didn't mean that *they would literally gather again in their own land*, but maybe their "*coming back*" would be only "*in spirit*", even though countless scriptures said otherwise - even saying that *when they will come back, they will speak pure Hebrew*. **Impossible!! But our God is indeed God who does the impossible!**

Scriptures say that when they will return to their own land, their return will be opposed by the entire world! And indeed it has happened.

When Israel became a nation in May 14, 1948, it made Bible reading people everywhere wake up and take note, for the prophecies of the end times are surely connected to that event!

Israel is a tiny nation surrounded by enormous Arab countries that have attacked her again and again ever since. God had said, "**...I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people around about...**" (Zech. 12:2-3.) Our generation has seen hate against Israel growing more and more, year by year, and now, **October 7, 2023**, unbelievable horror took place *in one day* when 1400 men, women, children and even babies were brutally slaughtered by **Hamas** et al, and some 20 children were even burned alive by them. This has been even worse than the Holocaust some 80+ years ago! **ISRAEL IS NOW IN THE WAR AGAINST HAMAS AND ALL WHO JOIN WITH THEM!**

The *land of Israel is God's land* and *Israelites are God's chosen people* whether we know it or not.

"For behold, in those days and in that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land." (Joel 3:2-3.) Notice: **God gave this land to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and it was God who established her borders. It is dangerous thing to oppose God who gave this land to Israel.**

Why is Israel hated more than any other nation in the world? Simply because war against Israel is a spiritual war. **Lucifer's plan to win is getting very short.** (See: Isa. 14:12-14.) **He wants to destroy Israel and all God's prophetic plans that are connected to Israel's existence and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Revelation 4-19.) **Lucifer wants what God is and has! We, as Christians and believers in God of Israel, must PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM.** (Psalm 122:6.) **GOD WILL WIN!**

The Birth of Jesus Christ was a great prophetic event, **"Behold, a virgin shall be with a child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us'."** (Matt. 1:23.) It was the fulfilment of Isaiah 7:14: **"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: 'Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel'."** As it was during the time of Christ's birth, so it is also today. **"...seeing they see not...hearing they hear not."** People reject God's Word today as they did then. Some may even quote

scriptures, but it does not do any good if the words do not come from their hearts. *Is Christ your life, is He a living reality to you?* If He is not, then His birth in Bethlehem was *an insignificant event* to you. Your eternity in heaven or in hell depends on your answer to this question: *Is He your Savior and Lord? If He is, then "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."* (Ps. 100:4.)

We have been often accused of taking the Bible and prophecies recorded there *too literally*, but we do not think that we can be *too literal* – rather *not literal enough*. His Word is truth and what He has said will take place even when people think it is impossible.

Eternal facts spoken of in John 3:36 remain: *"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides in him."* He paid for my sins and your sins when He died on the cross of Calvary. *"[He] was buried, and He rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures", and ascended to heaven.* This same Jesus will return just as *it is written*. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 1:11.)

When He comes, He comes first for His own, and then this prophecy will be fulfilled: *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead on Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."* (1 Thess. 4:16-18.)

We cannot be saved until we recognize that we are lost. We cannot keep putting off asking Him to come to our lives (till some later time), *for we do not know when He comes, and when He comes, is He coming for you? If not, then it will be too late!* If you do not yet know Jesus personally, you could talk to Him today, and if you do, He will make Himself known to you. Then you will have a joyous Christmas enjoying His presence!

It was about two thousand years ago when God's Announcement about His Son's coming was given: *"...the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary... And the angel said to her, do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end..."* (Luke 1:26-38.)

Many have tried to imagine Mary's thoughts after she had received this angel's announcement. That is perhaps what prompted the writing of this song *"Mary, Did You Know?"* (Following we quote the words of this song.)

*"Mary did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.
Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when your kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb---.
Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the Great I AM?"*

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"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptations, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. 1:15; Lev. 17:11; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 9:13b.) *God's promises given to Mary by Angel Gabriel, and the*

promises God has given through His entire Word to those who seek Him, are applicable to all believers in Jesus. (John 3:16.) He came calling sinners to repentance. (Lev. 17:11; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 9:13b.) We thank God for His infinite love that was demonstrated on the cross where He took our sins on Himself and died to save all who come to Him by faith and receive His Gift of Grace. (Eph. 2:8-9.) We are now waiting for the promise of **His Second Coming to rule the nations from the Throne of David in Jerusalem, Israel. He will come soon and be not only the King of Israel, but the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords of the Whole World.** (Rev. 19:16.) The important question to everyone is: Who is Jesus Christ to you? The Bible makes it clear that whether we acknowledge Him now or not, everyone must one day stand before Him and answer that question, and acknowledge that **He is the LORD.** (Phil. 2:9-11.)

Answers to all our questions about who He is are given to us in His Word; most importantly that He is God. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1,8, 14; 8:23-24, 58; 20:28.) He is the Creator of everything, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-3, 14, 4.)

"In Him was life", means that He is the source of all life. **He Himself did not have a beginning for He is God. If a "thing", anything, was made or created, He did it. There are no exceptions.** Paul reminds us of these facts: "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven, that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or power. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." (Col.1:16-17.)

He is the Creator of the universe and everything in it. He came to this earth and laid aside His heavenly glory to become our Savior and Lord, "...being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8), and as was prophesied, He did not lay aside His power as the Creator even though *He had become a man for our sake.* He was 100% God and 100% man. As a man He became weary and hungry and He needed food and rest just as we do. He was tested in the wilderness, but He did not yield to temptation. By His temptation He proved that He would not sin. No sinful desires, lusts or passions could originate in Him, for He is God. **In other words, even though He had become a man, He never ceased to be the Creator God.** There were many occasions where He demonstrated that. He stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 8:23-27). He stood up in the boat and gave a simple command that instantly calmed the sea. The wind and sea had to obey Him for He had created them. He fed 5000 people, plus women and children. There were only five loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed them all! As He blessed and broke the bread and fish, He multiplied them by creating more, and then giving them to His disciples to distribute to the multitude. They all marveled: *Even the left-overs filled 12 baskets!* (Matt.14:17-20) (See also Matt. 15:32-38.)

Jesus also healed *a man born blind.* (John 9:1-7, 32.) This man could see instantly and understand what he was seeing, meaning that this man's brain could immediately recognize things he had never before seen. Another miracle of creation! Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding in Cana. During the feast they run out of wine. [Wine in the scriptures often speaks of joy.] Jesus' mother who was among the guests, knew that He could do a needed miracle, and thus she said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." And Jesus said, "Fill the waterpots with water; and they filled them up to the brim." He then asked them to draw from them and take it to the Master of the Feast for tasting. "When the Master of the Feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (only the servants knew), and he called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then that which was inferior, but you have kept the good wine until now'." (John 2:1-10.) The Master in charge of the Feast understood that making good wine takes time. [Grapes have to be harvested and crushed, then fermented, and when ready, bottled. The Master of the Feast just assumed that there had to have been a hidden supply of good wine to be served later...] Turning water instantly into wine is a miracle of creation. [Water (hydrogen and oxygen), at Jesus' command, instantly became wine (complex organic molecules) that normally takes time to

ferment and be made ready. Jesus did this and many other miracles to meet the present need, be it calming a sea and wind, or providing food for the thousands, or the best wine at the feast.]

We know that it takes years to grow a tree that bears fruit, and a season for a garden to produce a harvest, or grapes becoming fermented wine. But when we read of God's creation in Genesis, we see that He created everything already mature - trees that had fruit on them immediately providing food for Adam and Eve. When we read about Jesus' miracles reported in the Bible, we have no problem of believing that He is the Same One who by His word brought everything into existence just as John 1:1-3 says. A Savior was promised through the "seed of a woman" (Gen. 3:15) after our first parents had sinned.

The One who became our Savior is the same One who created everything. We must come to know and believe that He is the Great I AM. He said, "...for if you do not believe that I AM (He), you will die in your sins." (John 8:24.) That He is our God the Creator who became a man is proven through His power to perform miracles. **He proved His love by dying for our sins on the cross of Calvary** (John 19:30) and promising that all **who believe and receive Him will be born again and thus become sons of God.** (John 1:12; 3:3, 7.)

The entrance of sin into the world came through Satan's subtle suggestion to Eve that what God has said about death is not true. (Gen. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15.) By saying that Satan charged God for lying. The Devil has been attacking God's Word and its truth ever since. We often receive letters saying that *the Bible is not correct, but is full of contradictions and errors.* The judgment of God on sin will be in relation to His Word. Jesus said, **"He who rejects Me, and does receive My words, has that which judges him - the Word that I have spoken will judge him in that last day."** (John 12:48.) Jesus also said, **"...there is one who accuses you - Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me".** (John 5:45-46.) Thus Jesus tells us that both the Old Testament together with the New Testament **is all God's Word**, and it will be the witness against unbelieving mankind at the *Great White Throne judgment.* (Rev. 20:11-15.) We need to keep in mind that as **the root of sin is unbelief in the Person and work of the Savior**, revealed to us in the Bible. It is the Word of God that brings repentance which leads to forgiveness and salvation to all who believe His Word. (John 1:1, 14; 14:6; Rom. 2:4, 11:22.) **When people attack or reject the Word of God, they attack and reject Jesus who is the Word.**

May the Lord God bless you as you celebrate His birth and love that saved us when He died for our sins.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us the Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE." (Isaiah 9:6.)

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess. 5:23.) **"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."** (Rev. 22:20.)

We had a very special Thanksgiving celebration last week in Kalispell, Montana with Mickey Hale and her son Eric's family. They even sent first-class airline tickets for us to come to spend this holiday there, for they knew that ever since our Minna's passing, her family has not been willing to have any family gatherings with us. We have been very sad and lonely, but they all, Mickey, Eric, Nicole and their 3 sons, Sean, Jack and Luke, with their

golden lab Max, made spending this Thanksgiving week very pleasant and happy as we shared time with this devout Christian family. God made all things better!

We want to extend our thanks to you, our friends and Ministry- partners for your prayers and support. We surely have felt the need to be even more careful in all things during these economically hard times. We have tried to continue gifting specially bound NKJV Bibles to all former or “*nearly-former-Mormons*”, who desire to study the Word of God seriously. We are also giving other necessary books and materials to those who need to be able to come to their decision to separate themselves from Mormonism. God has provided that even through your giving. Dennis is still working *semi-fulltime*, as you may know. Many have asked us when we will retire, not knowing that we have not been on any payrolls, therefore we do not have retirement funds waiting. Many of you have helped us in our ministry expenses and we thank you for that! God knows our needs, so we do not need to ask anyone. We are however grateful for our small Social Security “income” and with our Lord’s blessings we trust that we will be fine till He comes to take us home. **That is security!**

We ask prayer for our dear friend Judy, who has lots of pain in her ankle. Prayer is needed also for Marlene, Harold, Bruce, Mark & Virve, Dave B., Al, Sandy, Julie, Jamie, Luke, McKenzie, Aira, Heber, Sharon, Lisa and Suzi. We rely in the promises that our Lord has given to us in 1 John 5:14-15. He does hear and answer us as we pray according to His will.

We ask that you will continue to pray with us for those who have not yet responded to the Lord’s call for them for salvation. Some of them are our relatives and family and some are our old Mormon friends we love dearly. It saddens our hearts that we will not see any of them after our life here is over unless they come to the Lord and are saved. “*...God our Savior desires that all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.*” (1 Tim. 2:3-5.) The Lord is pleading that they would repent and let Him change their hearts and minds while there is still time. “*...times of ignorance God [has] overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.*” (Acts 17:30.)

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With the Love of Jesus, waiting for His Coming. (Re. 22: “*Even so, come Lord Jesus!*” (Rev. 22:20.)

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