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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

*The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his
Christ and he will reign for ever and ever.*

– Revelation 11:15

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON TODAY?

The wonderful scripture quoted above is where we are headed, about as fast as we can go. Events today where you live and in far corners of the globe only underscore all that is going on. For unbelievers, there is gross uncertainty, confusion, and just plain fear. For believers, there should be no fear, for believers know how this all plays out. But should believers' hearts ache for what is happening in their country and the world? Oh yes, most assuredly. And should they pray for others – yes, most assuredly. **What is happening in the world is in keeping with the truth that Jesus is coming soon, very soon!** Just consider the points below.

- SO MANY PROPHECIES FULFILLED

If you have been following our ministry, you have read or heard me speak about all the prophecies of events to happen before Jesus' return that have now happened. For hundreds of years after Jesus resurrection and ascension nothing along this line occurred. Suddenly, in the 1900's and up to now, dramatic things began to happen. The reestablishment of Israel as a country was a watershed event, prophesied throughout the Bible. And the takeover of Jerusalem by the Jews. Then the continuing return to Israel of the Jews living around the world. And that's just a beginning (Look at our May 2008 newsletter for a longer list of prophecies fulfilled or request the CD *Prophecies Fulfilled*). The fact is that nothing need happen before Jesus calls his CHURCH – his sincere believers – to join him in the clouds. Nothing. That could happen while you're reading this letter.

- APOSTASY AND DECEPTION

A significant last sign before the antichrist is revealed and the Day of the Lord comes is a falling away from – or rebellion against - God (II Thessalonians 2:3). The original Greek word for this falling away is apostasia, from which we get our word for apostasy. We are living in the midst of this falling away. Surely this should be evident when you see the extraordinary events and actions coming out of Washington, steps taken that are out of line with the Bible (and also at times the Constitution). Surely you must be aware of this when you look at popular culture and see what is accepted behavior in the media, the entertainment world, and even among those around you.

Closely related to this apostasy is the term Jesus warned so much about when he spoke of the time just before his return. In three key chapters (Luke 21, Mark 13, Matthew 24) Jesus warned of deception,

specifically saying, WATCH THAT YOU ARE NOT DECEIVED!. I would suggest that deception is rampant in the world and the US now. Otherwise all that is happening would provoke public outrage.

- SEPARATING THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

At the end of this current age, Jesus separates the people into sheep and goats, into those who will be with him and those who will not. It is apparent that as we near the end of this age, we approach a point where those saying they are Christians divide into two groups. People in one group continue to go steadily along, following Jesus. People in the other drop away, these people choosing to accept behavior and actions that are not of God, in essence choosing the ways of the world. I suggest that is happening right now with many – in individual churches, some very obviously, and surely in acceptance by many of actions and behavior in society that do not agree with the Word. It will soon be apparent that there is a big difference between all those who call themselves Christians and those who truly are believers in Jesus Christ.

- ISRAEL

Israel is a country of great importance to God. Believers know that. There are strong words from God in the Bible about blessing those who bless Israel and cursing those who curse Israel. Until recent years the United States has been a strong supporter of Israel. You could say that the United States has been one tool God has used to keep Israel safe in the world. But then a few years ago the foreign relations policy of the United States shifted to pressuring Israel to give up some of its lands. Now the policy even seems to include pressuring Israel to divide Jerusalem and give up part of that. But all of this land and even more is land that God has given to the Jews. The US is on the wrong side in this issue and if it persists its actions will bring hardship on the US.

- THE MUSLIMS, BUDDHISTS, HINDUS, AND OTHER LOST PEOPLE

There is as you might expect much more to the Muslims as a group than just the simplistic way in which they are described in the media. Earlier in my life I worked with many Muslims – in Saudi Arabia, in The Sudan, in Egypt, and in Texas. Some small portion are indeed terrorists. But the total group is over one and a half billion people. Is it not possible that as we approach the end of the age, God is moving to bring in the Muslims as well? The God I know is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Now we know from the Bible and from events around us that many are indeed lost. But that doesn't mean that God does not want others to come to him. So don't be surprised if you suddenly see dramatic things happening in the Muslim world. I do think we need to stop thinking about all Muslims as a homogeneous group. They aren't. They aren't all terrorists. There is much more to be said on this front, and I expect to do some teaching in this area in coming weeks. As far back as the mid-1990's I heard reports of Jesus appearing to Muslims in dreams, and then the Muslims moving to follow Jesus, a terribly difficult step in their society. Now again I have recently heard such reports. God is moving.

Then there are the Buddhists and the Hindus and the animists in Africa and many other lost human beings currently headed straight for Hell. Do you think God might be interested in them? Well, who made them? Don't be surprised at seeing some of these also suddenly being brought into the kingdom.

Many believers today hope for a Great Awakening in the United States or just in their hometown. But what an amazing awakening it would be if large numbers of Muslims suddenly began coming into the

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kingdom, and Buddhists and Hindus and people from other lost religious groups! Think that would get the attention of some nonbelievers? What about getting the attention of those lukewarm believers and churches described in Revelation 3:14-20. Think they might suddenly wake up? A recent report by George Barna points out how few people in the US who say they are Christians truly believe major points of Christianity. That may soon change.

And what about getting the attention of the Jews who haven't accepted Jesus? How would they react when their longtime enemies accept Jesus? Paul states that Israel has experienced a hardening until the full number of Gentiles comes in (to the kingdom). By Gentiles, Paul means all those who are not Jews or members of the CHURCH (the body of believers in Jesus). So Gentiles includes those people currently living as Muslims and Buddhists. By the way, Muslims make up about forty percent of the Gentiles.

- SO WHAT DO YOU DO?

We are living in the midst of the culmination of the plan of the Bible. We are going to see great things and also perhaps frightening and distressing events. But as a recent newsletter focused, we should not live in fear. Fear is not from God. Truth and grace, hope and joy, all that is from God. We know where we are going. We know what is happening. Jesus has overcome the world, and in him, we do also.

So what do you do? Pray. Pray. Pray. For the veils to be removed from those who do not know. For people to wake up. For people to turn to God. And for a wave of outrage and then wise Godly action to follow in response to all the deception and evil now being foisted on the American people.

A REQUEST FROM THE HEART!

As always, Cathy and I are grateful for all those led to contribute to this ministry. It is the only way the ministry can go forward, and I cannot deny that the funds coming in have gone down. I understand that for some these are difficult economic times. But believers live in God's economy, which is one of faith, of sowing and reaping. As one of my own favorite ministers likes to say, you should give where you're fed. That actually comes from scripture – Galatians 6:6. So I ask that any of you receiving in any way from this ministry consider how you might contribute. If at all possible, become a regular monthly donor, the steady support base of the ministry. We don't want to make further cuts in programs, but that is a possibility. I know that God provides. But I also know that people God intends to provide through sometimes are so busy or concerned by all the cares of this world that they forget to follow through on plans to give. Not being controlled by the cares of this world is part of the Sermon on the Mount, and I have written often on this subject, including in the March newsletter.

All of you who contribute, volunteer and pray for this ministry indeed share in the blessings and results. We have reached and are reaching people throughout the US and in other countries with the power gospel of Jesus Christ. I have a notebook and a file of wonderful personal letters from the people impacted. Many in Ghana have been requesting the CD's and DVD's, and some ask for Bibles. So we supply all that. Many in the US who cannot afford to donate request the ministry materials, and we certainly supply them as well. The distribution list for the newsletter consists of people from New Hampshire to Florida, from South Dakota to Texas and Oklahoma, from North Carolina to many, many other states, and even the countries of Ghana, Uganda, and Germany.

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The miraculous divine healings continue and lately we have considered again where we might locate a regular monthly healing meeting to which individuals could come for healing and where we might teach the subjects God has given us. This would be a place people would know we could be found once a month, and around which we would schedule our other activities. If you have a suggested location for that, let us know. We might be able even to schedule such a regular monthly meeting in more than one city.

By now you should realize that God gives different people different areas of revelation, so not all ministers teach or minister on the same issues or subjects. Some do not speak on end times at all. Others do not ever approach divine healing or the Holy Spirit. But those are areas God has given us, and on which we have been focused.

Please help us to share the amazing revelations of his Word that Jesus has given us – revelations about the fullness of who He is, about all the many wonderful aspects of what he has done for us, such as divine healing, and about his imminent return and all that is to happen. As you hopefully can see in the points above, amazing things are soon to happen. Help us tell more and more people. If one hundred people would increase their current level of giving by \$10 per month – or begin giving at that level – that would be enough to cover the current monthly shortfall in ministry expenses. A greater increase would allow us to be involved in more areas.

May you all live in the blessings of God.

John

PS For more information on issues in this newsletter, go to our web site and blog, watch the television program ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** if possible, and get the ministry materials. Most important of all, read the Bible and keep your spiritual eyes open and focused always on Jesus.

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