# LITTLE LETTER

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## CRY WITH A GREAT VOICE

PROPHECY OF OLD FORETOLD BABYLON'S FALL;and it did fall. But confusion and downfall bring forth much crying and yells. "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. They shall roar together like lions:they shall yell as lions'WHEN! Nimrod and his descendants named Babel as "The Gate of God". All through time man wants his ways, and so taught that they are right and are God's great gate to heaven. But CONFUSION.

"AND I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL FLY IN THE MIDST OF HEAVEN, HAVING the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,and to every nation,and kindred,and tongue,and people-". But today's T V:"Religion is white-man'sRELIGION". BUT, go on, verse 7: "Saying with a loud voice-"(That angel having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth) "Fear God, and give glory to him;for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

"AND THERE FOLLOWED ANOTHER ANGEL, SAYING, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, BECAUSE she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Go on - please read at least verses 8 to 13 as in Rev. 14. SO ANOTHER BABYLON IS YET TO FALL. (Spiritual Babylon? That fornicator - trying to take the place of the BRIDE. CHURCH?) "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS & ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH".

## THEY OF OLD WERE FOREWARNED

WE ARE TOO,IN THE NEW TESTAMENT,IN CHRIST. Let's just one reference from Moses' Law concerning them, Deut.13:1-4. NOW, Christ(Lk.12:5):"But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, - Fear him." "And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise,(p2)

and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things."(Mk.13:21-23) "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (Jn.14:26). AND Mark, Luke, John did just that in writing the above words.

THE APOSTLE PETER, ALSO, WHEN HE WROTE(2 Pet.1:21 + 2:1): "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. BUT there were false prophets also among the people, - - ".

SIMON PETER WAS WRITING, as he stated in ch.1 verse 1, "to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" AND after writing about the old time "false prophets" in ch.2 v.1 he continued: "even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.AND many shall follow their perniciousWAYS; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." The Apostle Peter goes on; a description of their wickedness and deceitfulness; and they shall utterly perish therein.

THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY: "THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Then 4 verses on it. AND THEN (2 Tim.3:6): "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins,led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." IF SUCH LIKE things were bad in the Apostles'days, WHAT about the CHURCH today? BABYLON? TRY TO TEACH THEM "way, Truth,Life"& you're in TROUBLE. Let's "-live godly in Christ Jesus-suffer persecution! GOD DELIVERS.

## ELIJAH AND AHAB

METHINKS, ONE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE concerning all that we so far have written in this,including our first title,isI Ki:18. Ahab had "forsaken the commandments of the Lord" and followed Baalim, the prophets of Baal, & Jezebel. BUT HE BLAMED ELIJAH. IN v.17: "Ahab said unto him,Art thou he that troubleth ISRAEL?" V.18: Elijah ans. "I have not troubled Israel;but thou - -". PROOF? "Then said Elijah unto the people(1 Ki.18:22-24) "AND all the people answered & said, It is well spoken." AND SO V23&. The prophets of Baal did their thing. THEY cut themselves after their manner till the blood gushed out, THEY yelled louder, & jumped up and down upon their altar. BUT "there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor-" ATTENTION. BUT ELIJAH "built an altar in the name of the Lord;" "at thy WORD". RESULTS??? AHAB rode-to JEZEBEL. "And the hand of the Lord was on ELIJAH".

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Well, Well, The year '72 has come and gone. It is now in history. So many things have happened. It has brought joy to us, who are alive, that God has spared our life. And we live in a land where we can worship God without fear or molestation.

But it has also brought sorrow by the passing of those we love so dear. But we find in Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." But we, too, have no assurance of life, for "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment".

We should ask ourself, "Am I prepared to go when he calls?" IT COULD BE BEFORE THE YEAR '74. No better New Year Resolution can be made than that found in Amos 4:12-"prepare to meet thy God". We find (in Genesis 3: verses 8-10) that our forefather Adam was not prepared to meet God. Why? Because he had violated, or disobeyed, God's law. Hence he was driven out of the Paradise of God. Remember, God called "Where art thou?".

We also find (in Gen. 2: 16-17) that God commanded, or gave Adam a law; he foreknew God's law. Hence he became guilty by failing to keep God's law in his heart or mind. So we should ask ourselves, "Will we be ready when God calls?".

Well, says one, the law God gave Adam does not apply to man today. That's right. But we find in James 1:25 the following: "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed".

Now let's notice: 1, "Whoso looketh" - this applies to all men. No. 2, "perfect law" - It cannot be added to, neither can man take away. (Rev. 22: 19).

Yes, man has been forewarned, he is without excuse. (Ro.1:20) And if man fails to keep this law he, too, will be found naked, as our forefather was found, when Christ comes. (2Thes.1:7).

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TO THOSE TROUBLED

MAN HAS BEEN FOREWARNED; all of it is so true. I thank you, Bro. Vanderpool, timely article. Were our 2 COINCIDENTAL? "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels -"(v.7). "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe - in that day." (Verse 10)

IN CHRIST WE HAVE HOPE. Please let's read all these ref. Mt.13:15/Mk.4:12/Lk.22:32/Jn.12:40/Acts 3:19/Acts 28:27/etAL. ALSO Abraham Lincoln: "In this sad world of ours, sorrow comes to all,-You are sure to be happy again. I have had enough experience to make this statement." (BUT-CHRIST-HOPE OF GLORY-& he left that good part out. Let's not forget to REMEMBER it).

## OBITUARY

BROTHER W. H.(HENRY)FRANCIS, after an illness of three months, passed from this life on Wednesday, December 13,1972, at his home in Mangum, Oklahoma. Funeral services for Bro. Francis were held at 11:00 o'-clock Saturday, Dec 16 in the Lovett Funeral Chapel in Mangum. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery, also in Mangum.

He was born on January 15, 1898, at Fayetteville, Ark. and was 74 years and 11 months of age when he died. On Feb.2, 1919, at Jester he was married to Bessie Mae Jackson, and they had moved from Blair to Mangum in 1943.

He was a retired merchant, and was a minister of the Church of Christ with untiring efforts for many years. At his death he was a member of the Lugert Church of Christ in Oklahoma not many miles from their Mangum home.

Survivors include his faithful wife of 54 years; one daughter, Mrs. Alma Williams of Oklahoma City; one brother, F. F. Francis of Kenton, Okla.; four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A great tree bearing much fruit in our Saviour Jesus has fallen. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;and their works do follow them."

## "COME OVER-AND HELP US"

INDICATIONS ARE PREVALENT THAT MANY PEOPLE still seek for help to give the gospel to others. Here is an example: A family whom I met at the Delta Camp Meeting three years ago now live in Coeur D' Lane, Idaho, and are in business. A letter from them of Jan. 4, '73: "It would be nice if a family with more knowledge and experience in God's word could come to northern Idaho to work in this area." Who would do the sacrificing to go - and who would qualify? AND aren't a lot of places needing GOSPEL TRUTH? Have you heard others who are crying: "Come over-and help us"? The harvest is plenteous.

ALL THE PARAGRAPH IS SOMETHING to think about - and DO. Remember: Time flies and even 1973 will soon be "IN HISTORY". "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell- -"(Heb.11:32)"Who through faith-""By faith"-"These all died in faith,"-"These all obtained a good report thru faith!"

YES,'TIS a good thing: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

## *****WERE WE SURPRISED*****

BROTHER J. L. JARED & EUNICE & 4 daughters & new grand daughter came by us at Oceanside on Dec.29. Holidays they had visited at Bellflower, and on Dec.24 Bro. Jared preached. WE hadn't seen them for 7½ years, since they left Yakima. THEY were returning to Indiana, via to preach in Goshen, Arkansas.