## COLD WAR, AMERICAN DOWNFALL and the MESSAGE OF I THESSALONIANS

Our Father who art in heaven, we thank you for giving us the four seasons of the year and the coming springtime that brings this world and its people renewed life and hope. Your hands have made us and fashioned us. Teach us good judgment and knowledge that we do not delay to keep your commandments. All your commandments are faithful. Your faithfulness is unto all generations. You have established the earth and it abides. Your word is settled in heaven forever. Let our hearts be sound. Quicken us after your loving kindness so that we will keep your precepts and the testimony of your mouth. We give you the praise, thanks, honor and glory for your righteous judgments, great goodness and wondrous works. We wait now upon your guidance in this Bible study to bless each one who hears your words. Help their minds remember your words and apply them according to your will.

**Inspire every one of us** with your love, compassion and mercy to pray for one another in all our trials, tests and tribulations—whatever we face or wherever we may find ourselves – in prison, illness, war, anger, facing death, distorted thought, family or relationship problems, or like Job. Bless us with the abundance of your Holy Spirit that your servants will fulfill your calling to life not death. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit that we might love you with all our heart, with all our soul, and with our entire mind. You have promised to provide all our needs, **if** we "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be provided for us. Everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks, it shall be opened." Help us rejoice in your truth, and eagerly anticipate the coming of your kingdom—may it be very soon. We ask these things in prayer in Yeshua's name according to your will. Amen!

Greetings to everyone we have the privilege to be with whether face to face, by telephone conference, or U-tube streaming and Skype. It is a new calendar month, *Rosh Chodesh Sameach*, Adar II (13th Hebrew month). The month based on observation of the first crescent new moon in Jerusalem, Israel, began on Monday, March 3 at sunset. Israel-based reports indicated fog with no visibility on March 2 thus making March 3 the first day, by default. Daylight Savings Time begins 2 a.m., Sunday, March 9 (tomorrow).

*Karaite Korner Newsletter* #615—Aviv Search 3/4/2014 Final Report. Travelling the Jordan Valley in Israel looking for Aviv (ripening) barley and performing random sampling at various sites, the barley was found to be mostly in the cotton state; The most-matured barley that has been found "in the ear" remains in the milky white stage that is made of mostly water when squeezed (which would disintegrate in a fire) and, therefore, not considered matured (or Aviv). The seeds were only starting to form or were very green and watery. Barley is not presentable as an offering simply because it has developed "ears". It was very clear that the barley was not Aviv. Barley must also survive when parched in a fire in order to be presented as finely ground

flour (Leviticus 2:14). This places the Passover season into the next month. There is still much confusion over the "calendar". As far as the principle of keeping the calendar is concerned the Jews have been keeping it over 2,000 years. Jews were taken captive in 70 A.D. by Rome and taken out of Jerusalem, Israel and scattered throughout the nations in 135 A.D. They went astray when they began to make changes to the calendar. To obtain the national cohesiveness of their annual holy days, they adopted a permanent calendar (mathematically calculated). Rabbi Hillel II developed a calendar based on a 19 year time cycle based on the new moons and a 19 year time cycle in which the moon repeats its journey every 19 years. It is very close, but not always exact. The fixed calendar can be a day or two off, because the Jews stopped observing the first crescent of the new moon occurring every 29 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or 30 days. In Bible times, the new moon (rosh kodesh) the first visible crescent seen at sunset was the new moon and the first day of the new month generally speaking. Other people are off even more on the correct observation of the true Biblical calendar. The Bible does not contradict itself. The barley has to be ready the second day of Passover and ULB to be waved before the altar as it says in Leviticus 23. How can teachers and ministers be so blind and dense? If you desire to prove the truth for yourself, about the true Biblical Calendar, request our free True Calendar booklet. The people, who are not observing the 13<sup>th</sup> month, will be a calendar month off. **Proverbs 14:12**—"*There is a way that seems right* to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

**Judges 17:6**; and **Judges 21:25**–This was in the days of the judges: "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes."(25) "Every man did what was right in his own eyes." (25) "Every man did what was right in his own eyes." This statement is made three times in these latter chapters. All was well while Joshua and those who assisted him lived; then gradually came disorder. Today, everybody "does what in right in their own eyes." "No one can tell me what to do and how to live. I will decide for myself. My opinion matters; I don't have to answer to anybody else." It really amounts to saying: I don't care what God says or need His opinion, but will do what I want (what is right in my own eyes). The false churches of today are saying this, like children who are toddlers. *What God thinks, is what counts.* 

**Isaiah 55:6 -11**—"Seek, inquire for, *and* require the Lord while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]; call upon Him while He is near.<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, *and* mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon.<sup>8</sup> For My **thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.**<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please *and* purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

We need to get in line with God's thinking. Do what he says. Live by His authority and principles. Someone once gave me the idea to write an article entitled: "*Whose Authority Counts*?" When it comes to God and keeping the correct calendar, the correct day of Passover and all the annual holy days and the weekly Sabbath day, whose opinion counts? God says the

seventh day is the Sabbath. Saturday is the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the week. Should we keep Saturday then or keep Sunday—the first day of the week? Or keep Friday as the Muslims do? Which day is holy? ONLY THE DAY <u>God says</u> is holy is the day we should keep. Some are so mixed up, that they keep a rotating Sabbath day. So beginning with the first day of the new moon they count 7 days then keep that day of the week. Therefore their Sabbath changes days to a different day of the week every month--sheer chaos and confusion! **1 Corinthians 14:33**—"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Everybody has an opinion in the world in which we live, but not "everybody" knows what is right. Human babies have the longest infancy in the animal kingdom. A foal can run within hours of its birth; a kitten or puppy can leave its mother within two months. Human babies are born helpless without language and stay dependent for years. We must be cared for or we die. Relatively little of our behavior is programmed by reflexes at birth. Therefore, most of our learning, beliefs, attitude, and world view are shaped by our almost umbilical connection to family and society. The need to be a part of a social system does not diminish in adulthood; it actually becomes more elaborate. Thus, the development of support groups and a greater sense of community occur.

**Proverbs 4:23(AMP)**—"Keep *and* guard your heart with all vigilance *and* above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life." Out of the heart come the issues of life. **Jeremiah 17:9**—"The **heart** *is* **deceitful** above all *things*, and **desperate**ly wicked; who can know it?" **Romans 8:6-17**—"for to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." People want their own way (way of self). "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you."

Russia has invaded Crimea in the Ukraine and is occupying the forts and the naval base and threatening to invade the rest of the Ukraine and overthrow the government. "On February 27, troops without national markings on their uniforms commandeered Crimea's parliament and other government buildings. Apparently western and German snipers and those of the European foreign NATO were killing off former Ukrainian government members in order to install a prowestern government. Since the collapse of the USSR, nationalists in Russia have questioned the legality of what Khrushchev did and have demanded Crimea's return. On March 1, Putin asked the upper house of Russia's parliament (the Duma) for authorization to dispatch troops to Ukraine (not just to the Crimea), ostensibly to defend Russian citizens. That was followed by an affirmative vote to hold a referendum on Crimea's future status -- on May 25, the day on which Ukraine's presidential elections are to be held. The deputies also sacked the local government. The Russian military practiced two-stage combat preparedness drills for five days ending Wednesday (3.3.14) in several locations across Russia involving 150,000 troops, 90 aircraft, over 120 helicopters, 880 tanks and up to 80 ships and 1,200 pieces of military hardware—happening close to Ukraine where the majority are ethnic Russians. Russia wants the Ukraine in its Union because it is the breadbasket of Europe and the warm-water port on the Black Sea. The cold war continues.

"To complicate matters, Sevastopol now has a (pro-Russia) mayor, Aleksey Chaly, no matter that under the law the city is administered directly from Kyiv. The Kyiv-appointed head of Sevastopol's government has been sent packing. Crimea's port of Sevastopol hosts the Russian Black Sea Fleet, and Yanukovych extended the lease Russia already had there to 2040. Sevastopol, you should also know, is administered by the Ukrainian central government in Kyiv, not by a locally elected leader. Sergei Aksyonov, who replaced the head of Crimea's government and is a Russian nationalist, lost no time in declaring Yanukovych's ouster illegal. He also called for Moscow's assistance, supposedly to protect the Russian population against what he has labeled a government of extremists in Kyiv. Never mind that the Ukrainian constitution doesn't contain provisions for regional referendums, as opposed to national ones. This, in essence, is the context in which Putin has asked the Russian parliament to authorize the dispatch of more troops to Ukraine (some have already been sent to Crimea). Putin didn't want the bad PR to overshadow and tarnish the Sochi Winter Olympics, into which he'd invested so much money and prestige."

The place to watch most closely is the Russian-majority (close to 60 percent) Crimean peninsula, an "autonomous republic" within Ukraine. In 1954, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev transferred the territory, which juts into the Black Sea and is a popular vacation spot, to Ukraine, then the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. Ironically, he did it to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the union between Ukraine and Russia. The question is: "Will Putin secure Crimea's secession, after overcoming whatever resistance the Ukrainians and (Muslim) Tatars offer who live there and want to remain part of Ukraine?" (Crimea is the latter's historic homeland, from which Stalin deported them en masse during World War II, after charging them with disloyalty. Most of the exiles perished but survivors were allowed to return home in the post-Stalin years). If so, he'll create a pro-Russian statelet in Crimea, much as Moscow did in Georgia (Abkhazia and South Ossetia) and Moldova (Transnistria). But the real question is what will happen after that, and where?

There are good reasons for Putin not to burn Russia's bridges with the West. One is that an ascendant China lies across Russia's vast southern frontier. For now, Moscow and Beijing are now aligned in a "strategic partnership." But Russian strategists are increasingly worried that if Russia writes off the West it risks living under China's shadow and, in time, becoming Beijing's satellite. That's not a future Russians relish. "No one in Washington will risk war with a nuclear-armed Russia over a country located on the Russian doorstep. The warnings President Obama and others in his administration have issued to Putin shouldn't suggest otherwise. In fact, Obama should cease drawing red lines that he's not prepared to enforce. That's what happened last August following the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons against civilians, and all Obama did was to make the United States look weak. Putin can spot weakness a mile away, and Putin's army is a lot more powerful than Bashar al-Assad's."

So all the nations' government leaders such as the U.S., Israel, Russia, Germany, France, Britain, Canada, Greece, Spain, Iraq, Iran (Arab-Muslim ideology) and Asia continue to do what they think is right each going their own way, and are trying to unite the nations into a one world government, The New World Order. It will come together (for about 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years—1260 days or 42 months) but this order is not based on the word of God and cannot last. Therefore, it will shatter and fall apart as prophesied. The result will be WW III with a war to end all wars called

Armageddon. God says a house divided against itself cannot stand. Luke 11:17 – "But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, "Every kingdom (that is) divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falls." Matthew 12:25 "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." Mark 3: 25 –"And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

In order for The New World Order (*which is still in the building stage*) to come to fruition there will be chaos and a need for "order out of chaos". The people will build upon the ashes of the collapse of the world economic system a NWO where the dollar will no longer be the world's standard reserve currency.

*Prophecy News*-(2/26/14) "The Coming Currency Wars —"We may be aware about China's military might, but how many Americans know that China has the power to literally cripple the U.S economy and is actually "pulling the rug" from under it...little by little? U.S citizens have to contend with some shocking facts: the U.S is now a 'sitting duck' for her global economic competitors. The West selling its stocks of gold has become the biggest strategic gamble in financial history. We are committing ourselves entirely to fiat currencies, which our central banks are now having to issue in accelerating quantities. China knows that gold is a universal currency that will hold value over the long-term. As the paper currencies of the world race toward collapse, China could end up holding most of the real money and that would be a huge game changer when they finally reveal that fact."

"China which is the global leader in world trade has started moving away from U.S. dollars and U.S. debt. According to a recent statement from the Central Bank of China, it is 'no longer in China's favor to accumulate foreign-exchange reserves'. In addition, China has signed a whole host of international currency agreements with other nations during the past couple of years which are going to result in less U.S. dollars being used in international trade." Specifically, reported this week, the Chinese government shrank its holdings of U.S. government debt by \$47.8 billion in December 2013, the most in two years. One message from this is that the Chinese government doesn't want to hold any more dollars than it has to. China is also the world's largest producer of gold... nobody else comes close. There are four large U.S. banks that each has exposure to derivatives in excess of 40 trillion dollars...Interest rate derivatives make up the biggest chunk of those derivatives contracts. These reports and predicted scenarios have been confirmed by a variety of independent sources." "Bloomberg reported the other day; China dumped nearly 50 billion dollars of U.S. debt during the month of December... So if China is not going to stockpile U.S. dollars or U.S. debt any longer, what is it going to stockpile? It is going to stockpile gold of course. In fact, China has been voraciously stockpiling gold for quite some time, and their hunger for gold appears to be growing..."Goldmoney.com likewise reported: "So why is the Chinese Government so keen on gold? The answer most likely involves geo-politics. And here it is worth noting that through the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), China and Russia with the support of most of the countries in between them are building an economic bloc with a common feature: gold."

<u>Newsmax</u> (3/5/14) The Roman Catholic Church hierarchy is headed by Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome and the church has over 1.2 billion members worldwide (including the Eastern Catholic

Church and religious communities such as the Jesuits, the Franciscans and the Dominicans—2011). The Catholic Church **could tolerate some types of civil unions** as a way of protecting healthcare and property rights. "Matrimony is between a man and a woman," the pontiff told the Italian daily newspaper *Corriere della Sera* in an interview published Wednesday (March 5) and translated by the *Catholic News Service*. "But moves to regulate diverse situations of cohabitation [are] driven by the need to regulate economic aspects among persons, as for instance to assure medical care. It is necessary to look at the diverse cases and evaluate them in their variety." It is the first time a Pope has ever indicated even a minute acceptance of civil unions. In the interview, the Pope also said, "While the Church would not alter its stance against artificial birth control, Church teachings on the subject should be applied with 'much mercy.'... The question is not whether to change the doctrine, but to go deeper and make sure that pastoral care takes account of situations and of what each person is able to do." In conventional marriages contraception is forbidden which can result in unlimited pregnancies and children if both partners are fertile – regardless of ability to support them.

Now the Pope and Catholic Church tolerate civil unions. But God says we must repent of our sins and stop sinning. The devil will come along with lies and tempt men to disbelieve the commands of God, promising there is no penalty. For example, if the Pope and the priests bless them it is acceptable to be Lesbian or Gay and civil unions are alright. How can you draw a line for breaking one command and not another? If a behavior is first unacceptable, then tolerated incrementally, and then it is finally embraced, does that really make it right?

*WorldNetDaily.com* (3.9.14)—Sellout crowd attends LGBT fundraiser on military base. Gay, lesbian troops perform in drag at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Since the repeal of the *Don't Ask, Don't Tell* policy, U.S. military bases have hosted gay marriage ceremonies and potluck gatherings. Service members took to the stage and performed as drag queens and drag kings on a military installation in support of LGBT troops.

usa.today.com (12.2.13)—The Obama administration will redirect \$100 million dollars into a new project seeking a cure for HIV. The new project was one of two pledges made by Obama that would increase funding to the battle against AIDS. In addition to the research initiative, the administration will also give up to \$5 billion to an international effort to combat AIDS. Identified in the 1980s, HIV/AIDS is a disease of the human immune system caused by infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which is transmitted primarily via unprotected sexual intercourse (including anal and oral sex), contaminated blood transfusions, hypodermic needles, and from mother to child during pregnancy, delivery, or breastfeeding. Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) of all races and ethnicities remain the population most profoundly affected by HIV. More than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection, and almost 1 in 6 (15.8%) are unaware of their infection. There is no cure or vaccine. HIV/AIDS has had a great impact on society, both as an illness and as a source of discrimination and significant economic impacts.

There are two major antichrists in the end of days yet to come. The first antichrist, the first beast is found in Revelation chapter13 which is a political power and head of the New World Order. The second antichrist—the second beast of Revelation 13, will be the

partner and cohort of the first beast. These two beasts will work in unity together. One will carry out the policies of the other. **Revelation 13:11**—" And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." This second beast looks like a lamb, but has the heart of a wolf and <u>speaks</u> like a dragon. The dragon is the symbol of the devil. This is talking about a false religious institution that looks Christian. It is talking about a false religion head, looking like Christ's church and professes to be, but is of the dragon and is satanic in origin and teaching. It is the devil's church and the devil's organization. It professes itself to be Christian but it is really Satanic in origin and teaching. **Revelation 12:9**—"And **the great dragon** was cast out, that old <u>serpent, called the Devil, and Satan</u>, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

People are being falsely taught that God's weekly Sabbath day has been changed to Sunday. They blindly follow a man and keep Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of the true Sabbath, along with many other false doctrines that are non-Biblical rituals, teachings and ceremonies. God's holy days are replaced with pagan holidays. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that it is the one true church founded by Jesus Christ and maintains that the doctrine on faith and moral that it presents as definitive is *infallible*. The Bible warns against lying spirits and those that seek to complicate and corrupt God's simple plan of salvation (2 Corinthians 11:3). Know your Bible and what God has written.

Newsmax.com (3.5.14) —Pope Francis also defended the church's response to the clerical sex abuse scandals. He said the crimes had left "very profound wounds", but noted that beginning with Pope Benedict, the church has done "perhaps more than anyone" to tackle the problem. "Statistics on the phenomenon of violence against children are shocking, but they also clearly show the great majority of abuses occur in <u>family and neighborhood settings</u>," Francis said. One sin does not excuse another sin. Only when court pressure was brought to bear on the Catholic Church by multiple case complaints from those persons who had been victimized and abused, did the Church take action. Yet Francis says that the church is the only one being attacked. That occurred because they knowingly ignored a big problem that was allowed to exist for many years.

Pope Francis is antichrist and the Roman Catholic Church is the whore described in Revelation 17. The first beast of Revelation 13 is a world governing Empire which is also the whore called Babylon the Great. But the one world religion aspect that is part of that system is also the whore of Revelation. This subject is a Bible study all by itself which I will cover in a different Bible study at a later time.

*Christian news.net* (3/1/14)—"Judge rules 'religious' veterans monument as unconstitutional endorsement of Christianity." A federal judge in California has ruled that a veterans' monument that includes the symbol of the cross is an unconstitutional endorsement of Christianity. The city council of Lake Elsinore unanimously approved the creation of the monument in November 2012, which was to be erected in Diamond Stadium. The 5-0 vote followed a public hearing where over 100 residents attended to voice their opinion, mainly in support of the display. The 6-foot granite monument was met with disapproval by atheist groups and others who asserted that

one aspect of its design went too far. The monument, which declares, "In honor of our brave men and women who by their service give life to our most precious gift — freedom," also depicts a soldier kneeling before a row of cemetery markers in the shape of a cross. A Star of David is also featured on the display, as well as an American flag and a soaring eagle. In a lawsuit filed by the American Humanist Association (AHA) on behalf of residents Diana Hansen and John Larsen, the organization contended that the crosses on the monument clearly were representative of Christianity and therefore were inappropriate for a public memorial. Last July, U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson agreed with the atheist association and issued a temporary injunction against its installment.

This Los Angeles court decision brings to my mind the New Jersey-based American Atheists group (8/24/13) which threatened to sue the town of Princeton if it allowed the placement of a piece of a steel beam retrieved from the world Trade Center with a cross cut out of it to be placed on public property as part of a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 World trade Center – charging the Christian symbol's public display is "grossly offensive" to its members. America as a nation has rejected God who established us as the leading democracy of the West. Atheists are actively and successfully using the courts in their anti-God campaign.

Email (Israel)--Daniel 11:2 mentions about "A raiser of taxes" A new controversial global tax has been instituted, for information sharing has been introduced by the "organization for economic corporation and development (OECD). Inspired by a U.S. tax scheme that was adopted as the foreign account tax compliance act (FATCA), the OECD tax scheme was funded by U.S. taxpayers as sort of a Global Taxman. If and when it goes into effect, governments worldwide will have instant access to all of people's most sensitive financial records, such as, bank accounts, assets, income insurance, interest paid, capital gains, property ownership, investments, sale of real estate and more items of interest to the global taxman. Financial privacy will be a thing of the past. Compliance cost is expected to be massive for national governments, taxpayers and consumers. The repercussions for Americans citizens inside and outside of the U.S.A. will be affected by these new devastating and draconian laws, as well as, for people around the world will be crushing. Critics are warning of economic devastation when it happens. The global tax will only benefit the global political insiders at the expense of the taxpayer. Machinations are starting to force U.S. financial institutions to report on people's financial data records. Analysts expect major problems for U.S. banking when foreigners begin to take their capital and flee the U.S.A." Who will get taxed the most? Those who have the most will be taxed to help those who have less or nothing. It is called income redistribution. (Prophecy in the News: Globalist unveil new world tax regime, 2/21/14).

*Email* (Israel)—"Where is the German gold? (Paul Rosenberg: free-man's perspective (2/2014). In the year 2012, the German Central Bank said to the Federal Reserve, we want to see all of our gold – all 1,536 tons of it as soon as possible that was stored in your bank for safety during the cold war. The Federal Reserve said, you aren't allowed to see your gold and the Germans aren't very happy about what the Feds are doing to them. The Germans suspect that the Feds are up to no good. There is a rumor that the Feds are using the gold from other nations as collateral for loans and using the same bullion of gold many times over for different loans, this trick is called "*rehypothecation*" or maybe the Feds just sold all of the gold years ago. About ten years ago I

sent you an extra copy of a newsletter by Noah Hutchings, *Prophetic Observer* by the title "Where the Yellow Went" (Jan. 2007), vol. 14, no 1. The article suggested that Fort Knox had no gold in its vaults."

*Personalliberty.com* –"Is Obama Accelerating the Collapse of America? Wayne Allyn Root (2.20.14). In his book *The Ultimate Obama Survival Guide*, released in spring 2014, Root calls Barack Obama a "stealth Marxist" out to destroy capitalism and make Americans dependent on government. "This wasn't just guess work. Obama and I were classmates at Columbia University, where we were taught how to overwhelm the system until the economy collapses with spending, debt and entitlements. In my book, I called Obamacare the perfect "Trojan Horse" that would cause it to happen. The week of February 20 was a week of unimaginable destruction. The cloak is off. Obama is no longer hiding his plans to destroy America for anyone who has their eyes open. Why this sudden rush to accelerate the destruction of America? Now that the disastrous effects of Obamacare are clear for voters to see, and internal polls show the Democrats are headed for a November landslide defeat. Pulling strings behind the scene without regard for the law, the Constitution or the American people he has taken off the mask and decided to do the most damage possible to America during his final three years—a man of the New World Order."

Consider the facts. "This week the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office finally reported the truth: Obamacare is the perfect job-killing machine. Millions of people have already been downsized from full-time to part-time work, and now we know from the CBO that an additional 2.3 million jobs will be eliminated. This is exactly what Obamacare was intended to do: destroy the middle class of America. When CBO pointed out that Obamacare makes it less likely millions of Americans will want to work, they called it "choice". Obama propagandists painted it a wonderful development. Letting middle-class wage earners and small businesses pay for all those who want to be freed from the need to work, so they can enjoy their free time and pursue their hobbies isn't "choice". It's theft."

"It's time to stop being politically correct and treading lightly. This is communism, pure and simple. Anyone who thinks the American dream is to choose to stay home, not work and collect a government check is reading directly from Karl Marx. Anyone who thinks some people should have a 'choice' not to work, by stealing the money of others is reading directly from *The Communist Manifesto*."

God's way is serving and giving, done through the way of working and creating, doing and accomplishing. We are to be productive not a just a consuming narcissistic society.

Root says "that was only the start of the week. Next, Obama illegally rewrote his own Obamacare law – *again*. Mimicking the traits of communist dictators, Obama obviously believes he can change any law he wants, at any given hour, of any given day. As part of the new illegal Obamacare directive to postpone the law for businesses with 50 to 99 employees, Obama put the Internal Revenue Service in direct control of critical U.S. business decisions. He demanded that businesses must "justify" hiring and firing decisions to the IRS to qualify for the exemption. Putting government in charge of the decisions of a private business is the very foundation of communism. It is how communist economies like North Korea, Cuba, the old USSR and East Germany have always been run." People just go along, thinking that it will all be straightened out by the American public by the next election in 2016. Have you considered there may not be another election in 2016 if there is an economic crisis in 2015—even in America?

"To show his total distain for Congress and the American people, Obama unilaterally loosened the rules for citizenship to allow foreigners with only a "minor" connection to terrorism to become citizens. There is no such thing as a "minor" terrorist. Why is our President desperate to open the borders and let in "minor" terrorists? It's not like we have a surplus of jobs. What is the pressing need in a country with 92 million unemployed working-age Americans? Has corporate America put out an emergency request for "minor" terrorist employees? Or is this how Obama creates instant Democratic voters? Obama no longer cares to hide his radical Marxist ideology and Muslim — a man no longer hiding the fact that he is a hater of America, capitalism and Judeo- Christian values."

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-3**—"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;<sup>3</sup> Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." The Thessalonian church was doing a work and labor of love. Christ came here to this earth to do the work of God the Father, and finish that work—a spiritual work, prophesying, being a "watchman on the wall." John 5:17 (NIV) - Jesus answered them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." The Lord saw how great the wickedness of man on the earth had become and that every intent of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth and his heart was filled with pain (Genesis 6:5-8). "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beat, creeping thing and bird of the air, for I am grieved that I have made them. But Noah, a just man, was perfect in his generations and found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Most people do not pay attention or listen to the watchman on the wall. "Noah did everything that God said do."

The *Book of Jasher* (pages 10-11) relates the following. God told Noah to tell the people, "return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you so that it shall not come to pass. I will give you *120 years*: if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then I will also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist." "Peradventure they may turn from their evil ways and I will then repent of the evil and will not bring it." "Noah spoke all the words of the Lord to the sons of men, day after day, constantly speaking to them. But the sons of men were stiffed necked and would not listen to him. It was after this that the Lord commanded Noah to make a large ark in the place where God had commanded him and gave him all the specifications. Noah was 590 years old at that time and got right to building the boat which took him five years in the middle of dry land as God had told him to do." People mocked, jeered and laughed at him with disbelief when he warned them judgment was coming from God and that God was going to judge the world for its sins and all the earth would be covered with water if they did not repent of their evil works.

**Genesis 6** and **7**—"Every living substance which was upon the face of the ground, people, cattle, creeping things, fowls of the heaven, were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those with him in the ark remained alive."

2 Thessalonians 2:14—"for you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, <sup>15</sup> who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men." 1 Thessalonians 3:2-4; 6-10; 12 -13—"that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.<sup>4</sup> For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. <sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you—<sup>7</sup> therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith.<sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord." <sup>9</sup> For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?"<sup>12</sup> "And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, <sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints."

As ministers of God we are greatly pleased when we see God's people standing fast in the Lord, being faithful and strong. **1 Thessalonians 4:1-2; 9**—"Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should *abound more and more* just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; <sup>2</sup> for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus." This something for us all to pray about, that we today will abound more in faith, love and joy and be pleasing to God in these things. <sup>9</sup> "But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; <sup>10</sup> and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you *increase more and more*; <sup>10</sup> and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia."

Brethren, I honestly think that we have a church where there is a lot of love. I see it in the eyes of the people and in their countenances, their emails and phone calls, requests for prayers of healing, and a lot of praying for each other. Like Paul encouraged the Thessalonians, "I pray that that you will abound and increase more and more in faith, love and hope. <sup>11</sup>Aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, <sup>12</sup> that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing"—spiritually and physically.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-15**—<sup>"13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus (dead in Christ).<sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the

Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> 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 in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore **comfort one another with these words.**"

Paul then gives a final warning—a warning that applies directly to this age and the end times. **1Thessalonians 5:1**—"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are neither of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.<sup>11</sup> Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."

Someone recently questioned me on the meaning of the word *generation*. "What do you say a generation really is? Doesn't the Bible say a generation is 40 years?" He then quoted Numbers chapters13 and 14 about the generation that God punished in the wilderness for 40 years. The men sent into Canaan were gone 40 days to spy out the land which God was giving Israel (the Promised Land), and brought back an evil report. "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." Israel blamed Moses and Aaron. The congregation wept, cried, and mourned and refused to enter Canaan.

**Numbers14**: **29** – "The carcasses of you who have complained against me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup> Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall

by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. <sup>31</sup> But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised.<sup>33</sup> And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness." **Numbers 14:44** — "According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, *namely* forty years, and you shall know My rejection." Does this passage prove that a generation is 40 years? It does not prove to me that a generation is 40 years. What about the generation that was before the flood? Adam lived 960 years. The men before the flood lived for centuries. Adam was created about 4000 B.C. The flood was in 2350 B.C. That's about 1,750 years and there was ten generations between Adam and Noah. Dividing 1,750 by 10 made a generation 175 years. So this makes a generation before the flood almost 200 years, if one wants to look at it that way. **Psalm 90:9** –"for all our days have passed away in your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> The days of our lives *are* seventy years; and if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years." How do you define the term "a generation"? There is no hard and fast number in the Bible as exactly what a generation is. It basically means the life span of a man. I would say in this generation. So if we count from the time Israel was again born as a nation in the land of Ancient Judea the generation of 1948 + 70 years is 2018 and 1948 + 80 years is 2028 A.D. So brethren, this is why I say we cannot be dogmatic about it. We know approximately, by looking at the signs around us that we are living in the end-time generation.

The fig tree is taken to represent the Jewish people and Israel. **Matthew 24:32**—"Now learn this parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near." Israel was newly planted in 1948 as a nation (fig tree) in the Middle East and has grown to 8,081,000. It has since, been blossoming as an industrialized country with sophisticated research development and hi-tech processes, tools, and machinery and made strides internationally in the fields of medical electronics, agro-technology, fine chemicals, telecommunications, computer hardware and soft-wear. Israel is a major exporter of fresh produce to Europe including fruits (citrus, avocado, and grapes), vegetables (sweet peppers, tomatoes, potato, melons, and sweet potato), ornamentals (cut flowers, potted plants, propagation material) and herbs. Israel is a world-leader in agricultural technologies despite the fact only 20% of the land area is naturally arable, and the climate and lack of water resources do not favor farming. Beside field crops, vegetables, fruit and dates, giant citrus groves (10,000 acres) have been planted in the Negev (northern part) and Arava deserts. Israel produces 95% of its own food requirements, supplementing this with imports of grain, oilseeds, meat, coffee, cocoa and sugar.

I received an email from a man challenging my comment that Israel (parable of the fig tree) has born much fruit since becoming a nation in 1948. He said, "What *kind* of fruit has Israel produced? Certainly not any spiritual fruit!" There are many kinds of fruit. All fruit is not spiritual fruit. The nation of Israel has prospered and become successful. Its people are contributing vastly to the world economy as you see in the paragraph above—brilliant fruit. But not much spiritual fruit is evident. Israel is just as spiritually corrupt as America and the rest of the world, if not more so. The kind of fruit I am talking about is the fruit of productivity of accomplishments in science, technology and agriculture which Israel has produced in great measure. Let's not deny them the fact that they are very creative and have produced a lot of fruit. And when they are converted, they will begin to produce spiritual fruit.

The Apostle Paul is telling us today just as he told the Thessalonians that the coming of Messiah is going to catch people by surprise. **1 Thessalonians 5: 2-11**—"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so **comes as a thief in the night**. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace

and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are neither of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet—the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

Paul does not mean that the coming of Christ will be invisible. Darkness may be all around a thief, but people are asleep in the house and are unaware when the thief enters. The world is asleep. The Day of the Lord is the <u>day</u> of his coming and intervention in world affairs. Peter speaks of the Day of the Lord being a thousand years, speaking of the Millennium—the thousand year reign of Christ. But during this night-time at the end of this age, when people will say *peace and safety* and sudden destruction comes upon them like labor pains of a pregnant woman, they shall not escape. This is going to come upon the entire world. There is no promise of the saints *being taken to heaven* to escape it. The promise of God will protect his people in the wilderness or wherever they may be if they are following His commands and wisdom. Above all, if we love him with all our heart, mind and soul and are serving him, **Psalms 91** says:

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, *"He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

<sup>3</sup> Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler<sup>[a]</sup>
 And from the perilous pestilence.
 <sup>4</sup> He shall cover you with His feathers,

And under His wings you shall take refuge;

His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup> You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,

Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> Nor of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; *But* it shall not come near you.
<sup>8</sup> Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place,
 <sup>10</sup> No evil shall befall you,

Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

<sup>11</sup> For He shall give His angels charge over you,

To keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> In *their* hands they shall bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,

The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;

I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

<sup>15</sup> He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him,

And show him My salvation."

**Revelation 3:7-13** –Philadelphia means **brotherly love**. "To the angel of the Philadelphia church these things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": <sup>8</sup> "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept my word, and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup> Because you <u>have kept my command to persevere</u>, I also <u>will keep you</u> from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup> Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. <sup>12</sup> He <u>who overcomes</u>, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* my new name.<sup>13</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Brethren, you know the signs of the Day of the Lord and are not in darkness about the will of God. You do not know the exact day or year, but you do not have to be taken by surprise and that Day overtake you as a thief. You are the sons of the day and of light. We are not sons of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as others are sleeping. Let us watch vigilantly and stay sober. That is, exercise self-control. Be alert and watchful. Guard yourself (mind and soul). Be observing. For those who sleep, sleep at night. Those who are drunk get drunk in the night. Let us of the day of the church of God and his servants (believers) put on the **breastplate** of *faith and love* that guards the heart. And wear as a **helmet** the *hope of salvation*. In this world what we have promised *is survival*, not riches and wealth, not property, but survival, if we keep continually focused on Messiah.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**—"for God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we

should live together with Him. <sup>12</sup> And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.<sup>14</sup> Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. Wives be patient with your husbands. Husbands be patient with your wives. You both need each other's patience. We are all one in Christ.<sup>15</sup> See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for **this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies. <sup>21</sup> *Test all things; hold fast what is good.* <sup>22</sup> *Abstain from every form of evil.*"

<sup>\*</sup>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. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it.*"

Brethren, pray for us. Help one another, and pray for one another. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen!