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Peace, Peace, But There Is No Peace!

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SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, MEN HAVE SOUGHT PEACE. But war has prevailed all over the known world. Countries against other countries; races against other races; dictators, in league with the devil against people without hope and means of escape. Political regimes warring for power and self gratification. New weapon discovery increases, as the ink dries on each new treaty for disarmament. There seems to never be a massacre or annihilation of any people so horrible that someone or some country will not use it to enforce its desires on others or to seize possession of that which they have not earned nor deserve. Yet men still cry "peace! peace!", as they did in the Prophet Jeremiah's day (Jer 4:14); but as Patrick Henry so eloquently stated, "There is no peace". "Why stand we here idle?"

The great and final war is predicted in the Bible, prior to the last return of Jesus Christ to our planet. A final holocaust! Military alliances have failed; leagues of nations have failed; there is no balance of power among nations. The book of Daniel in the Bible clearly teaches about four major powers (Daniel 2nd. Ch.), that will engage in actual military encounters. Daniel 7:7-8 describes the final kingdom of this world, before the return of Christ. A little horn (or king) will conquer three world powers and establish himself as king and

will war with the Saints of God; NO PEACE. Daniel 7:21,22). All these prophecies have taken place except the last. The Anti-christ, that "Man of Sin", has not yet appeared. This man may not as yet be born, but we believers i God and His plan know that Anti-christ is coming and there will be no peace.

We are not to fear for God will control this final war for the souls of men. (Ezek. 38:19,20,22). Earthquakes are already apparent; will there be a nuclear holocaust as well? Who knows? But our hope remains intact, for we know the prophecies of the last war for peace on earth. Rev. 16:14,16).

According to John, the slaughter will be so great that the blood of the slain will rise to the height of a horse's bridle. (Rev 14:20), Zech. 14:1-3,9, describes this battle, brought about by men unable to solve their own problems, even by former conflicts. At the end of Zechariah's description, we find these words "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name ONE".

Christians (believers) should not expect peace or even again, plenty; but they should be sober, watchful; assuming a waiting attitude; not swayed by religious rhetoric; not swayed by organizations or Churches that seem to follow Christ, by aiding the poor, while expounding the rights of groups that have no connection with the righteousness of God. believers must be rooted in the teaching of Jesus; servants to each other and the

poor who are always with us. We must be able to easily recognize the agents of satan; the prideful; the greedy; the manipulator; the liar; the abuser of the young; the glory seeker; the self-worshiper; the buyers and sellers of flesh.

Believers must, at all cost, hold on to their NEW NATURE, thereby securing our new life which transformed our old destructive nature. All those who have not received Jesus Christ as the Messiah, as the Savior of the world, have only to ask Him, thereby, escaping the final war. The Bible tells us that "God is in His heaven...All's well with the world!"

The world has a choice...believe or not believe. The idea of God's wrath and judgement is not very popular, yet in my opinion, it is the only view of the final war between God and men that has any real logic to it. Christ is coming in Grace for those who believe in Him. God's judgement is real, logical and sure. God's judgements span more than a thousand years (John 2:4; 7:30; 17:1; 8:20; 13:1; 16:32; 12:23,27. Christ's "hour" cannot be fixed, but comes as a thief in the night, fixed at some time in the future. 1) There will be judgement of believers. 2) judgement on the earth. 3) A judgement of the beast and the false prophet. 4) A judgement of Gentile Nations. 5) A judgement of Israel. 6) A final judgement of Satan; and 7) the final judgement of all unbelievers at the great White Throne.

The alternative to destruction is

not a secret, but clearly revealed in 1 Cor. 3:12-15. We must "all appear before the judgment seat of Christ for what we've done in our bodies (flesh), whether it be good or bad". Romans 14:10. Believers will not be separated from Christ at this judgement...but shall be saved; rewarded for our works and saved by fire.

Psalms 2, tells us to "be wise, now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish from THE WAY when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they who put their trust in him. Hell is as real as war, starvation, cancer, AIDS, etc..It is the logical end to man's selfishness and sin. If you would avoid hell, then come to the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "There is, therefore, now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1. 2 Chronicles says, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. Now unto Him who giveth peace and love; "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 1;24-25.

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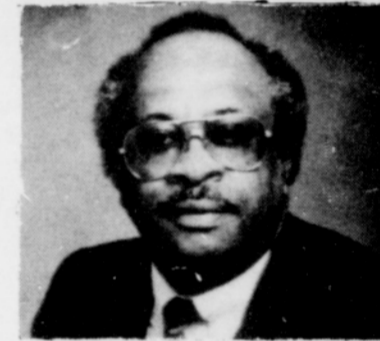
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Correction!!!

February 23, 1994 Issue, "Jackson: Humanitarian, Friend, Pastor, Drum Major For Justice", Front page story, continued on Page A3 a gross error was quoted. "... Rev. Thomas Strayhand, deceased pastor of Allen Temple CME Church..." It is with great apology and sincere regret that we printed such an error and incorrect information. Rev. Thomas Strayhand is truly alive and not deceased. This fact was given to us most graciously by his daughter. Thank you for telling us. Please accept our apology.

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