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Signs Of The Times

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Those who believe in Jesus Christ, the Anointed son of the Living God, are fully aware of the signs of the coming again of this same Jesus who sacrificed himself, upon a cross, for a sinful world; whose death, burial and resurrection paid the penalty, the wages of disobedience (sin) to the Will of God, the Father. There are apparent, in these times in which we now live, physical signs, social signs and religious signs, that make significant man's social responsibility, sorrows, strengths, sufferings, temptations and victories in this life.

Physical signs: **Isaiah ch. 34:** Isaiah Ch 35:1-2: Let the earth hear! for the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations and his fury upon all their armies. **VS 5,** For the Lord's sword shall be bathed in heaven; behold it shall come down upon Idumea, (ie) a place; Herod, the Great, King of the Jews from 37 to 4 BCE was an Idomean, Ancient descendent of EDOM. Physical signs are stated thus: A great slaughter shall come

in the land of Idumea; the bullocks and the bulls, the unicorns shall be slaughtered with them. Streams shall be turned to pitch (tar), the dust shall be as brimstone; the whole land shall become burning pitch; an accurate description of the wastes of nuclear war. Thorns shall claim dwelling places; Owls, wild beast and vultures shall gather in this waste and comfort through the promise of the flourishing of the beast of the fields and the birds of the air and the blossoming of flowers in this waste land. **Isaiah Ch. 35** tells us to strengthen ourselves for God will save us. The Way of Holiness will be established. The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and only the redeemed shall walk there. **Ezekiel 36:30** There shall be no more famine. Believers are told to prophesy of these things. Physical signs: A great army from the north shall come against Israel, so that ungodly men may see the power of God. Physical signs: **Daniel Ch. 11,** A king shall rise and exalt himself (anti-christ) above every god; he will have no desire for women,

and he will honor forces, (violence); He shall bring forth strange gods, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory; he shall war against and have power over Egypt, Libyans and Ethiopians. These are the physical signs of the end, when Michael, a great prince, shall stand up for the people of God.

Social signs: **Matthew 27:5-7;** "Nations shall rise against nations, false teachers famine, pestilence, earthquakes, persecution of Christians, hatred children against parents, men, lovers of themselves; Great signs and wonders (by men) shall come to pass; Mothers killing their children, etc. These are the days of tribulation and except they be shortened, no flesh would be saved." These signs are coming to pass even as I write. **Matt. 24:22-24.** Luke 21: "Men shall die of fear, who have no anchor in Christ, the Anointed." When we see these things come to pass, we know that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand." **Yet, the intellectual, the proud, the non-believer persists in vain things, holding to the false**

notions that man is God and able to do all things. **Luke 21:25-26:** "There shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, the sea and the waves shall roar." **2nd. Thess. Ch. 2:** "Let no man deceive you for the day (the end) shall not come until there be a falling away of believers (following after vain fleshly things) and that man of sin, the son of perdition be revealed." **James 5th Ch.:** Social signs: The rich shall weep and howl for the suffering that comes upon them; because they have lived in pleasure on this earth, wantonly pursuing the lusts of the flesh; they have condemned and killed the just; their gold and silver is cankered; their riches are corrupted, and their garments are moth-eaten. Men having relationships with other men, mother's with sons and father's with daughters. Men debate and fight over abortion rights and assisted every imagination of the thoughts of the heart are an evil continually. **Ezekiel 34:** God will search out his sheep and will deliver them. **Matt. 24:37-39:** As the days of No'e were, so shall the

coming of the Son of man be. Religious signs: **Mark 7:21,23:** Out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness. All these evil things come from within man. **Luke 17:28-30:** Likewise in the days of Lot, men ate, drank, bought and sold, They Builded and Planted: Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. **Luke 21:28:** And when these signs begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads, for your redemption draws nigh. **2nd. Timothy 3:1-5:** In the last day perilous times shall come. Men shall have a form of godliness, but denying the power of God; From Such Turn Away. **Rev. 9:2:** Neither do they repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of the abominable;...and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters, and all liars

shall have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone. These are the social signs and the religious signs and the physical signs of the end of time. **Rev. 22:12-13:** Behold, I come quickly, my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be, saith the Lord. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **Rev. 22:16:** I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches. I am the root of the offspring of David and the bright and morning star. **Rev. 22:4-5:** and we (believers) shall see His face, and His Name shall be in our foreheads. **Rev. 21:** In a new heaven and a new earth shall be the throne of God. **Rev. Ch. 21,22:** In the Holy City of a new Jerusalem, there shall be no night there; and they (we) need no candle, neither light of the sun for the Lord God giveth light; And they (we) shall reign forever and ever. These are the signs; Behold, I come quickly, saith the Lord.

Rev. Denise Bell To Keynote OACWC Awards Luncheon

The Oregon Association Of Colored Women's Clubs will hold their Annual State Meeting Friday through Sunday, June 17-19, 1994.

The convention theme/is Seeking Contemporary Solutions To Old Challenges" with focus on the pressing societal problems: Health Care, Crime, Drug Abuse, Housing, Teen Age Pregnancies and Housing Inequities. The theme is being addressed by all National Association of Colored Women's Clubs of which OACWC is an affiliate.

Opening session will be Friday evening at the Pacific Power Community Service Center. Workshop focus will relate to the NACWC National Project: "Strengthening The Afro-American Family--Dispelling Myths About Health Care in the African-American Community." Awareness and Prevention of HIV/Aids will be addressed by Mrs. Carrie L. Holiday, National Co-Chairman.

The Rev. Denise Bell, Senior Pastor, Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland, will be the Keynote speaker for the Annual Awards Luncheon, Saturday, June 18, 1994, 12:00 Noon at the Coliseum Red Lion Inn, 1225 N. Thunderbird Way. Rev. Bell is a graduate of Kean College, New Jersey where she obtained her B.A. in Public Administration. She received her Master of Divinity Degree from the Denver Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado, majoring in Counseling. She was ordained at the Park Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Denver, in 1988. She became Associate Pastor at Mallory Avenue Christian Church in 1989 and called as Mallory's Senior Pastor in 1991. Partnership with oth-



Rev. Denise Bell

ers to be agents of change in the church and the larger community is reflected in her service on many committees and boards.

Other luncheon features will include: the Annual Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors, Club Women of the Year Awards and Arts and Crafts Awards. Special program presentation will be by the Soldiers Of Light Girl's Club, Ms. Heather Cain, President, Mrs. Queen Ann Deloney, State Supervisor, Miss Kimberly Barney, the NACWC National Penny Queen, 1992-94 and Miss Celeste Calvin, N.W. Region Penny Queen contestant will be presented. Music will be by vocalist Mr. Sam Jackson, III.

The State Meeting concludes Sunday with the Annual Group Church Visitation, this year to be Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary Harrison is State President. Mrs. Layola Brown, First Vice-

President, Convention Coordinator and Mrs. Lillian Whitlow, Second Vice President, Program Chairman. The Awards Luncheon. Call 281-2361.

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North Portland Bible College is offering two classes in its Summer Session, starting, June 21: The Book of Romans, taught by Rev. Denise Bell of Mallory Avenue Christian Church, and Highlights of Church History, taught by NPBC Librarian, Elizabeth Nance. Class sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., June 21 through July 21.

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