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Dear Brethren:

Since Spring has arrived, let us convey a very special warm, Spring-like greetings to you all. We hope and pray that your weather is as warm and mild as ours is at the present. Flowers are blooming everywhere. Trees are well on the way to a graceful umbrella look. Human spirits always soar at this time of the year. What a time to represent the new life which God has promised to those who will obey Him.

CURRENT EVENTS

Taxation: Politicians have not gotten the message yet. They are incessantly talking about adding or increasing taxes. At the same time the tax revolt is growing by leaps and bounds. Citizens have finally learned that legislative avenues mean absolutely nothing. Whatever the brand of politics, the end result is the same, heavier taxes and more control over their lives. Realizing this, many are now resorting to moves which they can personally make. Even those who still use the legislative means to achieve their ends are demanding a more direct part in any legislation which directly affects their lives.

From all appearances, and from what we are reading, a real tax revolution is on its way. We may be seeing some of the preparation essential to the fulfillment of many of the terrible catastrophes prophesied for these last days. Just remember, there is always the groundwork preparation before the reality of the event.

Education: Changes are occurring at an accelerated pace. Many areas are attempting to establish "International Schools," especially at the secondary level. These schools will teach from a one-world perspective. Nationalism will be eliminated entirely.

At the same time the world education philosophy is gaining strength, the deterioration of all moral values continues. In the sense of real basic education, schooling today is a farce. All parents who care about what their children are absorbing through the medium of classroom instruction had better be aware of what is transpiring. Parents need to take the time to find out what their children are being

taught. Then, they should take measures to counteract this insidious propaganda by a concerted effort in the home.

Control: In subtle ways, usually with a facade of social value, restrictive legislation and directives are being established. When mankind finally comes to its senses, it will be too late for it to do anything about the restrictions being imposed. However, generally speaking, these losses of freedom are coming as a direct curse from God because this nation has refused to obey Him. God is using the Babylonian system of these last days to punish His people, as well as all peoples around the world. Those who know and understand the Truth will be restricted, too, but due to the fact they will be able to see into the future, based on the promises of God, they will not worry themselves unduly because of these problems. It will not be easy to maintain a tranquil and peaceful mind through these tragic times. But, we must manifest the faith necessary to gain entrance into the promised Kingdom of God at the return of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES

Israel and the Church: Major problems and questions are arising. The subject itself is not under question. The problems lie within the "proof" employed by organizations which have written about and tainted the whole subject. We cannot use material created out of whole cloth. Most proof presented is obviously the machinations, mentally, of those who had a concept and then set about proving it.

We have pretty well decided to use only the Bible as the basis of our presentation and add substantiated historical evidence. This approach may prove to be more interesting anyway. The promises of God as well as Biblical statements about Israel are the strongest proof. Those promises must be realized. God bound Himself inexorably to perform the conditions of the agreements between Himself and the patriarchs.

GENERAL WORK

Record Album: The three-record album of "The Song of Moses" is now available. For those who can make a special contribution, it will be greatly appreciated. We would like to keep our musical program alive. But, we want all to know that the records are available, even if you cannot contribute. This is another way by which we can serve you.

Passover Cantata: Enclosed in this letter will be the Passover Cantata. It is the first of the cantatas which are being written to reflect the meaning of all God's Holy Days. We hope you will enjoy it. Just remember, music which is of any value must reflect the meaning of

words and the occasion. Passover is a very sobering occasion. Other cantatas will reflect the beauty and awe-inspiring intent of God regarding the salvation of man.

As long as God supplies sufficient working capital, the tapes are given freely. We want you to have them and to enjoy the music.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

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Funeral services were held March 28 for Buell Burke who died at the age of 78. He was the husband of Grace Burke and the father of Jerry and Trudy Burke. We offer our condolences and prayers for the loss of a husband and father.

Economic crisis in the Church: Please remember the needs here in the office. Ostensibly the economy is improving in the United States. But, we seem to have greater need than when going through the depth of the depression a couple of years ago. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

I am always reluctant to say anything about money. Several of you have asked to be kept informed.

General economic condition of the brethren: Please continue to pray that God will sustain and grant that His chosen servants may be able to provide for their families. The economic condition is not good.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

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FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

Eastern Ohio area: An addendum to the information given in the last Announcement Letter. The First High Day of Unleavened Bread will be observed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sainato. Only a PM service will be conducted. Mr. George Leeman will be there.

Address and telephone number are as follows: 9147 Struthers Road; New Middleton, Ohio 44442. Telephone number is (216) 542-2769.

Time of service will be 1:30 PM unless other information has been or will be given locally.

A summary of the requirements for new Feast of Tabernacles sites is now available to any who request it and are interested in locating new potential Feast sites. Please simply request the information for locating new Feast sites.

TRIPS

From April 12-30 Mrs. Christine Engel and I will be in Switzerland. We will observe Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread with the brethren from France and Switzerland.

Sabbath of April 7 -- Mr. Bryce Clark will be in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Mr. Rick Cartier may proceed to make whatever arrangements are necessary.

May 5 -- Mr. Bryce Clark will be in Nashville, Tennessee. On May 12, Mr. Clark will be in Dallas, Texas. Responsible men in those two areas may proceed to make necessary arrangements.

May 19 -- Mr. Bryce Clark will be in Rancho Cordova, California, for the Sabbath service. This is one of our regularly scheduled trips to that area.

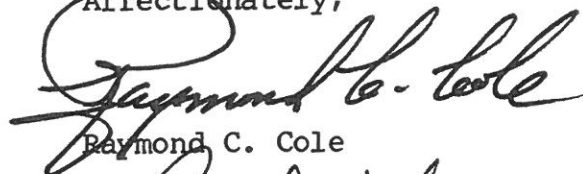
Other trips will be announced in the May Announcement Letter.

COMMENTS -- LETTERS

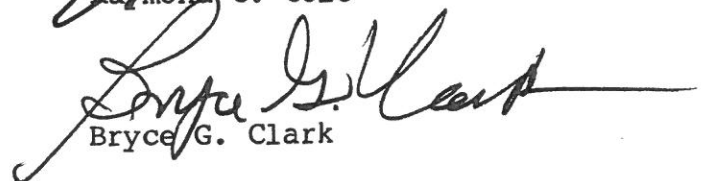
Recently we have learned that considerable theft is occurring in the Post Office. This indicates two things should be done. First, it is probably best not to send cash. The chances of theft are too great. Second, make sure you balance your checkbooks, and see that your checks are coming back through. Where theft occurs, the checks are usually shredded and destroyed. Without checking your accounts, you possibly would never be aware of this happening to you, if such ever did.

Warmest affection and regards to you all. We remember you in our prayers and do hope that you remember us in yours.

Affectionately,



Raymond C. Cole



Bryce G. Clark