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Dear Brethren,

Warmest greetings once again. Spring is just around the corner. With it comes the commencement of God's Holyday season once again. Is there anyone not looking forward to another opportunity to partake of Passover—before the prophesied time of intense human suffering? Christ said, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer . . ." (Luke 22:15). Should we not likewise gloriously anticipate this coming Passover?

Spiritual Principle/Current Event: Multi-culturalism—The Destruction of a People

The basis for any beginning is the beginning itself. In this case the beginning and the ending are God (Rev. 1:8; 22:13). That God is a purposeful Being. He is the Creator and Maker of this earth (Psa. 89:11; 115:15). As the Creator He is, also, King over all the earth (Psa. 2:2; 24:1; 47:2, 7). All things belong to Him. He can do with His Creation whatever He pleases. Just what did God have in mind?

With a broad sweep, the Eternal's purpose for human beings, a part of that creation, was clearly indicated by Paul. In Acts 17:26 we are clearly informed that although all men have a common bloodline, God intended the establishment of specific nationalities. They all came from Adam and Eve.

As a responsibility, God gave to man a charge—a charge over all the earth (Psa. 115:16). Man had two options. To care for this earth according to His (God's) instructions or to abuse it by doing that which he (man) thinks is right. The way of man is called Babylonianism. What is Babylonianism?

In Genesis 10 we may read of the division of peoples into their respective families and ultimately nations—all occurring after the Noachian flood. Notice the beginning of a "notable" system in verses 8–10. Nimrod commenced an empire which was destined to exist until the second coming of Christ. What was the underlying purpose for the establishment

of that kingdom? (Gen. 11:1–9) Men desired to "unify" the human race under a man-conceived concept so they could retain their supposed power, image, and control. To block this design God confused the languages and scattered the people (Gen. 11:8–9).

In this scattering God played an integral part. For reason, He set the bounds (boundaries) of all nations of the earth (Psa. 74:17). Compare other usages of the Hebrew word *gebuwlah* (feminine). The meaning, a boundary, region. In Numbers 20:21 we read, "Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his *border* . . ." Numbers 21:13 reads: ". . . for Arnon [a river] is the *border* of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites." And, finally, in Deuteronomy 12:20 we read, ". . . When the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy *border*, as he hath promised thee . . ."

With the above definition in mind, let us carefully consider Deuteronomy 32:8. It reads, "When the Most High divided to the *nations* their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the *bounds* of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." The division of the nations comes from God. Who will contend with Him? That division was made for the purpose of allocating inheritance. And lastly, those assignments were granted on the basis of God's intended future purpose for His people, Israel.

The civil conditions which prevailed in the times of Noah and Lot typify the time of Christ's return (Matt. 24:37–39, II Pet. 2:4–8). What were the conditions like in the days of Noah? Marriage and its true meaning were totally perverted. As had been the case prior to the flood the people were partying—obsessed with frivolity, leisure, and license—living lives of contempt, insincerity, and utter abandon—heedlessness. They were living as though reality was never going to catch up with them. See story in Genesis 6:1–13. Is anything more profoundly manifest today than that very orientation? As we observe the march of history we will realize more and more the closeness of that ultimate time. The time when God again must intervene to keep men from destroying themselves—totally. Perversion must have reached far and wide. When God looked upon humankind He found only one man, his wife, and family living acceptably (Gen. 6:9).

The Hebrew word for generations is *towledah*. It is defined as: decent, that is, family; figuratively history. *Towledah* comes from the Hebrew word *yalad*. It is a primitive root, meaning to bear young, causatively to beget. The Hebrew word for perfect (v. 9) is *tamiym*. It is defined as entire, also an integrity, truth. It is used in the Hebrew Scriptures as: without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely, sincerity, sound, without spot, undefiled, upright, uprightly, and whole. The word comes from *tamam*, a primitive root, meaning to complete. Biblical usage is most revealing. God's work is perfect (Deut. 32:4). God's way is perfect (II Sam. 22:31). How God wants us to serve Him (II Chron. 28:9). At one time Lucifer was perfect in heart (Ezek. 28:15). The preceding is sufficient to give us a good understanding of the word's meaning in Genesis 6:9. There was no intermarriage in

Noah's family. He was perfect in his pedigree. All others seemingly married whomsoever they pleased (Gen. 6:2).

If God was responsible for the creation of races, did He intend that devious and rebellious man have the right to mongeralize the races? Of course not.

What were conditions like in the days of Lot? The story is found in Genesis 19. What unbelievably crazed human passions—influenced and driven by Satan and his demons—will do to men! There is no respect or honor for others. Terming them animalistic is an insult to animals. Even when blinded—all of them, a miracle of extraordinary dimension—they were driven by that inflamed passion. They had no rule over heart or mind. And of more serious consequence, even those who had every reason to know and understand—acting on the basis of logic and knowledge—mocked, ridiculed, and held in contempt the servant of God who was trying to warn and help them. Tragically, Jesus Christ said that just such conditions will again prevail in these last days, leading to the day of His second coming.

For you to have the whole picture of what is happening, we must take at least three issues of this letter to explain. We have determined what page limits we want used month by month. A serial approach to the subjects we want to cover should pose no problem. Such an approach is used routinely in the publication world. Thanks for understanding. For us, one subject is not covered until it is thoroughly explained. More to come.

Births

A daughter was born to Kevin and Rena Allen on February 19. The baby weighed six and one-half pounds and is named Rae Lynn Allen. All are doing fine.

Office

We have a large supply of "Song of Moses" albums and programs. We wish to make them available to any of you who are interested in having some copies, as well as to all of your friends. Please make your request as soon as possible as we need the storage space for other uses.

A reminder once again of the upcoming telephone area code change for this section of Oregon. Beginning in June of 1996 the new area code will be 541, a change from the present 503, though both numbers can be used until June.

Trip Schedule

March 16	C. California	B.G.C.
March 30	Austin	R.C.C.
April 3, 4, 6	Austin	R.C.C.
April 10	C. California	R.C.C.
April 27	Rochester	R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-BC 149-1	01/03	03/02	The Teachings of Christ #1
WSE-RC 69	01/03	03/09	Atonement: What Is It, and Why Do We Need It?
WSE-BC 149-2	01/17	03/16	The Teachings of Christ #2
WSE-RC 59-35	01/17	03/23	Despair or Glory, Which? #35
WSE-BC 147-24	01/31	03/30	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #24 (Elijah)
HPS/HNO 1996	03/13	04/02 04/03	Passover Night to Be Observed
HUB 1996 1&2	03/13	04/04	First Day of Unleavened Bread AM & PM
WSE-RC 59-36	01/31	04/06	Despair or Glory, Which #36
HUB 1996 3&4	03/13	04/10	Last Day of Unleavened Bread AM & PM
WSE-BC 149-3	02/14	04/13	The Teachings of Christ #3
WSE-RC 59-37	02/14	04/20	Despair or Glory, Which #37
WSE-BC 147-25	02/28	04/27	The Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #25 (I Kings 20–23)

In Christ's service,



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