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Dear Brethren:

Here we are in the Northern Hemisphere, experiencing the depth of our winter season, while those of you in the Southern Hemisphere are having your summer. And those of you who live near the equator have an entirely different seasonal weather pattern that is neither summer nor winter. It is amazing to think about the variety of climate zones that exist today on the earth according to God's will and purpose. Along with that is included the variety of peoples that God has called into His church from so many cultures and backgrounds. We are indeed a diverse group, that is, from the human standpoint. And yet, what a miracle God has performed by making us all of one mind through the power of His Holy Spirit. To all of you, wherever you live around this world, we greet you again this month and express our love and devotion to you as the beloved children of God. What a marvelous blessing to have the chance to know you, address you, and to be helpers of your walk with God in these historical days of the end time. May you continue to count your blessings in spite of trials and setbacks, and resolve to be a light by your example of faithfulness to God's truth.

Speaking of seasons and weather patterns, a question that we are asked more and more frequently concerns climate change and this topic of global warming. Most of you have probably been inundated through your news media over many years now with alarmism about global warming. What is the church position on this topic? Do we agree with the majority of scientific and governmental groups worldwide who claim that man is directly responsible for an increase in the earth's atmospheric temperature through carbon emissions? Our answer might surprise you.

There is no doubt that man has not been a good steward of the earth, which God gave into his control and responsibility. God told man to dress and keep it (Genesis 2:15). Yet man has violated every good principle and instead abused and pillaged the earth in the name of greed, power, and selfishness. Humanity is paying the price for violating cardinal principles which God placed within our living environment. "And the land is defiled:

therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants" (Leviticus 18:25). This is precisely what we are seeing to a greater and greater extent as time moves forward toward the end.

Does this mean that God's people should therefore cast in their lot with the environmentalists who are intent on saving the earth from man's abuse? Absolutely not! But why not? Because those who are championing an agenda to protect and save the environment are grossly deceived and part of a diabolical scheme fathered by none other than Satan the Devil, the god of this world. First of all, their concern for the earth is not rooted in a belief in the One True God, with desire to obey the command given to Adam to be a good steward of God's creation. No, they reject the true God in favor of their pagan religious tenets, worshiping the created, rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25). God gave the heathen (those separated from God) allowance to be deceived by Satan and to worship nature (Deuteronomy 4:19). These ancient pagan rites are alive and well today among those who worship "Mother Earth." It is all based upon witchcraft. This is easily verified with a little research. Mother Earth and Father Sky are their deities, and they worship the earth as a goddess. So all of this environmental activism derives from pagan religious expression, even if many "innocents" do not understand that and think they are doing something worthy by trying to help "save the planet."

Brethren, it is not wrong to hate what man is doing to rape the land, as he violates every principle God ordained for his own good. Let us be sure not to be part of those who are abusing the earth in that way. But the "champions for the earth" are no better, and in many ways much more dangerous. They believe that man is inherently bad for the earth, and that we should sequester ourselves in limited, urban habitats, leaving the majority of the planet in a wild state for "nature." That is not what God commanded. Man was intended to dress and keep the earth, not keep it in a wild state. God did not intend for us to be ashamed to live here, and He certainly did not intend for man to live in Babylonian cities, pressed together like Nimrod tried to accomplish. Those who are teaching such principles are instruments of Satan, who is attempting to bring about his own one-world government on this earth as a counterfeit to the Kingdom he knows Jesus Christ will soon be bringing. One of the key ways that this counterfeit Babylonian system is reaching out to enslave mankind is through environmental efforts to save the planet. They want you to give up your personal freedoms, including your cars, your property rights, and to become subject to heavy taxation and impeded movement, all in the name of creating a "sustainable environment."

Who is one of the greatest sponsors of this alarmism about global warming, and actively working to "solve" the problem? None other than the United Nations, an instrument of our enemy, seeking to subjugate humanity in a world-encompassing slave state. They seek the elimination of national sovereignty so that all peoples will come under one collective

rule. And one of their best and latest weapons to try and achieve that agenda is to scare everyone into giving up their personal and national independence in the name of saving the planet. Any of you who think these human organizations have truly humanitarian motives needs to wake up. They are all part of Satan's world, and they are doing his bidding.

In the 1970s, the same contingent of scientists and "greenies" were loudly proclaiming the coming doom from man-made global *cooling*. But once sustained temperatures proved that theory to be false, they merely waited to advance their next manufactured global crisis, to try and scare and manipulate the populace toward their nefarious ends. So today it has become as politically incorrect to question global warming as it is to resist interracial marriage or homosexuality. Brethren, these agendas *all* spawn from the very same source. It is diabolical. Please do not get caught up in any of it.

Perhaps we will find out one day that part of the penalties man has brought upon himself for his abuse of the earth is abnormal atmospheric warming. Maybe so, but then again, maybe not. If you will look beyond the mainstream media reports, you will find that there is a strong contingent of respected scientists who claim there is no proof that man-made greenhouse emissions are causing global warming at all. Latest readings show that the average temperatures on the planet Mars are also rising. What is causing this Martian warming? Certainly not man. Some think it is actually being caused by changes in the sun. Is that the real source of *our* temperature rise as well? We do know that soon before Christ's return, there will be major upheaval among the astral bodies, including the sun. The sun is going to become so hot that it will scorch humanity as a curse (Revelation 16:8–9). Those who lament our current temperatures have not even begun to see what is coming soon. Man is not going to create his own paradise on the earth under Satan's rule. It simply is not going to happen. So please be sure not to get caught up in these organized "do-gooder" efforts which are hopeless. Man cannot save himself. God is going to bring him low until he learns that crucial lesson.

The people of God do not allow themselves to get caught up in Babylon and its schemes. We have to live in this world, but God commands us not to be part of it. We are saturated day and night with the propaganda of deceived men under Satan's deceptive influence. If we recognize that as being true, we can sift what we are told and make proper decisions according to the revelation of the *true* God, who is soon coming to offer real solutions to the problems of mankind.

Birth

Mr-s. Robert Burke would like to announce the birth of their son, William Robert, who was born Tuesday, January 8. He weighed nine pounds, thirteen ounces and was twenty-two inches long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Deaths

Mr. George Silvers of Elmira, OR, died of renal failure after a long struggle with kidney disease (glomerulonephritis). He was a long-time member of the church and died at 67 years of age. We offer our condolences to his wife, Connie, daughters, Angela and Kari, and his extended family.

A note from Mrs. Connie Silvers:

Angela, Kari and I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the months and years of prayer and concern offered on George's behalf by all of the brethren. God granted George a peaceful, painless death and we consider that a great blessing. We send our love and gratitude to you all for the tremendous outpouring of love, prayers, and concern during this time. Thank you very much.

Also, one of our new members in Kenya, Mr. Joshep Tabu, died leaving his wife, Pamela, and two little girls. Please keep his family in your prayers.

New Moon

The new moon, Adar II (thirteenth month), will begin on the evening of March 7. The new moon day is March 8.

Holy Days

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days:

Passover	Friday, April 18
Night to Be Much Observed	Sabbath, April 19
1st Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Sunday, April 20
2nd Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Sabbath, April 26

Trip Schedule

March 8	Suna-Migori, Kenya
March 15	Carlisle, England

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 80-42	01-17-08	01-26-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #42 God Addresses Job #5
WSP-RC 12-3	01-17-08	02-02-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #3
WSP-RC 12-4	01-17-08	02-09-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #4
WSE-JB 80-43	02-07-08	02-16-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #43 The Final Summation
WSP-RC 12-5	02-07-08	02-23-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #5
WSE-JB 101	02-07-08	03-01-08	Pre-Passover Examination: Are You in the Faith?
WSE-JB 22-88-24A	02-28-08	03-08-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation What Is Truth?
WSE-RC 43-1	02-28-08	03-15-08	Prepare Now for Passover #1

In Christ's service,



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