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Announcement Letter February 2009

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to you all in this new month of February. Time marches on at its increasingly breakneck pace, but we are happy to stop and think of you all in God's loving care, wherever He has planted you around this globe according to His perfect will.

In the Northern Hemisphere, many of us are experiencing unusually severe winter weather. In spite of all the hype about global warming, such alarmism is beginning to be revealed for its truly contrived nature. Do not be taken in by claims of so-called experts who are merely pawns of those seeking to enslave us further under the guise of environmental responsibility. The tentacles of Babylon are doing their nefarious work with increasing speed and efficiency, and the stage is being set for many of the prophetic fulfillments to come recorded in the Bible.

But what about the change in weather patterns we are seeing all over the planet? Brethren in all areas seem to be commenting upon significant aberrations from past experience where they live. The natural inclination of members of God's true church is to focus upon prophecies concerning changes in weather patterns as a sign of the end. We know that God is going to allow or to precipitate severe natural catastrophes upon this earth to get the attention of humanity. Babylon is doing an effective job at controlling society and the populations of nations, but it cannot control the weather. That is the domain of God alone, and God is going to use that power to humble these rebellious peoples. The day is coming when people will throw their silver into the streets (Ezekiel 7:19). We are not told exactly what events will trigger this response, but it must be something which makes all money valueless in buying what men need. One such need is security against the ravages of nature's fury as part of God's wrath. In the wake of hurricanes, tornados, volcanos, floods, fires, and the like, the rich are just as vulnerable as the poor, and no one can buy reprieve from the acts of God.

But what about the events we are witnessing today? Is our volatile weather a sign that the end is near? Perhaps, but we need to be very careful to avoid jumping to premature

conclusions. Members of the church have been commenting on volatile weather for many decades. Every time there is a severe or unusual storm, talk of "the end" seems to surface. One day, the end really will come. We are not about to naysay that as many are doing. But it is unwise to jump at every unusual weather event as an omen.

The kind of upheaval in the earth's weather before the return of Jesus Christ will be truly devastating to thousands and even millions of people. We have seen nothing like the scope of such catastrophe to date. The reality is, most talk by church members is simply hope that we are seeing a telling sign. But nothing to date has truly been much outside the pattern of cyclical weather experienced for centuries. Perhaps we are truly beginning to see the beginning of an escalation which will intensify rapidly. Only time will tell. If so, that will become plain as events unfold. But to date, when anyone asks us what we think about what is going on now, we answer it is too soon to draw any conclusions. This ministry is not jumping the gun, and neither should you. Jesus Christ told us to watch, not to draw conclusions. The truly wise will heed this admonition and avoid making ill-advised predictions.

We are certain we are living in the last days. We are also certain that all which God has foretold will come to pass just as He has said. We all need every bit of time we have left to prepare ourselves through spiritual development. But whether we live to see the literal return of Christ, or whether some or all of us die before that arrival, the perfect timeline of God is ticking toward its completion.

We will therefore keep watching the events unfolding in this world with great interest. That includes the signs within nature. But we will be content to wait for God's definitive guidance which He has promised to provide. We will not presume facts not in evidence. Our confidence is not in the coming of the end right away, but in the glory of God's work according to His will. Whether we are on the very threshold of these events or still yet a ways off, the Truth of God is a blessing to those who practice it with faith and patience.

New Moon

The new moon, Adar (twelfth month), will begin on the evening of February 24. The new moon day is February 25.

Holy Days

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days:

Passover (evening)	Tuesday, April 7
Night to Be Much Observed	Wednesday, April 8
1st Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Thursday, April 9
2nd Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Wednesday, April 15

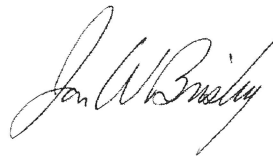
Trip Schedule

March 7	JWB	Letsitele, Limpopo, South Africa
March 14	JWB	Hermanus, South Africa

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 111-2	01-15-09	01-31-09	Principles of Radiant Health Diet Beyond the Basics, Part B
WSE-JB 111-3	01-15-09	02-07-09	Principles of Radiant Health Health Beyond Diet, Part A
CL2 63 (RC)	01-15-09	02-14-09	Principles of Christian Living: Goodness #7
CL2 64 (RC)	02-05-09	02-21-09	Principles of Christian Living: Goodness #8
WSE-JB 111-4	02-05-09	02-28-09	Principles of Radiant Health Health Beyond Diet, Part B
CL2 65 (RC)	02-05-09	03-07-09	Principles of Christian Living: Goodness #9
WSP-LW 6	02-26-09	03-14-09	Pre-Passover Exam: Living as God Lives

In Christ's service,



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