

## Announcement Letter June 2014

Dear Brethren:

Very warm regards to all of you in this new month which holds so much significance for the people of God. You are among the very few at this time who understand the truth about the upcoming Pentecost, and who have shown the determination to appear before God on *the one and only day* which He has set apart for holy convocation. The fact that we will be celebrating in His very presence on Monday, June 9, makes us all very unique indeed, even though that has never been our objective. How we pray for the day when *many* of God's beloved children will return again to the original doctrines given directly by Jesus Christ. To all of you who have embraced those *revealed truths*, we greet you with renewed thanksgiving and sincere appreciation. May God bless you for your faithfulness and be ever near at hand to guide you through these eventful last days.

### Raymond Cole Sermon Series:

Now that we have all nearly finished hearing Mr. Raymond Cole's sermon series on *Faith* (forty sermons), we have made a decision on his CD sermons to follow for your local weekly Sabbath services. In keeping with the separate sermons you have been receiving on the topic of prophecy (*Prophecy Revisited*) over the past several months, we want to provide a way to reinforce this approach to prophecy from Mr. Cole himself.

With that in mind, you will soon begin to receive Mr. Cole's sermon series on *Habakkuk Chapter 3*, originally recorded in the mid-1990s. There are thirty sermons in this series—actually a sub-series from a larger topic entitled, *Despair or Glory, Which?*, that contains a total of sixty sermons altogether. Although we would love to release the entire series on our listening schedule (and will probably do so at some point), the Habakkuk series seems to stand alone very well, and it demonstrates wonderfully how Raymond Cole treated long-range prophecy. As we were always taught, since prophecy is one-third of the Bible, we should be studying prophecy. But *how to use prophecy correctly* is the very issue that got so many ministers into trouble within our parent organization, the Worldwide Church of God (WCG). By contrast to so many speculations and fruitless studies which actually undermined the faith of God's people, Raymond Cole shows how the Habakkuk prophecies for the last days define exactly the challenges and threats extant today for God's Church, and how to recognize and *to use those prophecies constructively* in your personal lives.

Many have said over the years that "Church of God, The Eternal does not teach on prophecy." That is simply not true. It is true, however, that we do not teach prophecy as did WCG or any other splinter group extant today. As we have shared with you, God says, ". . . the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10). This does not mean that *claiming prophetic capabilities* and *speculating about future events* is our Christian duty. Far from it! It means instead that *the faith once delivered* (which is the real testimony of Jesus Christ) is *the essence* of all prophecy! When we confirm that revealed faith, we are speaking and writing about *the heart* of all prophecy. It is indeed a very different approach than the others take, but it is the one which actually generates *positive fruits* in the lives of God's people—for those who will take it to heart. For these reasons, we hope you will keep this overall philosophy about prophecy in mind as you hear Mr. Cole expound portions of the book of Habakkuk. We hope that the experience will be spiritually enlightening and satisfying for you all.

## **New Moon**

The new moon, Tammuz (fourth month), begins Sabbath, June 28. The new moon day is Sunday, June 29.

## **Camp Tejas**

Camp Tejas begins on July 10 in Maryville, Tennessee, and we are asking you to keep it in your prayers so that it may be an enjoyable, successful experience for everyone involved, and that all have safe travel to, from, and during their time at camp.

## **Feast of Tabernacles Scheduling**

We are beginning preparation for the Feast of Tabernacles, so we need to know as soon as possible if any will be attending at a different Feast site than usual. We soon must begin work on the scheduling of emcees, those who give opening and closing prayers, and the music programs at both sites. Knowing in advance how many attend each site enables us to print enough schedules, secure a music program, etc. So, it is important that we get a reasonable head count to make sure all facets of the Feast run smoothly. We thank you in advance for your help.

## Trip Schedule

### Mr. Jon Brisby

July 12..... Maryville, Tennessee

July 19..... Mansfield, Massachusetts

### Mr. Dave Brandenburg

July 12, 19..... Maryville, Tennessee

## Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
CL-2 129	05-15-14	05-31-14	Faith #38
WSE-JB 153	05-15-14	06-07-14	What Is the True Source of Your Convictions?
CL-2 130	05-15-14	06-14-14	Faith #39
WSE-JB 149-11	06-05-14	06-21-14	Prophecy Revisited #11 Matthew 24 for Today #6
CL-2 131	06-05-14	06-28-14	Faith #40
WSE-JB 149-12	06-05-14	07-05-14	Prophecy Revisited #12 The Hallmark of the Beast #1
WSE-JB 149-13	06-26-14	07-12-14	Prophecy Revisited #13 The Hallmark of the Beast #2
WSE-RC 59-31	06-26-14	07-19-14	Despair or Glory, Which? #31 Habakkuk Chapter 3 #1

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby