

## January, February, March Update—2009

Hello Friends and Family!



**2009** has indeed arrived right on schedule—time waits for no man! And certainly, as never before, our world is spinning prophetically close to earth's last scenes of history before Christ's second coming. Outside of understanding scripture, who would have ever believed this nation of ours would have ever plunged into a situation far more dire than that of the Great Depression? Our only difference today from that of our predecessors of that earlier economic crises, is that our Government stepped in and took control with billions of tax-payer dollars as has never before been done. How long will this financial band aid hold? Who really knows. Friends, accept this "grace" period as just that: a grace period to work while there is still time!

**2009** has brought a new president with several new appointees overseeing our nation's government. With our new president, new laws have quickly been passed. Some seemingly good; while others are very questionably in direct contradiction to God's precepts. Americans are looking to President Obama to step in and solve our economic problems; end the two wars we are involved in; change the way other countries perceive our "Christian" nation; bring about a time of peace and safety. "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, '**Peace and safety**;' then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Thessalonians 5:1-3. Friends, we can see more clearly than ever before how prophecy will, and is, coming to fruition. The world has adopted a new-world order. Our currency is changing; the way we do business is changing with governmental control; what happens is one country now greatly affects another; our freedoms are being taken away and there is talk of more people having a chip placed in them for their own safety (a chip that contains a large amount of personal information about you and can help others to track your movements).

We are changing morally as well. We accept immodest dress and immoral life styles as simply ok. We have advanced technologically to the point of amalgamation in science (mixing parts of animals with humans) for the sake of the betterment of health. Not to mention the controversy over stem cell production. It's certainly not new news that man has begun to clone. And who's to say that they are not experimenting on cloning a human already—this is a strong desire of many scientists and speculation among those reporting on the web.

In **2009** going "green" is now in. Man is finally seeing how his modern technology is actually destroying and polluting the planet we are striving to live on. And with the degeneration of the earth, our food is becoming more and more dangerous. We have had more salmonella outbreaks in this country resulting in more deaths than many of us can ever remember happening before. Our bodies are breaking down along with our planet. New/old diseases continue to have their way in destroying lives. Many of which we've inadvertently asked for through science or our lifestyle behavior.

These few paragraphs only touch the tip of what we are facing as we enter **2009**. What about the thousands that are still misplaced from their homes due to Katrina; or the earthquake in China; the Tsunami; ice storms of which we are suffering as I write; and on it goes. For many, these problems have been so overwhelming that they have "checked" out—taken their own lives. But what has this solved? It only adds to the misery many are facing. Where we told these things would occur before Christ's return? Yes friends, yes. Christ, Himself, outlined such images for us in Matthew 24:3-14 when the disciples asked Him what the sign of His coming shall be. Let's read it again, "...Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Read and reread Christ's words; break them down, dissect them, He is saying so very much to us in these verses. For this article's sake let's just focus on a couple elements. First, notice Christ telling His people that as we see these things closing in upon us He says, "...be not troubled." What a merciful God! He knows better than we that we cannot endure such hardships in our own strength. And the beautiful thing is we are not alone! He promised never to leave,

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or forsake us! (Hebrews 13:5) Matthew 11:28-30, Christ gives this assurance, “Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” Just as Christ was meek and labored not of Himself but of His Heavenly Father who sent Him, He is bidding us the same. He asks that we, too, become meek and lean not upon our own strength (our strength is not sufficient!); but, rather, learn of Him; become like Him. Learn to lean upon His strength; submit our cares for Him to carry (they are too much for us to bare), and accept His yoke which is light because He is there carrying the load! He will carry us through even unto death if necessary (“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.”).

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Spirit of prophecy explains, “When Christ shall cease His work as mediator in man's behalf, then this time of trouble will begin. Then the case of every soul will have been decided, and there will be no atoning blood to cleanse from sin. When Jesus leaves His position as man's intercessor before God the solemn announcement is made, ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Revelation 22:11. Then the restraining Spirit of God is withdrawn from the earth.--PP 201 (1890). {LDE 253.1} The ‘time of trouble such as never was,’ is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.--GC 621, 622 (1911). {LDE 254.3} The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. . . .”{LDE 254.2} The importance of our “learning of Christ” is further explained. Friends, we are in the beginning of sorrows and what is lying ahead we cannot bare alone. Our lives must **daily** be hid in Christ. We haven’t the time to “play church” any more. If it is your desire to be like Jesus, daily meditate upon His Word and fill your heart with His Spirit. Put off the things of this world—truly they only hinder our service to Christ. Ask Him daily to use you in the service of others; to use you in supporting His work in spreading “this gospel of the kingdom that shall be preached in all the world.”

All our possessions need to be placed upon the altar of God for His direction and guidance in how best they be used. “Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. . . . {LDE 261.1} I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. . . . But if they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell.--EW 56, 57 (1851). {LDE 261.2} It is too late now to cling to worldly treasures. Soon unnecessary houses and lands will be of no benefit to anyone, for the curse of God will rest more and more heavily upon the earth. The call comes, ‘Sell that ye have, and give alms.’ Luke 12:33. This message should be faithfully borne--urged home to the hearts of the people--that God's own property may be returned to Him in offerings to advance His work in the world.”--16MR 348 (1901). {LDE 261.3} A solemn message for a solemn time. Our faith is now being tested. Where are our treasures truly laid up? Allow God to give His directions; trust in His guidance; fill your vessels with His oil before it is ever too late.

**2009** is a warning and a reminder that the time is drawing near, ever so near, to Christ’s return. But first He has told us that a time of trouble must first take place. We feel it a great injustice not to bring this urgent warning before the people again at this moment in history. YOU must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before God. YOU are not promised tomorrow; for TODAY is the day of salvation. Tomorrow may never come. If you are hearing the voice of God speaking to you right now, pause, and offer up a prayer. Ask Him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness; ask Him to shelter you in His arms of love; ask for a burden to further the work for souls and what you can do daily in His service. With the financial crises bearing down upon Americans, all needs are greater. All needs including those in Ministry full time as Behold the Lamb and its’ employees. We need to press together in unity and support if we are to continue. Behold the Lamb graciously thanks you for your past support, but the battle is not finished. Weekly, finances are needed for us to continue. And as we see prophecy fulfilling, our desire is to do more while we can.

2008 the Lord kept us busy in laboring for Him in various places such as El Salvador, Florida, Wyoming, Oregon,

Colorado, and of coarse Illinois. He opened more opportunities for us to appear on 3-ABN which reaches millions at the speed of light. And it appears God's leading for more programming to be done at 3-ABN in **2009**. (Be in prayer about this opportunity with us please.)

Already for **2009** God has called us back to Wyoming in January for a wonderful Spirit-filled Church dedication service held along with Pastor Dennis Chrystal at the BetheSDA Center of Evangelism in Cheyenne. February 12-March 8, God is calling us to labor in Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Plans have already been laid for work in New York and Washington this year. But none of this service will be possible without your working with our Heavenly Father to support His ministry prayerfully, and financially. Costs are rising; therefore, God's people must also rise to the occasion if all is to be accomplished. Please continue to join us in this work, won't you?

"It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended. They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. By means of the **angels** there will be constant communication between heaven and earth. . . . {LDE 266.3} In the midst of the time of trouble that is coming--a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them, for angels that excel in strength will protect them.--9T 16, 17 (1909). {LDE 267.1} Could men see with heavenly vision, they would behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ's patience. With sympathizing tenderness, angels have witnessed their distress and have heard their prayers. They are waiting the word of their Commander to snatch them from their peril. . . . The precious Saviour will send help just when we need it.--GC 630, 633 (1911). {LDE 266.2}

"**Will the Lord forget His people** in this trying hour? . . . Though enemies may thrust them into prison, yet dungeon walls cannot cut off the communication between their souls and Christ. One who sees their every weakness, who is acquainted with every trial, is above all earthly powers, and angels will come to them in lonely cells, bringing light and peace from heaven. The prison will be as a palace, for the **rich in faith** dwell there, and the gloomy walls will be lighted up with heavenly light as when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises at midnight in the Philippian dungeon."--GC 626, 627 (1911). {LDE 266.1}

**2009**—it is time! Get ready, get ready, get ready! Let these be our daily marching orders from the throne! Amen.

Sincerely in His service, Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, and your BTLM Family.

## Prayer Requests..

- Lois from Canton, OH, requests your prayers.
- Callie from Savannah, GA, called for prayer. She has been in a nursing home and is now back home trying to make it on her own once again.
  - Maria from Florida.
- Ginnie from Tidewater, OR, for the loss of her dear husband Earl.
  - Bill from Menard, IL.
- Sandy from Herrin, IL, for various health issues.
  - Gloria from San Rafael, NM
- Sandy from Norman, OK, recently underwent surgery on her shoulder and has had a heart attach.
- Debbie request prayer for her family and to fill the void of no longer having any children at home.
  - BTLM Church family.
  - BetheSDA Church family.
- Khara, Leah, Jonathon, WD, Donna, and their whole family from Paducah, KY, God knows the various needs.
- Maxine from Indianapolis, IN, asks for you to pray with her that she can discontinue her medicine and replace it with something natural.
  - The Shelton family.
  - Todd & Christi from IL.
  - Bud & Sharon from IL.

# Special Features

We would love to feature some of your stories. Write in and share with us how the Lord has blessed you. What does Behold the Lamb Ministries mean to you? What prayers has the Lord graciously answered in your life?

Too often we experience miracles that go unnoticed by others when they would surely be a blessing if we would

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“Choose you this day whom ye will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15.

## CLOSING THOUGHT:

\_\_\_\_\_As we read in the opening article, “When Christ shall cease His work as mediator in man's behalf, then this time of trouble will begin. Then the case of every soul will have been decided, and there will be no atoning blood to cleanse from sin. When Jesus leaves His position as man's intercessor before God the solemn announcement is made, ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Revelation 22:11. Then the restraining Spirit of God is withdrawn from the earth.”--PP 201 (1890). {LDE 253.1} Which group are YOU choosing to be in? Please prayerfully seek to be a part of the righteous and holy people of God. And prayerfully commit to furthering the gospel; of which, we need your financial support to do just that. BTLM is YOUR ministry. It is self supporting—meaning, we have no other financial income than what comes from you. We need your help in **2009**. Will you covenant with God to be a faithful giver? A faithful supporter of BTLM? May God richly bless you as you step out in a faith of action!