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## Cashless society plans shed light on intriguing Bible prophecy

*The aged apostle John described terrifying visions of what appears to present-day eyes to be modern nuclear weapons, global markets and some sort of mark that would enforce financial controls over entire populations.*

In the last book of the Bible, the apostle John struggled to find words to portray what he had seen in vision. One intriguing picture indicates governmental monetary policies which would prevent its populace from buying or selling unless they had “a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16-17).

Whether this scripture refers to contemporary technology cannot yet be known. However, it is interesting to note that the US microchip and micro market company Three Square Market has a programme to insert a chip between the thumb and forefinger of around 50 of its 80 employees, who have volunteered for the procedure. This chip, similar to those used to identify cats and dogs, will allow employees to log on to the company’s computer system without the need for passwords and to make cashless purchases from the in-house mini-market.

“We see this as another payment and identification option that not only can be used in our markets but our other self-checkout/self-service applications that we are now deploying which include convenience stores and fitness centers,” according to Patrick McMullan, company COO ([www.prlog.org/12653576-three-square-market-microchips-employees-company-wide.html](http://www.prlog.org/12653576-three-square-market-microchips-employees-company-wide.html)).

### A method of control

The desire for a cashless society has several drivers, including the ability to control money and avoid its accumulation in areas currently inaccessible to governments.



Many already make purchases using phones and cards in preference to coins and notes. Shutterstock

According to Olivia Rudgard writing in *The Telegraph*, “HMRC already envisages it as a method to ensure the accuracy of PAYE and inheritance tax” (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/12/cashless-society-would-worse-society-whatever-hmrc-may-think/>). The article continues with another driver: “and banks would love to be rid of costly branches and ATMs.” This we already see happening with many local bank closures.

What seems like an easy way to handle purchases could become a method for controlling populations. Four years ago, depositors in Cyprus found nearly half their funds over €100,000 confiscated to prop up the country’s broken financial system. Greece has been teetering on

the brink of a similar crisis as, for nearly a decade, it has attempted to avoid defaulting on loan payments to the International Monetary Fund.

Assuming a cashless society were introduced or forced on society by another economic disaster, the million or so British adults with no bank account would need to be given one. Otherwise, a large underclass could be driven into poverty, as happened recently in India when two high-value denomination notes were scrapped without warning (<http://theconversation.com/why-a-cashless-society-would-hurt-the-poor-a-lesson-from-india-79735>).

Abolishing cash would mean those still without access to the banking system would need to invent another way to fund transactions. Bartering springs to mind but that may not be practical. Scripture suggests darker options may prevail (Revelation 9:21).

Charities could find themselves devoid of the impulse donations of street collections; traditional carnivals, church fêtes and country markets could all lose their raison-d'être. Doting relatives could no longer slip a youngster a few coins or notes for his or her birthday.

Among this group with no access to official finance would be the true servants of God (Revelation 20:4).

## Babylon will fall

This final economic system of man, called Babylon, comes into being at a time of deep crisis and at a time of great conflict. Led by a man Scripture calls "the beast," John records that "all the world marvelled and followed the beast" (Revelation 13:3). John also reveals the power behind the beast. "So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'" (Revelation 13:4).

At first this system might seem to work well, but it will quickly turn to violence, including murdering those who follow God (Revelation 13:15). For this reason, God will step in to destroy it, leaving those who were making a living from it distraught (Revelation 18:9-19). They become even more upset when Christ returns to prevent the destruction of the entire planet.

These microchips seem to fit the context of the prophecy penned by the apostle John nearly two millennia ago. It is only in recent years that technology has made such an idea achievable.

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David and Barbara Fenney

# Ways to benefit from life's challenges

*Almost everyone faces difficulties and challenges in life. They can be immensely stressful, but without them believers would never learn how to trust God.*

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**T**ragedy has touched many of us, be it through accidents, natural disasters, wars or criminal acts. Many live with life-changing injuries, bereavement or in poverty. Even those untouched by external factors can suffer from incurable diseases.

One such was Matthew [Matty]. He was 32 when he died. His death was sudden but not entirely unexpected. He had been plagued his entire life with health problems. He never walked in his life, suffered from various infections, and developed epilepsy early on in his short life. Born with spina-bifida, which causes the spine to split in the lower back, he was also diagnosed with hydrocephalus, or fluid on the brain.

When he was born, doctors suggested that Matthew not be treated but, rather made comfortable and left as he was. In a few days he would simply die, never having known a thing. They said, were he to survive the operations needed he would just be a human vegetable for the

rest of his life and not live to see his teens.

I know all about Matthew because he was my younger brother. How can any tragedy ever be for good?

There is a promise God makes to His people. "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Trials and challenges of one kind or another can occur in all areas of this life. Some may not be as dramatic as this example and some may be worse. They could involve money worries, or a personal sin we can't overcome. Or it could be cancer or chronic pain.

No matter what kind of trial it is, God promises that all things will work together for good. But it isn't always easy to understand the benefits.

## Challenges change our perspective

Firstly, trials can weaken us. This may sound counter-

intuitive as weakness is rarely seen as a virtue.

As an example, when we first moved to the United Kingdom from Australia I had a temporary job. After that ended, I couldn't get another and spent months mostly staring at the walls of a tiny flat in Surrey "going nuts." Towards the end of the trial I began to realise what was happening. I was learning to rely on God rather than on myself. I had always been able to get work before so had never had to trust God to provide all that I needed.

The apostle Paul was also strengthened by God. He revealed that he had been blessed with a vision of the "third heaven" – God's very throne room (as opposed to the sky above us and space beyond that) (2 Corinthians 12:1-6). However, this came at a cost. Paul explained that

*God is asking us, "Will you trust me, no matter what?"*

God allowed a "thorn in the flesh" which, in His great wisdom, God decided not to remove. God permitted this in order to prevent Paul from becoming conceited: "And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me . . . Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

God can use our weakness to strengthen us. When we are weak we realise that we must rely on Him. Paul, who faced numerous trials, wrote to the Philippian church, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

### **Challenges can test our faith**

Matthew's birth certainly tested my mum and dad's faith. It also tested the faith of my siblings and my own. I was only 12 years old at the time and, even at that age, I knew God could heal Matthew, if that was His intention.

I remember my dad coming home from the hospital after Matty was born, sitting us all down and telling us the whole situation – the problems Matty faced and what the doctors had concluded. We all agreed that Matthew should undergo the operations. Mum and dad had already come to this decision and I can only imagine how encouraging it was for them to have us concur.

Over the years, my parents' faith was tested time and time again, as Matty developed various complications. I remember the time the shunt draining the fluid from his brain blocked when he was four and when his epilepsy first started at age five, and the time we nearly lost him to

a particularly bad infection.

Despite this and the doctors' dire predictions, Matty grew to adulthood, had his own home and could wheel himself to the pub to play pool with his mates. He had learning difficulties and a poor sense of direction, but compensated with a wonderful, if weird, sense of humour.

My parents no longer have Matty's health concerns to test them but they do have other challenges. Dad has a bad heart and mum has cancer, alongside the other issues that accompany old age. Each time God is asking them, "Will you trust me no matter what?"

The apostle Peter wrote, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:6-9).

We learn here that God tests our faith through trials to see if it is genuine, and that the end result of genuine faith is salvation.

### **Challenges can help us grow together**

At United Church of God services members are made aware of prayer requests for those who face health problems, bereavement and other difficulties. When we respond to these requests, we remember that our brothers and sisters in Christ are also suffering. When we are going through trials it can be a comfort to know that people are praying for us.

On occasion, we have opportunities to sit with each other and talk about things to give encouragement, or to go and assist when needed. My parents were grateful for the help they received when Matty had to go to Adelaide for treatments, or when they had to take him to the hospital and someone would watch us kids for them.

My whole family was grateful when, after a cyclone wiped our town off the map in 1974 just three weeks after Matty was born, the Brisbane congregation got together and provided us with clothes and a house to use. They were there as our Church family.

Paul says we should "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). In a similar vein he also instructed believers to, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15).

Trials aren't easy. If they were, they wouldn't be trials. However, through these challenges, God is teaching us to see ourselves in a right perspective, to learn to rely on Him implicitly and to learn to have the same concern for others as He does.

To learn more about how to face challenges with faith please request or download our booklet *You Can Have Living Faith*.

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# God's grace provides both pardon *and* power

*God's grace is often viewed solely as forgiveness of our sins. Amazing as that unmerited pardon is to us helpless sinners, Scripture reveals that grace also includes the additional element of divine empowerment.*

Sometimes the magnitude of what God has done and continues to do may be lost on us humans. Grace is a much misunderstood concept encompassing God's gift of His Son to mankind to pay the death penalty for sin in their place. But it is far more than that.

We are called by grace (Galatians 1:6, 15). We are justified by grace (Romans 3:24) and we are also saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8).

Since the New Testament was written predominantly in Greek, it is to this language we need to look for meaning. The Greek word translated "grace" is *charis*. *Strong's Bible Concordance* includes in the meaning "the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life" as well as "benefit, favour, gift."

## Divine empowerment

This divine influence includes an element of empowerment as can be seen in the scriptures. As mentioned in the previous article on page three, the apostle Paul was

told, when he was afflicted by a severe problem, that God's grace was "sufficient for him" (2 Corinthians 12:9). In this context "grace" clearly did not mean the forgiveness, of sin but rather the strength to endure this problem.

In his second letter to the young minister Timothy, Paul equates "grace" with this same strength provided from the Almighty. "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1). He goes on to compare the Christian life to that of a soldier or an athlete, both of which require commitment, focus and strength.

When explaining the role of Christ as our High Priest, the writer of Hebrews tells us to "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). Once again grace is clearly linked not only with ongoing repentance but also with daily help and strength that can only come from God.

## Though sinless, Christ still relied on God's grace

Jesus Christ, our sinless Saviour, didn't need the divine

## Power to live a godly life

Understanding that the Holy Spirit is God's power that can transform our lives helps us better understand His purpose and will for us.

It is also a key to understanding the purpose and intent of the New Covenant. God did not establish the New Covenant to abolish His laws, which are holy, just and good (Romans 7:12). He established it to remedy the flaw that was in the people (Hebrews 8:8-12) – the weakness, disobedience and lack of faith inherent in all of us that leads us to sin (Romans 3:10-18). Through His Spirit, God empowers us to develop holy, righteous character and resist temptation and the pulls to sin.

With God's Spirit at work within us, God's wonderful promise of the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:33-34 can be fulfilled: "I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall

be My people. . . For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." This is reiterated in the New Testament (Hebrews 10:16-17).

Receiving the Holy Spirit gives a Christian the spiritual power needed to live a godly life. It helps provide the motivation and strength that make it possible for us to be able to obey God's commandments, make right choices, overcome and persevere (Romans 5:5; 8:26; 12:2; Philippians 2:5; 2 Peter 1:3-4).

How great is our loving God and Father who has made all things possible through His Son Jesus Christ! (Matthew 19:26). His work within us is accomplished through the greatest gift that could ever be made available for human beings: the power, love and mind of Christ through the Spirit of God at work in our lives.

favour of having His sins forgiven, since He didn't have any. However, He still needed His Father's divine support (Luke 2:40; John 1:14). Without this help He would not have had the strength to go through with His mission and die the agonising death He suffered for us (Mark 14:32-36). Christ's prayer was powerfully answered (Luke 22:41-43).

Our prayers may not be answered so spectacularly, but God does answer. We may need to seek His will in prayer and fasting and cry out for His help. The apostle Paul explains, "It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). Without His power in us, we could neither know nor carry out those things our Heavenly Father wants us to do.

What does God's Holy Spirit do for us as followers of Christ? This question affects the core of our religious beliefs, because without the power of God's Spirit we can have no deep, close relationship with the Father, nor can we become His children (Romans 8:14-17).

This power comes from the indwelling Spirit which God grants to each repentant sinner upon baptism and the laying on of hands (2 Timothy 1:6-7). One purpose

of God's Spirit is to produce the mind of Christ in us (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5). Without His mind, we would remain "carnal" – unspiritual, and caring primarily for the "things of the flesh." Without that change in our minds we could not be saved.

### **A need to "grow in grace"**

Having received the Spirit of Christ, we need to strive to become more like Him, putting off the traits of human nature and taking on godly characteristics (Colossians 3:1-17).

We must also understand what it means to be "led by the Spirit." God's Spirit doesn't drive, drag or push us around; it leads us. It will not prevent us from sinning, nor will it force us to do what is right. It leads us, but we must be willing to follow its promptings, becoming more and more like Christ. This is what the apostle Peter meant when he encouraged Church members to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

To learn more, please request our free Bible study guides *The Power of the Holy Spirit* and *Transforming Your Life: The Process of Conversion*.

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# Who is really in control of this world?

*Chaos and confusion reign in our world – a mere glance at daily news events confirms that. Do this world's governments determine what lies ahead, or are other "players" involved?*

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In 1941 Winston Churchill declared to the United States Senate, "I will say that he must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honour to be the faithful servants." Is that true? Is there a great purpose being worked out by a divine Creator or does mankind hold his future destiny in his own hands? If the latter is correct, then we of all generations of humanity are the most vulnerable because of the destructive capability governments have in their control.

There is no doubt that the world is in chaos. Unstable governments abound all over the globe. The Middle East remains a powder keg, and Far East disputes within the South China Sea and between India and Pakistan continue along with the ever-present danger of North Korea's nuclear threat. The entire human race is at risk of life being extinguished completely (Matthew 24:22).

### **God does not create confusion**

Since we know "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33), this turmoil we see around us seems to indicate the hand of the other major player in Scripture, Satan the devil. When Satan tempted Christ, he offered Him the whole world and claimed it was his to give (Luke 4:5-8). Christ did not dispute this claim. The prophet Isaiah tells us how Satan, formerly called Lucifer, tried to undermine the authority of God and exalt the throne he had been given above the angels of God and become like the "Most High." In other words, this was an attempted coup to remove God (Isaiah 14:12-14). It failed. God did allow him, however, to retain his authority on Earth until another would qualify to replace him. That One was Jesus Christ. Even then there would be a delay before the devil would be removed from the throne of Earth (Revelation 11:13-18). This was all according to

God the Father's great plan. Thus, although Satan retains his rulership, God reserves the right to intervene as He sees fit to accomplish that plan. (For more information on Satan's origin, please request our booklet *Is There Really a Devil?*)

### God's intervention in the kingdoms of men

Many times in the Old Testament, God intervened in the lives of people, thereby creating circumstances to advance His plan. Examples include the plagues on Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, codifying His Law and setting up kings when the people rejected His direct rule. Saul, David, Solomon, Jeroboam, Ahab, Jezebel, Amaziah, Hezekiah and others experienced God's direct intervention in their lives – sometimes for their good, but more often to punish or restrain them from doing evil. Their lives can be studied in the books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles.

Job was initially unaware of the discussion that went on between God and Satan prior to his great trial. Here, God allowed Satan to test Job but set specific limits on that testing (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7). When the testing was over, God blessed Job with even more than he had at first (Job 42:10-17).

Although Satan influences rulers and powers on this earth, it is only because God allows this for the present time. Prophecy sets out how much Satan can do and the limits God has placed on him. In the end, God will take full control. In the New Testament, when Pontius Pilate paraded his power before Christ, our Saviour replied, "You could have no power at all against me unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:11).

To his cost Herod Agrippa I learned too late the folly of allowing people to praise him as a god instead of giving the glory to the Almighty. He died a grisly death as a result (Acts 12:19-23).

Perhaps the ruler who learned most about God's oversight in human kingdoms was the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar II. In 605 BC he conquered Jerusalem and took Jewish people captive back to the land of Babylon (now called Iraq). In the first deportation was a young man called Daniel who was of either royal or noble birth. He and his three friends were trained in the royal courts to be used in the affairs of state (Daniel 1:1-21).

Two decades later, despite Daniel having explained one troubling dream, and Nebuchadnezzar having witnessed Daniel's three friends survive a fiery furnace, the king still did not accept God as the one true God. Nebuchadnezzar attributed all his glory to his own exploits, thus God intervened in the manner described in the fourth chapter of Daniel. Three times in this chapter God states that Nebuchadnezzar would suffer from madness and lose his throne until he learned that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men" (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32).

### Control of an out-of-control world

Jesus Christ outlined events heralding the end of the

age in His "Olivet Prophecy" (Matthew, chapters 24 and 25). His assurance that God is in overall control is intended as an encouragement to all His followers.

These events include great natural disasters as well as those brought about by humans. Conditions will reach a point where, if God did not intervene, "no flesh would be saved," but God promises He will intervene for the sake of His elect – His faithful followers (Matthew 24:22).

Throughout the Bible, the Almighty has promised a glorious outcome to those who obey His word. Daniel was



Artist's impression of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, attributed to Nebuchadnezzar II. Shutterstock

promised that, after his "sleep in the dust of the earth" – his death – and "at the end of the days," he would rise to everlasting life (Daniel 12:2-3, 13).

Jesus Christ promised His disciples that no one could snatch them from His hand or from the hand of God the Father (John 10:28-30). Even death cannot separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39).

So who is in charge? While God has given mankind free will to make his own decisions and Satan still has the power to influence human thinking, the Almighty God is in charge of His overall master plan. We needn't be afraid because God is steering events so the possibility of mankind destroying itself is ruled out. To study this subject further please request our free booklets *The Gospel of the Kingdom* and *Are We Living in the Time of the End?*

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**Q** How can Jesus and the Father be one (John 10:30) when Christ also said that the Father was greater than Him (John 14:28). Is this a contradiction?  
*Reader from London*

**A** Both Scriptures are true and there is no contradiction. John 14:28 refers to authority, where the Father is greater than His Son. Jesus was the divine Son of God and, even in a human father-son relationship, the father is above the son. This relationship is true also with God the Father and His Son.

In Hebrews 1:2 we read that the Father “has appointed [Jesus] heir of all things.” The one who appoints someone to a position is always greater in authority.

Jesus Christ’s first coming was to be a perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind. However, Scripture also notes other reasons for His birth in human form, such as to set us an example of how to live (1 Peter 2:21) and to reveal the Father (Matthew 11:27).

Speaking of God the Father, Jesus told the Jews that no human being had “heard His voice at any time, nor

## Let the Bible Answer . . .

### *How should we offer personal opinions?*

Cautions concerning giving personal opinions are found in Proverbs 17:14; 18:13; Ecclesiastes 5:2-3; 10:14, 20 and Romans 12:16.

Regarding deliberately or inadvertently changing God’s words, see Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18. See also Job 42:1-8.

Whatever we say must be truthful (Exodus 20:16 and Deuteronomy 5:20). Words we use should be spoken in love as in Ephesians 4:15, and bridling the tongue is mentioned in James 3:2-8.

seen His form” (John 5:37). Even so, the existence of the Father was known in the Old Testament (as in Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 110:1-5, where two divine Beings are clearly identified). The Being who became Christ was the member of the God family who interacted with human-kind on a day-to-day basis (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

Although having equality with God in the sense of divinity, Jesus willingly gave up His privileges for a time to fulfil God the Father’s purpose (Philippians 2:6-8). Part of Christ’s mission was to reveal more of the Father than was known by the prophets in Old Testament times: “For assuredly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it” (Matthew 13:17).

Again, the One who sends someone (the Father) is greater in authority than the One sent (Jesus).

Concerning God the Father and His Son being One (John 10:30), this refers to Them being of the same character and the same family (Hebrews 2:11, New International Version).

Of Jesus, Hebrews explains, “Who being the brightness of His [the Father’s] glory and the express image of His person . . . (Hebrews 1:3). Nelson’s Study Bible says, “The phrase ‘express image’ occurs only here in the New Testament and means ‘exact representation’ or ‘exact character.’ In Greek literature the word was used of stamping the coin from the die. The Son is the exact representation of God’s being because He is God Himself (see Colossians 1:15).”

Christ explained to His disciples that since they had seen Him, they had “seen the Father,” thus implying that He and the Father were one in thought and deed (John 14:7-11).

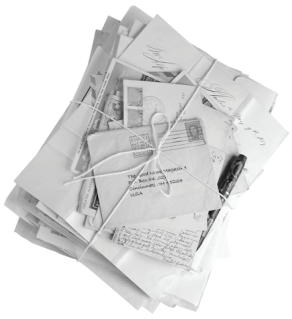
Both Father and Son have the same character attributes and differ only in authority. That is why Jesus said, “The Father is in me and I in Him” (John 10:38). Our desire should be to become one with Them too (John 17:17-23).

To study this subject further, please download or request our booklets *Who Is God?* and *Jesus Christ: The Real Story*.

**Q** The Old Testament was written at various times and by many different authors. Who put it together in the format we know today?

*Reader from Erith*

**A** This work is attributed to the priest and scribe, Ezra. After the Persians conquered Babylon in 549 BC, King Cyrus allowed the captive Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1:1-4). At this time Cyrus also returned many articles taken from the Temple by the Babylonians when Judah was conquered 70 years earlier (verses 7-11). This would have been an ideal time for Ezra to collect together all the scrolls and do any necessary editing.



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*Reader from Dartford*

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*Reader from Honiton*

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*Reader from Bedford*

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*Reader from London*

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*Student from Swansea*

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May God bless you all with His love, protection and peace.

*Student from Gravesend*

I have thoroughly enjoyed this *Bible Study Course* and wish to thank you for making it possible for me to take part.

*Student from Glasgow*

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*Reader from Maidstone*

Thank you for your magazine. I find it very rewarding and a good read with teaching aids.

*Reader from London*

I am really enjoying the booklets and the magazine. They have taught me so much. I just wish there were more congregations in Great Britain, as I cannot find one locally.

*Reader from Grimsby*

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