

'Before the Night Comes...'

Remembrance Day, 11th November, has just passed. The outcome of World War II could have been so different if it had not been for the alliance of primarily English-speaking nations against an evil that was sweeping the European continent. Likewise the Church has a vital mission in a darkening world.

To British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the forging of strong links with the United States was a most desirable outcome in the prevailing winds of world war.

He addressed a joint session of the American Congress on 26th December, 1941, firmly stating '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.'

Churchill saw in advance a much-needed partnership of the two countries, urging that: 'It is not given to us to peer into the mysteries of the future. Still, I avow my hope and faith, sure and inviolate, that in the days to come the British and American peoples will for their own safety and for the good of all walk together side by side in majesty, in justice and in peace.' (Please see the sidebar, 'The Anglo-American Alliance,' on page two.)

Dramatic events moved Britain and America into a unique national relationship. The final outcome of this collaboration was, as we realise, the defeat by the allies of an evil-minded power that had taken over the heart of Europe.

An even more important cooperative movement

As a reader of *The Good News* and this British and European Supplement, you are probably well aware that the publishers believe that a 'great purpose and design' is indeed 'being worked out here below'. Jesus Christ clearly commissioned His followers to bring news to the world of that 'great purpose'; to explain it, and to invite people to participate in it. He warns us that the night is

coming when no man can continue that work.

Jesus urges an alliance between each of us and a Church empowered by the Holy Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:13), a far greater power than that of the United States, the British Empire at its zenith or any other force.

We are, by that power and mind of Christ, to personally resist the evil ruler of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), and band together in the spiritual community called the Church of God – a modern resistance movement against the spirit of this world as it attempts to destroy all humanity through personal and national lust for power, profit and possessions.

Unlike Winston Churchill, the Church is given understanding of the broad sweep of



‘the mysteries of the future’. Jesus’ disciples asked Him, “When shall these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming, and the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3).

You will find our publication *Are We Living in the Time of the End?* a great help in putting together the events Christ explained (please download or request your free copy).

Spreading the true gospel

There are several defining points or signs that show clearly that the era in which you and I live is the ‘end time’. One is found in Matthew 24:14 which states: ‘This gospel [good news] of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness [not to convert the world at this time] to all nations, and then shall the end come.’

This is parallel to part of the instruction Jesus Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension to the right hand of God the Father: ‘Go you therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:19-20).

So we in this work of God will continue to spread the true gospel of Christ as long as our Creator gives us the abil-

ity and capacity to bring humanity that message of the Kingdom of God before the coming days of darkness called the Great Tribulation.

We are looking for people to join this crusade for sanity – the resistance against today’s Babylonish world system – so often motivated by ‘the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life’ (see 1 John 2:15). Will you help us to reach out to a world held captive by Satan?

In some ways it is not surprising that so many look at the world today and say ‘How can there be a loving God?’ They do not understand that the world is deceived by Satan the devil (Revelation 12:9). That even includes religious organisations that do not follow the leadership of Jesus Christ. To understand more, ask for our free booklet *Is There Really a Devil?*

We need to give people, often hindered by fear and uncertainty, a life-line to true sanity. As Jesus Christ came to the end of His physical life, He said: ‘I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night is coming when no man can work’ (John 9:4).

Will you work with us in whatever way you can while it is ‘still day’? There is still so much to be done before the end of this age comes.

Peter Hawkins

The Anglo-American Alliance

- ‘Let our common tongue, our common basic law, our joint heritage of literature and ideals . . . become the sponge of obliteration of all the unpleasantness of the past.’ (Winston Churchill to an American audience in 1932).

- ‘Churchill’s determination to maintain, repair, strengthen, and make use of the ties between the two countries is unique in the annals of Anglo-American relations’ (historian Martin Gilbert, 2005).

- ‘Ever since the mid-1830s, the English-speaking peoples had considered it their civilising mission to apply their values and institutions to those areas of the world they believed would benefit from them’ (historian Andrew Roberts, 2006).

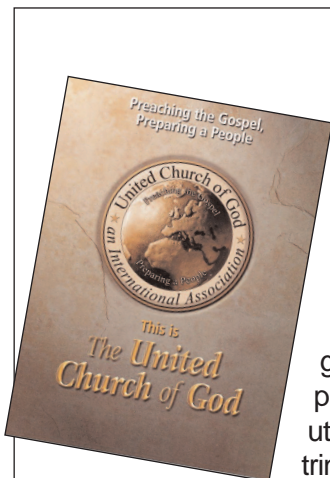
- ‘Why is the Anglo-American relationship different from those of any other two countries? One may approve or disapprove, but the fact is undeniable’ (professor and author Kathleen Burk, 2007).

- ‘The special relationship is based largely on the family firm; and as it happens the family business is spectacularly successful and influential. For roughly three centuries now the English-speaking peoples have been more or less continuously organising, managing, and defending a global system of power, finance, culture and trade’ (Walter Russell Mead, author and foreign policy advisor, 2007). For more information, request our free booklet *The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy*.

This Is the United Church of God

If you would like to know about a Church that follows in the footsteps of the first-century apostles, request our free booklet *This Is the United Church of God*.

Not only does this unique group preach the gospel of the coming kingdom of God, it helps prepare a people for it. They are doing their utmost to imitate the first-century Church in doctrine and practice. Write for your free copy of *This Is the United Church of God*.



What Is *True* Knowledge?

Today's alarming world conditions cause many men and women to feel a deep sense of unease. The current explosion of scientific and technical knowledge is often proffered as a viable solution. But for most, the knowledge of God remains largely unexplored and uncharted territory. Yet the Bible is the only true answer to our human anxieties.

The United Kingdom rates very well in the world as a knowledge-based country. As an *Economist* report revealed, 'Britain undoubtedly scores high in basic scientific work. . . [The country's] share of citations [in scientific papers] places it second, behind America, in a world ranking of research excellence. Britain's scientists claim around ten percent of internationally recognised scientific prizes every year' (4 August).

But that is not the type of knowledge that generally brings people peace of mind. The Bible contains that vital ingredient, missing in most people's lives, which would enable human beings to cope with the stresses of our modern age.

God has supernaturally protected His Word throughout its many centuries of existence. Throughout its long and difficult journey, the Creator has seen to the Bible's survival in spite of the many assaults leveled against it.

Forbidden in the Middle Ages, bombarded with higher criticism during the 19th century, needlessly neglected in the 20th – the Word of God continues to offer humankind sure knowledge, hope and guidance.

Our part is to diligently read and study its pages, discovering the lessons necessary to lead a more fulfilling life.

Biblical knowledge sorely needed

The prophet Daniel predicted an enormously disturbing period when 'there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation' (Daniel 12:1). This passage depicts 'the time of the end [when] many shall run to and fro, *and knowledge shall be*

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increased' (verse 4, emphasis added throughout). Our 21st-century world bears clear testimony to the fulfillment of this Scripture.

Yet another Hebrew prophet, Hosea, tells us, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge' (Hosea 4:6). But what kind of knowledge is lacking? Certainly not scientific or technological knowledge, which abounds in our modern age.

Verses one and two of this chapter begin with the stark statements: 'There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land . . . By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint with bloodshed upon bloodshed.'

These tragic conditions are widespread in our Western world. They are the real root cause behind the unease and uncertainty among our peoples. Britain's Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks puts the problem in perspective. '*Today many parts of Britain and America are marked by vandalism, violent crime and a loss of civility; by the breakdown of the family and the widespread neglect of children; . . .*

and by a widespread sense that matters crucial to our future are slipping beyond our control.'

God spells out what will eventually happen if there is no course correction in our national conduct. 'Therefore the land will mourn; and everyone who dwells there will waste away . . . Even the fish of the sea will be taken away' (Hosea 4:3).

We have forgotten God's law, especially the Ten Commandments, whose observance is so crucial to our national conduct and well-being. We can't seem to cope with material prosperity. Notice verse 7: '*The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me.*' Sin, defined in 1 John 3:4 as 'the transgression of God's law' (KJV), is first and foremost against God our Creator.

But where do these disturbing national conditions leave you and me? Who and what will anchor us in these uncertain times?

Essential Christian knowledge

The apostle Peter addresses the called of God as the *'elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father'* (1 Peter 1:2). It is the Father who calls human beings to salvation (see John 6:44). He knows us long before we begin to know Him.

The primary purpose for reading God's Word is to gain understanding of His will, and to learn to live by the Bible.

In Peter's second epistle he writes: 'Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ our Lord' (2 Peter 1:2). The Father and the Son are the source of all true spiritual knowledge.

Then Peter re-emphasises the fact that it is God the Father who calls us to repentance and salvation. It is 'through the knowledge of Him [the Father] who called us by glory and virtue' (verse 3). Next we are told that we 'may be partakers of the divine nature' – gradually imbibing the righteous character of God into our very beings (verse 4). This gradual process comes by and through adding godly qualities to our way of life. Peter specifically mentions knowledge (verse 5).

We are further assured that 'if these things [spiritual qualities] are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful *in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*' (verse 8). Peter follows through on this fundamental theme by stating that we can only escape 'the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:20). We can be forgiven for our sins and reconciled to God the Father through the redeeming sacrifice of Christ.

Peter concludes his second general epistle by urging us to *'grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'* (2 Peter 3:18).

Grasping godly knowledge

But from what source do we find this knowledge? Again it is the apostle Peter who helps us to understand. 'Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle . . . that you may be mindful of the words spoken before by the holy prophets [broadly representing the Old Testament], and of the commandment of

us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour [representing the New Testament]' (2 Peter 3:1-2).

The concluding passage in chapter one cautions us about arriving at unusual interpretations at odds with other members of the true body of Christ. 'Knowing this first that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit' (2 Peter 1:20-21).

How to study the Bible

Your attitude and approach to Scripture is supremely important. The apostle James

advises converts to 'receive with meekness [humility] the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls' (James 1:21, KJV). Further, the book of Hebrews tells us that 'the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible was not designed to be read casually as simply good classical

literature or as a contribution to our historical learning. The primary purpose for reading and studying God's Word is to gain understanding of His will and to learn to live by the Bible.

The end result of our diligence will be everlasting spirit life with the Father and the Son in the Family and Kingdom of God. God's ultimate plan and purpose is to bring many sons and daughters to glory (Hebrews 2:10-11).

All of our literature is designed to help you achieve God's ultimate purpose. Two specific booklets that are particularly helpful in this regard are *The Road to Eternal Life* and *Transforming Your Life*. Both are free upon request.

Twelve helpful Bible lessons

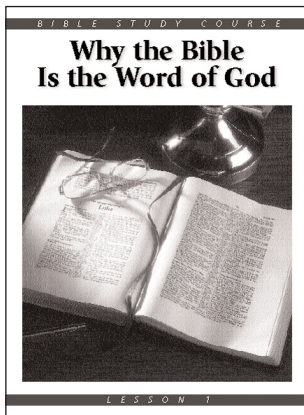
In conjunction with the editors and writers of *The Good News* magazine the United Church of God has also published a free 12-lesson *Bible Study Course*. This reader-friendly course will show you how to embark on an exciting study of God's Word, learning in overall principle and intriguing detail about our Creator's plan and purpose, for you personally, your loved ones and the rest of humankind.

The main textbook is the Bible itself. Many of our students complete the course and receive a certificate. In conclusion here are four of their comments and questions.

Letters from our students

I am very grateful to God and also to the United Church of God for exposing me to the truths in God's Word. I have really learnt a lot, and at the same time now have much knowledge about the Bible. Before I finish this course I could become a powerful Bible student. May the good Lord richly bless the United Church of God. (B A, Manchester)

I have recently started the *Bible Study Course* with the United Church of
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Lesson 1 of the Bible Course

Spiritual Quotient: *What We Don't Learn in School*

*The understanding of life's purpose is an important,
but often neglected, part of our intelligence.*

For many decades, the world has put great stock in the intelligence quotient (IQ). Psychologists came up with ways of testing IQ – one's intellectual or rational intelligence – to predict success in life. The higher the number, the belief went, the greater the intelligence and therefore the higher the success one could expect. But sheer intellect is only part of the true measure of our intelligence.

Emotional intelligence needed

Emotional intelligence is another important aspect. In the 1990s, psychologist Daniel Goleman popularised the concept in his best-selling book *Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ*. He used findings from neuroscience and psychology to show the importance of an emotional quotient (EQ) to success in life.

He defines emotional intelligence 'as a set of skills, including control of one's impulses, self-motivation, empathy and social competence in interpersonal relationships' (www.danielgoleman.info).

A spiritual quotient

It wasn't long before other authors were recognising another new dimension to human intelligence – a spiritual quotient (SQ). This is the intelligence involved in questions about the meaning of life and ultimate values.

But is this so-called spiritual quotient really new? Don't the ancient writings of the Bible indicate that man needs this added dimension to be able to attain his full human potential?

Consider this: 'The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned' (1 Corinthians 2:14).

The prophet Jeremiah likewise wrote: 'I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps' (Jeremiah 10:23). People may have natural talents and

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abilities, but passages such as these explain that we can only learn the most important lessons of life by seeking God. Put another way, we have a missing dimension in our thought processes.

God's Word further explains that 'the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?' (Jeremiah 17:9). Humanly, we want to decide for ourselves apart from God what is right and wrong. This kind of thinking was represented by 'the tree of

the knowledge of good and evil' in the Garden of Eden shortly after the creation of man.

God had explained to Adam and Eve that eating the forbidden fruit meant death because they were incapable of properly discerning good and evil without divine guidance (Genesis 2:17). After Satan tempted Eve and she convinced Adam to eat of the fruit of this tree, they were expelled from the garden and lost their close, intimate contact with God (Genesis 3:23-24).

Solving our problem

Apart from God, human beings naturally follow Adam and Eve's thinking.

In order to solve this inherent problem, we need to be reconciled with God. It is through repentance and water baptism that we can receive His Holy Spirit, which joins with our human spirit (Romans 8:16). This empowers us to understand the things of God and to discern the difference between the holy and the profane.

But what about those not yet old or mature enough to repent and make the lifelong commitment of water baptism? The Holy Spirit can guide and help them, as in the example of the disciples (John 14:17).

Sadly it seems that humanity is still largely in the dark when it comes to knowing what is really important. For centuries mankind has been searching for the meaning of life. Yet the Holy

Bible is God's message to man, and the only sure way to these eternal truths. God says: 'Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other' (Isaiah 45:22).

Scripture shows that God has put within us a desire to experience more than just repeating a pattern of taking care of our physical needs, acquiring material goods, developing casual relationships and hoping to enjoy some peace and tranquillity before fading away. Our lives should not consist purely of existential moments lived only for the here and now.

God's purpose for humans

The Bible reveals that there is much more to God's purpose for humankind than just living for the moment. God has 'placed eternity in our hearts' (Ecclesiastes 3:11), and wants to share His vast creation with us by allowing us to become members of His eternal family (Ephesians 3:15; 1 John 3:1-2). As

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you think more about God's purpose for living, His revealed education increases your spiritual quotient.

We human beings can only reach our full potential when SQ, IQ and EQ all work in harmony. The parable of the talents (Matthew 25) demonstrates that developing our talents is worthwhile, but we must also follow the laws of God and understand His purpose. Remember that when we die, we don't take any physical things with us, only our hopefully well-developed (converted) minds. God then promises to raise us up as immortal spirit beings at the time of the first resurrection. (To understand more fully, request or download our free booklet *What Happens After Death?*)

In the first book of the Bible God

gave man the responsibility to manage the creation. This included dominion (rule) over the animals (Genesis 1:26). Also, as custodian of the earth, man was to dress and keep his environment. It wasn't intended to be a jungle, but like the prototype garden which was originally designed by God Himself. When we understand that we are responsible for the stewardship of the earth, there should follow a sense of duty to our Creator and Benefactor.

The importance of right relationships

Understanding and accepting this God-assigned responsibility should also help us realise that our Creator wants us to learn to work together as a part of a family. After all, that is what He has in mind for us for eternity.

God wants mankind to learn the way of life that produces peace and joy for all. A person is often the most miserable when consumed solely with self-interest and when he shuns contact with others.

God made us to enjoy relationships with others, including an eternal relationship with Him.

Explaining this to His disciples and us today, Jesus said, 'No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you' (John 15:15).

What is your spiritual quotient? A good way to develop it is to read and study your Bible and keep reading *The Good News* magazine. You may be surprised by how much your IQ and EQ will rise as well.

Larry Greider

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True Knowledge

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God. I am very impressed with its teachings and the explanations given in the lessons, confirmed by the Holy Bible. I am willing to have a member or minister to visit my home so that I can receive further instructions with the aim of becoming a member of the United Church of God. (I W, London)

I have sat on the fence for many years regarding God. It is only a year since I started attending church and being serious about the Bible. I prayed to God for the truth as there are so many different religions and teachings. I believe God answered my prayer through your booklets and I am truly grateful. (J H, Linwood, Scotland) [The reader has completed lesson one of the *Bible Study Course*.]

- *Our free booklet The Church Jesus Built may be of help.*

What is the difference between the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament? And is the book of Psalms a part of the Hebrew Bible? (T A, London)

- *They are one and the same book. The book of Psalms is a part of the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament.*

In addition to the *Bible Study Course*, the Church also publishes a free booklet showing *How To Understand the Bible*. It sets forth a number of important keys to comprehending the plan and purpose of Scripture. Write to PO Box 705, Watford, WD19 6FZ.

The true knowledge of God resides in the Judaeo/Christian Bible. You won't regret diligently studying His Holy Word.

John Ross Schroeder

Questions & Answers

Q If someone has lost his faith, what can the person do to restore it?

C O, London

A Faith is something that a Christian must have for a good relationship with God (Hebrews 11:6). But how does a person attain to the type of faith required? Faith in God and Jesus Christ is developed by studying God's Word in a spirit of humility and obedience to His will.

Notice God's instruction in Isaiah 66:2: 'For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist, says the LORD. But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit.' Humility is an essential ingredient to our relationship with God. He is 'Lord of heaven and earth,' as Jesus revealed (Matthew 11:25).

The Bible reveals what God is like and what He requires. A good example of why we must develop faith is when Jesus appeared to His disciples without them being aware of His identity. This happened shortly after His resurrection. 'Then He said to them, O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' (Luke 24:25-26). The disciples should have had a firm belief that Jesus was the Messiah, yet they failed to truly grasp the meaning of the Old Testament passages that foretold His first coming.

Christ patiently reminded them that His Messiahship was foretold in advance. 'Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself' (verse 27). It is in the Holy Scriptures that we see the evidence of God's plan of salvation, with Jesus Christ playing the key role by His atoning sacrifice for each of us.

It is by studying the Bible that we gain confidence in God and develop the faith required for salvation. If we are willing to worship God 'in spirit and truth,' as Christ asks us to do (John 4:24), God will help us, through His Holy Spirit, to develop the faithful conviction that 'He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him' (Hebrews 11:6).

The apostle Paul also reminds us how important a thorough study of God's Word is in the development of our personal faith. 'How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?' (Romans 10:14). By studying the Bible we gain an understanding of God and Jesus Christ – and their plan for humankind in general and for each of us personally.

Notice John 3:16: 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, *that whoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life*' (emphasis added throughout). But that belief must be accompanied by obedience. Elsewhere Jesus told the rich young ruler who had asked Him how to

attain to everlasting life: 'If you want to enter into life, *keep the commandments*' identified as the Ten Commandments (Matthew 19:17-19).

Faith and obedience to God's law go hand in hand. Faith and true works are good companions (James 2:18-24). On the other hand, unbelief and disobedience to God's law are like identical twins.

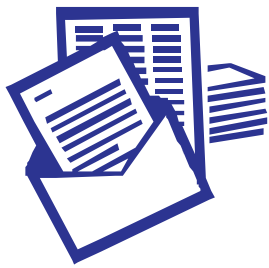
You may be surprised to find out that the faith that many people suppose they have isn't necessarily the faith that God requires. That faith, that conviction that a true Christian exhibits, is reflected in the book of Hebrews. The author of the book refers in chapter 11 to those who did possess genuine faith in God. This does not mean that anyone who is beset by doubt from time to time or who falters and sins has lost salvation. The Bible shows us that God will always forgive us if we repent and seek His mercy (see 1 John 1:7-9). The more confidence we have in God's willingness to help us through any difficulties we might face, the more faith we have in Him.

In the faith chapter, we read that 'faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' (Hebrews 11:1). We should put our trust in God, knowing that what He promises He fulfils. That conviction can only come about if we study God's Word to learn about His promises and trust Him to bless us.

To understand much more, request our free booklet *You Can Have Living Faith*.

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Letters From Our Readers

'Royalty – The Future of Rulership'

It is good news to be ruled by royalty, provided they are guided by God and know Christ, the Son of the living God. We are all meant to be servants of God, even our kings and queens, for Christ is 'King of kings and Lord of lords'. But if mankind tries to bring order to the world, they will always be thwarted and brought to failure. It is only by the will of God and by His living Word, Jesus Christ, that peace will eventually be brought to this world.

A H, Abertillery, South Wales

From readers renewing The Good News

I do find your magazines very informative and edifying. I look forward to reading more and expanding my knowledge of God's Word.

B W, Bradford

The Good News is helping me to have a clear understanding about who God is and of His everlasting love for His creation. I always look forward to receiving more copies of *The Good News*.

K K, Birmingham

The Good News is very inspirational and much needed, with world events being so difficult to understand. This publication truly is a great help.

S G, Dublin

I enjoy reading *The Good News*. I am delighted that God is turning our captivity from secular junk magazines filled with insanity to a magazine that glorifies Jesus Christ.

Mrs C U, Hendon

The earthly and heavenly Jerusalem

Surely 'Jerusalem above' is the heavenly Jerusalem, and that is where Christ will reign, and not on the earthly Jerusalem. Christ will come in glory and not to the earthly Jerusalem.

Mr J D, Penzance

• *The scriptural record attests to the fact that Christ will return from heaven to this physical earth to reign for 1,000 years – with the physical city of Jerusalem as its capital (Zechariah 14:3-4; Acts 1:11; Revelation 20:4). Beyond that millennial period, God the Father, bringing the New Jerusalem, will come down to be with Christ and His Family of now immortal spirit beings (see Revelation 21:1-5). By then the old physical order will have passed away. To understand more, request our free booklet You Can Understand Bible Prophecy. Chapters seven and eight will clarify the order and nature of these events. Another booklet about Heaven and Hell will show that the Jerusalem of Christ's millennial rule is not in heaven.*

Appreciation for helpful publications

Your publications have been a source of inspiration and have helped to open the door to my quest for the meaning of life. They have given me hope and a hunger for God.

C I, London

Your explanations and interpretations of deep Bible prophecies are incredible. I have no doubts that other readers will find your publications as invaluable.

I W, Thornton Heath

I have only recently turned to Christ as my Saviour and God as my Creator. I am finding your publications a fantastic

help as I gain Christian knowledge.

J H, Paisley

Thank the Lord Almighty for your ministry. In this troubled generation, your work is very important in giving directions for God's children. I pray I shall be able to help in the near future.

G O, London

Enclosed please find a donation to help with all the wonderful work you do.

M S, London

• *We are very grateful for the help and support of our readership.*

Reader from Germany

This journey to salvation is better and more interesting with your publications. I urgently need every assistance available from you as you have helped in awakening this spiritual hunger within me.

P D, Essen, Germany

Bible Study Course

Your publications have transformed my life and that of my other colleagues. I have many Bible lesson tests to send in; this could not be done before now due to my change of address. As soon as I settle in, they will be sent to your office for marking.

C O, Aberdeen

I look forward to the *Bible Study Course* questionnaires. I find them very beneficial and pleasing when I check my answers from the Bible.

Mr D A S, Wokingham

• *You are using an important key to understanding God's plan and purpose by looking at what the Bible itself says. As Luke observed in Acts 17:11, the Bereans 'searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so'.*