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The Pen of a Ready Writer

...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).

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The BEGINNING of SORROWS

The Lord responded to his disciples' questions regarding the sign of his coming and the end of the world (Matthew 24:3) by using the words: *All these are the beginning of sorrows* (Matthew 24:8). Many would come in his name, Jesus said, claiming, "I am Christ," chief of which will be the Antichrist. Wars and rumors of wars will come to pass; but, the Lord warns, the end is not yet. Nation shall rise against nation. Famines and pestilence and earthquakes shall be in diverse places. All of these are the beginning of sorrows.

Men have taken the description our Lord gave and have applied it to their present day, causing us to think that we knew the generation that shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled (Matthew 24:34). We are right in noting that Israel is the fig tree (Matthew 24:32). The Balfour Declaration (1917) and the re-establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, are a *putting forth of leaves* (Matthew 24:32b). However, the Lord is speaking of future events. Israel has yet to be a land of unwallled villages (Ezekiel 38:10-12).

Note these requirements: [1.] He that shall endure unto the end shall be saved (that applies to resisting the Antichrist and the worship of the beast – Revelation 6 & 13). [2.] The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (the work in part of the 144,000 witnesses – Revelation 7). [3.] The abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (demanded by the Antichrist, first beast, and directed by the second beast – Revelation 13).

The blossoming of Israel under the false promises of the Antichrist (Revelation 6:1-8) will be replaced with his claims to be God and his demand to be worshipped as God in the Temple (Revelation 13). Seeing the abomination of desolation will mark the generation that shall not pass away until all things be fulfilled. Enduring unto the end will be their resistance to the Antichrist (Revelation 20:4), for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be (Matthew 24:21).

Our Lord called the last period of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7) Great Tribulation. The first half of those seven years of trouble are the Beginning of Sorrows. Each is approximately three and a half years. Daniel gives two sets of days: a thousand two hundred and ninety days and the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days (Daniel 12:11-12). He also describes the Antichrist as confirming the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week, the Antichrist shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation (Daniel 9:27).

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I Just Keep Trusting My Lord...

Trials, tribulations and heartaches in life are all around us. Every day we hear of someone who is going through difficult times. When we go through the valley experiences, we learn more of ourselves and of our Lord, than we could ever have learned when everything seems to be going great.

Whether through the valley or on the mountain top, God promises to take care of us. He will never leave us, nor forsake us. I know, in my own life, I have experienced times when I could not look at the situation. Instead, I had look up

and trust my Lord and Saviour! The other day I heard some news that was not so good; but, in the midst of it, this wonderful song came to my mind: *I Just Keep Trusting My Lord*. It was written by John Willard Peterson in 1979. He wrote over 1,000 songs in his lifetime, including *Heaven Came Down, It Took a Miracle* and *Jesus is Coming Again*.

I just keep trusting my Lord, as I walk along. / I just keep trusting my Lord, and he gives a song. / Though storm clouds darken the sky o'er the heavenly trail, / I just keep trusting my Lord. He will never fail!

I hope that you will allow God to be your faithful Friend. You can count on Him to help you through any storm that you might be facing. My prayer is that those who read this today will have a peaceful and blessed day, knowing that the Lord who saved us will never fail us!

PRAY FOR ISRAEL!

Headline: Over 20k immigrants to Israel since Ukraine war began; almost half from Russia

The Jerusalem Post by Zvika Klein
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“After the Russian-Ukraine war broke out, over 21,000 Ukrainian, Russian and Belarusian immigrants – who are eligible for the Law of Return – have entered Israel. Although many expected a myriad of immigrants from Ukraine, almost half of the immigrants came from Russia.”

“According to the Aliyah Ministry, most of the 21,000 immigrants have become Israeli citizens. The ministry has reported that 1,153 of those who are eligible for Aliyah have not yet finished their immigration process.”

“Of the total number of immigrants, 10,019 of them arrived from Ukraine, 9,777 are from Russia and 455 made Aliyah* from Belarus.”

June 19th is Father’s Day!

Take the time to recognize our fathers and to remember our spiritual fathers. Paul and Timothy are an excellent example of a spiritual father/son relationship. As the Apostle stated, *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel* (1 Corinthians 4:15).

Going UP to JERUSALEM!

***Aliyah** – traditionally described as “the act of going up,” it refers to moving to the Land of Israel.

When we read references of those traveling to Jerusalem in the Bible, they are always going up to Jerusalem. Whether Paul’s journey to see Peter after three years in Arabia (Galatians 1:18) or our Lord’s many travels, including his betrayal (Mark 10:33), going to Jerusalem meant “up”.

Built on seven hills, Jerusalem has an elevation of 2,474 feet. The Kidron Valley is to the east of the city, while the Hinnom Valley flanks the west. It is the City of David (2 Samuel 5:7).