

Notes used in the Message

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GENESIS 12:1-3

- » **1** † ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- » **2** † And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- » **3** † And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

JEREMIAH 29:10

- » **10** † For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.
- » **11** † For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- » **12** † Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
- » **13** † And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
- » **14** † And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

EXODUS 3:8

- » **8** † And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Mark Twain's account of Palastine

Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince. The hills are barren, they are dull of color, they are unpicturesque in shape. The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble vegetation that has an expression about it of being sorrowful and despondent. The Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee sleep in the midst of a vast stretch of hill and plain wherein the eye rests upon no pleasant tint, no striking object, no soft picture dreaming in a purple haze or mottled with the shadows of the clouds. Every outline is harsh, every feature is distinct, there is no perspective--distance works no enchantment here. It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land.

Small shreds and patches of it must be very beautiful in the full flush of spring, however, and all the more beautiful by contrast with the far-reaching desolation that surrounds them on every side. I would like much to see the fringes of the Jordan in spring-time, and Shechem, Esdraelon, Ajalon and the borders of Galilee--but even then these spots would seem mere toy gardens set at wide intervals in the waste of a limitless desolation.

Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies. Where Sodom and Gomorrah reared their domes and towers, that solemn sea now floods the plain, in whose bitter waters no living thing exists--over whose waveless surface the blistering air hangs motionless and dead-- about whose borders nothing grows but weeds, and scattering tufts of cane, and that treacherous fruit that promises refreshment to parching lips, but turns to ashes at the touch. Nazareth is forlorn; about that ford of Jordan where the hosts of Israel entered the Promised Land with songs of rejoicing, one finds only a squalid camp of fantastic Bedouins of the desert; Jericho the accursed, lies a moldering ruin, to-day, even as Joshua's miracle left it more than three thousand years ago; Bethlehem and Bethany, in their poverty and their humiliation, have nothing about them now to remind one that they once knew the high honor of the Saviour's presence; the hallowed spot where the shepherds watched their flocks by night, and where the angels sang Peace on earth, good will to men, is untenanted by any living creature, and unblest by any feature that is pleasant to the eye. The noted Sea of Galilee, where Roman fleets once rode at anchor and the disciples of the Saviour sailed in their ships, was long ago deserted by the devotees of war and commerce, and its borders are a silent wilderness; Capernaum is a shapeless ruin; Magdala is the home of beggared Arabs; Bethsaida and Chorazin have vanished from the earth, and the "desert places" round about them where thousands of men once listened to the Saviour's voice and ate the miraculous bread, sleep in the hush of a solitude that is

inhabited only by birds of prey and skulking foxes.

Palestine is desolate and unlovely. And why should it be otherwise? Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land? Palestine is no more of this work-day world. It is sacred to poetry and tradition--it is dream-land.

62-0120 THE.UNCHANGEABLE.GOD.WORKING.IN.AN.UNEXPECTABLE.WAY_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« **54** † Jesus said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away." Oh, how we ought to rest upon that Divine promise of the Son of God, Who said, "Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away." There is a resting place for the soul.

55 Now, Jesus said, in the Word. Jesus said, **"If you ask the Father anything in My Name I'll do it." But sometimes, when God performs something and does something that we ask for, yet we don't... It comes in an unexpected way, and sometimes in an unexpected place, and at an unexpected time. But God will answer in His own way, if you'll just believe it.** See? See?

56 You must believe it, accept it, and then don't take it back. Hold onto it. Lay hold of it, and say, "This is it. God said it. That settles it. If God said so, that's finished, no matter how long." There might not have been one molecule come into existence when He said, "Let there be" for a world. But, He, He is Eternal. And after while, become molecules and atoms. And it come up, because He said it to be that way.

57-0705 THE.EAGLE.IN.HER.NEST_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« **E-17** † This old mother eagle flies into the nest one day all ex--unexpected to the little eaglets, and as she comes in... Oh, how I've laid and watched them and weep like a baby, with my binoculars trained on them, my horse tied off somewhere, watching them. And she'll fly into the nest, and she'll take those great wings, and she'll give them a great shower of wind. It shakes every loose feather out of them. Because she's fixing to give them their first little solo flight. And you can't have loose feathers when you're solo flying for the Lord. She flies in, and they have a mighty rushing wind. They never felt it before, because they were born in the cleft of the rock. Why? They are eagles. But God changes it, He gives them something new. As the Church was borned in the cleft of the rock we cannot be satisfied there; God stirs up the nest sometimes, comes in with a mighty rushing wind like He did on the day of Pentecost, and all the old worldly loose feathers fly out. He sends a Pentecostal revival and shakes up the nest.

Then He gives a certain scream. Oh, all the little eaglets know something is fixing to happen. They're eagles; that's the reason. **When you see a shaking time come, eagles are ready for a blessing. The Church is ready for something, the true Church of God, when they see a shaking time coming.**

« 118-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

HOSEA 6:1-3

» **1** † ¶ Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

» **2** † After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

» **3** † Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

61-0730M GABRIEL'S.INSTRUCTIONS.TO.DANIEL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN DA 1-44 SUNDAY_

« **137** † **He never blessed Israel until they come back to the promised land; and when they got back in the promised land, signs and wonders begin to happen.** He sent a man right down among them by the name of Moses. What did this Moses come down, with a polished-up theology? Did he come down with a Bachelor of Art degree? Did he come down with a LL.D., Ph.D.? He come down with the power of Jehovah and with a message, "Return from this land to the homeland." Return, O Dispersed, to your own. Amen...?...

61-0730M GABRIEL'S.INSTRUCTIONS.TO.DANIEL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN DA 1-44 SUNDAY_

« **138** † For nearly two thousand years the Jews has been out of their homeland, scattered to the four winds of the earth. How that we could make this message last for weeks now if we had to go to details. We can chase Israel right back and show when it was scattered by the Roman empire on their rejecting of the Messiah; how she was drove to every nation under heaven; go back to Jacob, Israel, back in Genesis 44 and 45, and

show back there that how He blessed those patriarchs and told them exactly where their standing would be in the last days; and I can point to you exactly every nation of Israel, every tribe of Israel standing exactly in the nations where it said it would be. And here we are today.

63-0116 THE.EVENING.MESSENGER_ MESA.AZ V-8 N-5 WEDNESDAY_

« **132** † Notice, if the Gentile church has to be taken away first, for the Jews, then the end of the Seventy weeks of Daniel takes place. The three and a half years Messiah prophesied, and then He was cut off, the Prince, in the middle of the seventieth week. And, then, there's three and a half weeks left yet. And we find out two prophets of Revelation (He never changes His coat again), of Revelation 11, comes down and prophesies to the Jews. Now, the Church will be taken away at that time.

133 And we see Israel, the first time for several hundreds of years, almost over two thousand years, is now become a nation; her own army, her own money. Israel is in the homeland; her own nation, own flag, belonging to the United Nations. She is a nation! Why, it's one of the greatest signs that we could think of, right now, Israel in her homeland. And Jesus said, "This generation that sees Israel go back to her homeland shall not pass until all has been fulfilled." See, He spoke of this day.

63-0630M THE.THIRD.EXODUS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-21 SUNDAY_

« **43** † We can pull the pages back, but God has to open this Sunday school lesson, so let us just ask Him to do that.

44 Heavenly Father, we--we by faith look towards the future. I'm looking now, by faith, towards a coming something, Lord, upon the earth, that's going to draw Thy people together. When we see the denominational churches so pinning down and getting so different, it's really pushing the people out; just as it was in Egypt, a pharaoh rising, who knew not Joseph.

45 As it was in Germany, and--and up into Russia, and Italy, the people raised up Josephes, Hitler and Stalin, Mussolini, who hated the Jew. **They had to go back to their homeland. God, You got ways of doing things, that we don't understand. And You pressed them. No home in Germany; everything taken away from them. Also, in Italy, Russia, no place to go. And they were sent back to their homeland, just to fulfill the Word.**

46 Oh, the loving hand of God! How, sometimes, it looks cruel, the way that people suffer, but it, still, it's the tender hand of Jehovah, leading His little children. We thank You, Lord.

63-0630M THE.THIRD.EXODUS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-21 SUNDAY_

« **47** † Now I pray, God, as I see the day. That, the denomination is pressing the believers, excommunicating them, saying, that, "Their name must be upon their book, or they're lost. Have nothing to do with the other group." **It's only the tender hand of Jehovah, leading them to the Tree of Life. I pray, God, that, each one. I know they will. Because, it's Your Word, and It can't fail. And may we be led to the Tree of Life, that we might be a possessor of Eternal Life, see the hand of God, and, by the eyes of faith, look beyond these shadows that we're walking in today, see the promised Land laying just ahead.**

48 Bless Thy Word, this morning, Lord, these few Scriptures and notes that I got written down here. May the Holy Spirit come now, as I dedicate myself, the circumcision of tongue and thought, mind. And the church dedicates their ears of understanding, their hearts, all of us, together, that You'd speak to us through Thy Word, for Thy Word is Truth. In the Name of the Word, Jesus Christ, we ask it. Amen.

60-0229 THE.ONCOMING.STORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-15 N-2 MONDAY_

« **149** † I'll make my last visit to Phoenix someday. This may be it, all I know. The last time the Gospel will be preached over this pulpit, this may be it; I don't know. We're looking awful close to the end time. Israel's come back to her homeland, the last sign that was given.

I was looking at a picture the other night where they're packing their old, crippled, off the ships and things, coming in. They said, "Have you come back to the homeland to die?" Said, "No, we come back to see the Messiah."

Don't worry, the fig tree's putting forth its buds; that's the last sign. The ensign, the oldest flag in the world, flies over Jerusalem. She's a nation of her own now with her own army. She was blinded for a little season, but she's coming together again. God promised it. The end of the Gentiles will be then. They're looking for a Messiah.

You know, God was asked one time, "You... Can You forget Israel?"

Said, "How high is the skies? How deep is the earth? Measure it."

The prophet said, "I can't."

He said, "Neither can I ever forget Israel. It's the apple of My eye."

There's the last sign. Jesus said, "When you see the fig tree putting forth its buds, know the time is nigh, even at the door." Israel begin to be restored. They got their own money, about four weeks ago. She has her own currency, everything. She's a full nation. What are we e; I in you, and you in Me." See?