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Beloved in the Lord,

MANY of the Old Testament prophets repeatedly prophesied the coming of the Messiah. But their prophesies were limited.

For their inquiries as to *the exact time of His coming* were met by the *“four hundred silent years”* between Malachi and Matthew when there was no word from God.

And it was not until Jesus finally arrived and revealed Himself to a few simple fishermen that they came to realize that at long last *He walked among them!* It was no longer *who, when, where, how, but His name is Jesus and the time is now!!!*

Yet it was not until after Calvary that they fully understood the full nature of His coming.

Until the earth was shattered with His cry, *“It is finished!”*, and *the stone was rolled away from the tomb by no human hand*; and Thomas’ illusions of death were erased at his cry, *“My Lord and my God!”*, when *the risen Christ stood before him*; and they saw Jesus carried into heaven on a cloud, and

heard His words, *“ . . . you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem . . . and to the end of the earth . . . ”*; and the day of Pentecost arrived, and they heard the sound of a violent rushing wind from heaven, and flames of fire rested on them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. . . .

Not until then did they completely understand that the Light had returned to the Father and the Good News had been entrusted to them to take to the world.

And now it has been entrusted to us until He returns.

He walks beside us, and by grace we keep on - witnesses, each one of us, to the love and mercies of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Living witnesses to those who are spending their lives journeying on the far side of the Jordan instead of crossing over into the Promised Land. *Witnesses* to those satisfied with a land of wandering in a place where God is distant. Silent. A place Tozer called *“this misty lowland.”*

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ISRAEL endured the journey through the wilderness from Egypt to the Promised Land for only a brief time. Soon thoughts of the leeks and onions back in Egypt drew their hearts away from the living God. *And they died in the wilderness.* Moses endured because he kept his spiritual eyes fixed on God. *“He endured as seeing Him who is invisible.” Heb. 11:27. And so must we. “Press on . . . ! Phil. 3:12*

We're having to get in through a "back door" to answer this prisoner's request, but get in, we will. Inmates in his prison aren't allowed to receive notebooks. At least not directly. But about 3 or 4 times a year we send notebooks, Bibles and Christian literature to this institution. Each time, we must first get an approval signed off by the Warden. And then the materials have to be sent directly to the chaplain. We wrote this inmate back to let him know his chaplain will soon have a fresh batch of books and notebooks; we're just waiting on the warden to sign off on our current boxed and waiting donation:

"Hello, I was told you can provide me with a composition notebook for free. I have been incarcerated for 12 years and don't have any financial support. I enjoy keeping a journal because it's very therapeutic. I would truly appreciate it if you could send me two composition notebooks so I can continue to keep a journal. Thank you and God bless!"

This inmate isn't having to wait. The Administration in his prison allows inmates to receive books mailed directly to them:

"I'm writing to see if I can get another book. And I would like to say thank y'all for all you

do for the inmates. I've learned and grew so much as a Christian from the books you have sent me. Thank you and God bless!"

Ask and you shall receive. This inmate's list was a little different from most, but we happened to have everything he wanted on hand:

"Hello, I'm writing to see if you all could please send to me these items below--

- #1. 4 or 5 bookmarks*
- #2. 2024 calendar*
- #3 Christian magazines to read and pass on*
- #4 Bible study*
- #5 Large print Bible with red lettering KJV*
- #6 Three different birthday cards for adults with Bible verses.*

Thank you and God bless you all. . . ."

This next inmate begins his letter on a hopeful note - an appropriate verse from the Bible:

"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.' Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, who redeemed us with his precious blood and called us to be holy . . . I'm writing with the hope that I can obtain a study bible as

well as a concordance. Along with teachings on prayer and fasting. I also have a desire to seek ordination as a minister. Do you offer classes on being ordained? In Christ love!"

For many today, life at times is a difficult journey. Isaiah understood that, personally and nationally, when he quoted the Lord as saying, "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn not to the right or when you turn to the left." Isa. 30:21 It was God's promise, then and now, to guide us on our journey. Assuring us, that in each and every instance, His love and grace would provide our needs and help us conquer life's obstacles --

"I'm writing because my life is changing, and I saw somewhere you have a study bible, concordance and dictionary. I really, really want the Study Bible to help my growth. Also I want to receive the book I'm Gonna Bury You, and literature also and any other book. All must be paperback. Thank you. God bless . . ."

DAVID'S relationship with **GOD** was enviable. Let us also strive daily to walk closer with Him, so we, too, can say: ***"You make known to me the path of life, in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*** Psalms 16:11

"Franklin" is of Spanish descent; and with the help of online translation assistance, he writes:

"Hello, my name is Franklin. I am currently deprived of liberty. I have been praying and studying about God through the Bible. I would like to continue learning also through reading books but I am a person of low income and cannot buy any. I received your address through a friend. If you could help by sending me a book, I would appreciate it very much. If you send it, let it be in Spanish, please. . . . God bless you."

This next inmate doesn't have much time to do, but we sent him a Spanish Bible along with a book in Spanish by Max Lucado and our prayers that he will take the Lord with him when he gets out:

"My name is Carlos I would like to receive a copy of your book I'm Going to Bury You please. I'm in a protective cell, and I have received Christ. I'm looking for and am working in biblical studies books. I'm absorbing everything I can about Christ. I'm a newbie, a new believer, and I like the Word. Thank you and may God bless you for your help."

God bless him - his letter is three pages long . . . !

". . . bless you all for being a voice of triumph! Will you please send me a New King James Bible? I already have a bible study guide. I have prayed and repented. Not to boast, but I am a CHRISTIAN! I have prayed in Jesus Christ's name that

God will bless me and forgive me for my sins. Amen!! 'Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance.' Matthew 7:7"

If there is a time in the future to dread, it is that found in Amos 8:12: *"They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it." This convict's letter brought it to my mind:*

"I am a prisoner. I don't have my own Bible. I would love a Bible, books and Daily Bread and bookmarks. Thank you so much for your ministry. . . ."

TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME
"The man who has nothing to die for has; nothing to live for; he does not know what Life is." James Denney
Scottish preacher - 1856-1917

There is no treasure we could send, however great, that would equal what this inmate also asked for:

"My friends, I am sending this out in the hopes you can help me obtain a NIV study Bible. I have prayed and wished for this type of Bible for many years and am hoping you can help. . . ."

Imagine this; he's in prison, and he writes:
"I'm writing to you for my sister. She wants to know could you please send her a large print Bible cause she has bad eye sight and can't read the small print ones. I told her I would write you and see if you will send a bookmark and large print Bible to her soon. Please. God bless you all."

“Within one hundred years . . . man will have discovered the secret of the atom. And when he does, God is going to come down with His big ring of keys and say, ‘Gentlemen, it is closing time!’”
Pierre Berchelt, French scientist, at a symposium in Paris, France

CHAPLAINS’ CORNER

All this chaplain’s joy and thanks for the box of books and the case of Bibles are aimed at *YOU* ----

“Dorothy, Thanks so much for thinking of me again!!! The case of Bibles is such a blessing!! Woohoo! Praise the Lord for your service in hearing His voice and sharing your bounty with me. The Case arrived in great shape and the Bibles will be well distributed!! I thank God for you and pray continued blessings and peace as you carry out the work He has given you so graciously! Thanks again. All praise be to Him, the Lamb of God who sits upon the Throne!!”

Twice this prison - with some 4,000 inmates - has accepted our bibles. But an overly cautious chaplain would not accept other good Christian reading materials - even though they shine a still brighter Light on the One who came that we might have life. But today, a conversation with their chief chaplain made my day:

“How are things at your end?” I inquired.
“We’re on complete lock down, but otherwise everything is fine.” I could tell he wasn’t trying to be humorous. *“I’m just calling to let you know we received the two boxes of Bibles.”*
“How are they?” I asked.
At last some enthusiasm: “They’re great.”

The responsibility for the spiritual life of 4,000 men in prison is not a fun job. And I sincerely rejoiced when I once again offered, *“How about my sending you some*

good Christian books this time?” (Men on lockdown need something to read!) And this time he responded, “Yes, I think that would be good.” (Books were mailed yesterday!)

I’ve seldom talked to a chaplain whose spirit exuded more joy than one I had the pleasure of talking to this week. A conversation that usually takes no more than 15 minutes lasted a half an hour - and then I had to force myself to say *goodbye*. He has a front row seat waiting in Heaven! In the meantime, he’ll soon have enough bibles and books to keep the prisoners “occupied” for a few weeks.

It’s been a while since I heard from them, but a perky little female voice greeted me when I answered the phone today to tell me they could use some more softback books and bibles. I remember when jails had a dozen people in them; now this one has 1,500 men and women! *And it’s small compared to the Los Angeles County Jail which has an inmate population of 19,836!* Right now I’m packing up three boxes to go to a prison in the northwest, but I’ll get hers out in the morning. *Thanks to you!*

Note: Without my son’s help I’d never make it to the front door!! I can no longer tote boxes weighing 40 pounds or more without help!

Some 2000 years ago Jesus lived and died and rose again and ascended to the Father. Since then, the Word of Life has gone out to the whole world, in accordance with His command. *Yet even now, with between 5 and 7 billion bibles in print, the world does not know Him. We teeter blindly on the precipice of a great storm - prisoners of our own laxity.*

Though few people in America have yet to shed their blood for the sake of Christ (Heb. 12:1-4), our faith is challenged on every front. And the winds of change will continue to blow harder and harder against the Gospel until night comes. Jesus told us, "... *We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night comes when no one can work (John 9:4).*" That time cannot be far away. But until it comes - *until He comes* - we thank you for continuing to stand strong with us. And may God bless you with ever increasing joy and faith!

"The Lord bless each of you, and keep you in His care. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you." Amen.

Work for the night is coming,



Dorothy and Family

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PRISONS TO WHICH YOU HELPED US SEND BIBLES AND BOOKS AGAIN THIS MONTH:

FCI Yazoo City Low, Yazoo City, MISSISSIPPI
Beaver County Jail, Aliquippa, PENNSYLVANIA
High Desert State Prison, Indian Springs, NEVADA
Jefferson County Jail, Rigby, IDAHO
Graceville Correctional Facility, Graceville, FLORIDA
Anchorage Correctional Complex East, ALASKA
Olympic Corrections Center, Olympia, WASHINGTON
La Vista Correctional Facility, Pueblo, COLORADO
County Jail, Monroe, NORTH CAROLINA
Allen Correctional Center, Kinder, LOUISIANA
Jefferson City Correctional Center, Jefferson City, MISSOURI
Sampson Correctional Center, Clinton, NORTH CAROLINA
Taylor Correctional Inst., Perry, FLORIDA
Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Wilsonville, OREGON
Mercer County Correction Center, Trenton, NEW JERSEY
Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, Taft, OKLAHOMA
Manatee County Jail, Palmetto, FLORIDA
Mayes County Jail, Pryor, OKLAHOMA
Eastern Correctional Center, Westover, MARYLAND
North Control Unit, Calico Rock, ARKANSAS
Saginaw Correctional Facility, Freeland, MICHIGAN
Emanuel Women's Facility, Swainsboro, GEORGIA
Merrimack County Corrections, Boscawen, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Virginia Regional Jail Authority, Meadowview, VIRGINIA
Green Haven Correctional Center, Stormville, NEW YORK



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A NEW BEGINNING

JANUARY, the beginning of a new year, has passed, at least for most of us. But not so for the Jews. Rosh Ha Shanah - which literally means "*Head of the Year*" in Hebrew, falls in the month of Tishrei, which is October/November this year. Though the Hebrew calendar begins with Nissan (marking the Jews deliverance from Egypt), Tishrei is believed to be the month in which God created the world. (Orthodox Jews are among those who believe the world was created in six days.)

"Rosh Ha Shanah is observed on the first two days of Tishrei. *And their tradition teaches that during these High Holy Days God decides who will live and who will die during the following year. As a result, instead of making "resolutions" for the coming year, Jews set about the more serious task of examining their personal lives and repenting for wrongs they have done during the previous year. Inherent in this process is making amends for wrongs done to others. This "system" of repentance is called teshuvah, a turning from repeated sin toward God.*

As Christians, we might do well to remember our Hebraic "roots" and counsel with God the more seriously about our lives. Are our plans *His plans*? Is *His life* our life? What greater security can there be in this world today, much less tomorrow, than living in Him.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20