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“WHEN THOU PASSEST THROUGH THE WATERS”

When thou passest through the waters,
Deep the waves may be and cold.
But Jehovah is our refuge,
And His promise is our hold;
For the Lord Himself hath said it,
He, the faithful God and true:
When thou comest to the waters
Thou shalt not go down, BUT THROUGH.

(Annie Johnson Flint)

BE ENCOURAGED

Are you passing through waters of despair or grief today? Is life more difficult than usual? Be encouraged by the God who stayed the waters of the Red Sea so the Israelites could pass through them successfully without a sea-drop on their persons. How frightened those fleeing people must have been as they followed God, by way of Moses, from shore to shore! Take courage, dear reader, in their courage and take heart in their fright, as they walked by faith from one shore to the other, with huge walls of water rising and standing at each side of their caravans. If you know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, you have a “wall” of protection and care on each side of you in your distress. This fact does not mean that you will not be hurt, harassed or distressed in your present trial. It means that you will never be forsaken by the One who has said, “I will never forsake or leave you.” **What fortitude! What comfort! What peace!**

Dr. Waite PREACHED IN NORTHFIELD, New Jersey

THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH MERGER

My husband was asked to preach at NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH's twenty- second anniversary. NORTHFIELD--in South Jersey--is about 55 minutes from us here in Collingswood. It was the anniversary of the church's merger with another Baptist church in that South New Jersey area I am personally interested in the church because one of our daughters-in-law attended that church when she was a young girl. In fact, she and our son and one of their grandsons visited last Sunday to join the anniversary celebration, and to hear my husband preach. I remember some of the pastors, PASTOR VILE and PASTOR HOLMES and PASTOR LARGE.

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JEREMY P. RICE FOLLOWED HIS FATHER AS THE PASTOR

The present pastor is PASTOR JEREMY P. RICE who followed his father as the pastor at NORTHFIELD. His father died suddenly a few years ago. It was an unexpected heart attack! Seeing the interaction between the present pastor and his people, his love for his people was very evident.

ORDER DR. WAITE'S NORTHFIELD'S MESSAGE ON JOHN 3:16- "THE GREATEST POSSESSION"

Perhaps you would be interested in hearing Dr. Waite's message which he preached last Sunday morning. You can get it in tract form (BFT #2741 @ \$2.00 + \$1.00 S&H) or on cassette tape (BFT #4154TP @\$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H) or CD DISC (\$6.00 + \$1.00 S&H). You will be blessed. The sermon is in two parts (A) and (B).—a blessing!

"THINGS TO COME"

A CLASS TAUGHT BY

PASTOR DANIEL S. WAITE, M.A., M.DIV.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 3:00-4:30 P.M. (EASTERN)

Pastor Daniel Waite has been teaching a class on the book , THINGS TO COME, which deals with prophecy, Israel, the church, premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism. This teaching is a review of Dr. Dwight Pentecost's book by the same name. PASTOR DANIEL TEACHES ABOUT THE JUDGMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND ADVENT, THE KINGDOM CONCEPT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND THE KINGDOM PROGRAM IN THE PRESENT AGE. Also there is discussion in relation to the living and resurrected saints in the millennium as well as the Heavenly city—New Jerusalem.

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. THE CLASS GATHERS HERE IN OUR CHURCH ROOM; OR ON THE INTERNET. STUDENTS CLICK ON BibleForToday.org (brown box) AND ATTEND THE CLASS BY WAY OF THE INTERNET. (We have had as many as 150 views for these sessions.) ASK HOW YOU MAY ORDER THIS FULL SET OF TEACHINGS. Call 856-854-4452! Viewers can click on at three o'clock in the afternoon or they can watch the class on the internet at their own leisure.

WATCHMAN: WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

CURRENT COMMENTS FOR CONCERNED CHRISTIANS

*As Israel of Old, you and I need an
“understanding of the times.”*

“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; . . .” (I Chronicles 12:32).

CHRISTIANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE TIMES!

This is WHY each Sunday morning in our church, ~~FOR THE FOR EODD MDDA-W~~
~~CELEB~~ here in Collingswood, New Jersey, have *Current Comments For Concerned Christians*. Christians should have AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES like Daniel, Ezekiel, and Ezra and many others in their day. TODAY genuine Christians should know what they should do or not do about these events and how to pray concerning the situations in light of the Word of God. We should not put our heads under a bushel basket and think the problems will go away if we don't see them. **We need holy discernment.**

THE PASTOR SHOULD HAVE A CONVICTION & A RESPONSIBILITY

Pastor D. A. Waite has a conviction that he, as the pastor of our church, has a responsibility before God to be a *just* and *faithful* servant to the events and the news of the day. News which the Lord has brought to Pastor's attention during the past weeks and months, much of which is either censored or just omitted by the news media. **We must learn to discern the times.**

PASTOR WAITE LOOKS AT THE NEWS IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD

Many brave prophets took heed and spoke up in Bible Times! **Pastor Waite looks at current news of the day in the light of God's Word.** He hopes we people, sitting in the pews or listening on the Internet, will apply them to their daily lives and learn from the events around us and BEWARE!

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PREACHERS WARNED

I HAVE READ THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE PREACHING OF THE PREACHERS DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THAT THE COLONISTS TOOK UP RIFLES AND BAYONETS AND FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN. Where would you and I be today if it were not for such preaching?

THE PROPHETS WARNED THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Reflect with me on the prophets of old! They cried out warnings to the Israelites of their present and future dooms. The prophets warned the people of God to change their ways or great judgment would follow. The prophets often foretold future events in future years that would touch the generations to come—even our generation. Such correction and concern often fell on deaf ears, too!

PEOPLE HAVE PUT ON NEW EYE GLASSES OF UNDERSTANDING

Today some of Pastor Waite's hearers heed such warnings. They have become observers of current events in the light of God's Words. That is good! They have put on new eye glasses of “understanding.” Today Christians are beginning to hear the warnings and observe the

political changes capturing our country as well as the world—the world of people that *God so-loved!* (John 3:16-21)

MEN LIKE ISAIAH AND JEREMIAH DARED TO SPEAK THE TRUTH!

Others—who did not want to clutter their minds with truth and warnings look the other way or walk out of the room. They block their ears to such information and avoid the men who speak of such things. Men like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonah—and even Paul, Peter, and even the Apostle John dared to speak the truth!

JESUS WAS BOLD IN FORE-TELLING AND FORTH-TELLING THE TRUTH

And, of course, there was Jesus who was bold in his fore-telling and his forth-telling of the future's death and despair of the Jewish people. as well as the hurt and horror that would fall upon the Gentile nations.

MANY CRITICIZED THE WATCHMEN

Many in those days blocked their ears and covered their eyes. They looked the other way! They criticized the watchmen who called in the night warnings as to the times and the seasons. Notice in the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah how these prophets were criticized!

SOME JUST WANT TO HEAR “SMOOTH THINGS.”

Today many turn a deaf ear. They criticize the news bearers. They hate their words—words as it were—that come from the very heart of God. They just want to hear “smooth things.” [Notice this verse: *Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:* (Isaiah 30:10)]

PREACHING VERSE by VERSE

1 & 2 Thessalonians

by Pastor D. A. Waite. Th.D., Ph.D.

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Dr. D. A. WAITE'S LONG SOUGHT-AFTER BOOK ON THE APOSTLE PAUL'S TEACHINGS TO THE CHRISTIANS IN THESSALONICA IS READY FOR YOU TO ORDER! Become acquainted with the Christians there in THESSALONICA, realizing their fear that Jesus Christ had already returned to earth again and left them behind. What dear people! Paul comforted them. He told them he always prayed for them. What a good comfort to know that the Apostle Paul, their spiritual father, had not forgotten them.

Neither had Paul forgotten their much affliction, and he remembered how they had accepted God's Word with joy! What examples they were to those in Macedonia and Achaian as their GODLY FAITH was known far and wide among other Christians in other areas of the world. I wonder if that could be said of you or me—or of our churches, too!

I'm Under God's Care, ARE YOU?

Yvonne S. Waite