



NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



One of the chief goals of this monthly communication is to encourage you to shine forth the love of Christ in your everyday life. We want you to become all He has in mind for you to be. Our deepest desire is to help equip you to become a true disciple empowered by His love to do the work of ministry (which is love) where you are. We know that what we share can sometimes be uncomfortable, yet we strive to speak the truth in love.

As you pray concerning year end giving, we ask that you keep us in mind. But we most of all ask that you remember your own calling and work, that it is as vital and honored in God's sight as any full time ministry. You who labor and give to us come behind in nothing when the rewards are given by the King. As you sow to us and we are then able to sow back to you in teaching, equipping, and help, it all works together for the glory of God.

We are all of us learning and growing together and we all are of equal import and value no matter what we do or where we live. Those of you who give to us to do what we do are the material backbone of this ministry endeavor. We know your giving is often sacrificial. Thanks for continuing to amaze and humble us with you generous response and support in these dark times. More that ever, may we all become nightlights that kindle His love in the hearts of others.



SIGNS

And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger... (Luke 2:12)

There shall be signs in the sky.... (Luke 21:25)

You discern the signs of the weather, then why can't you discern the signs of your time? (Matthew 16:3)

Josephus records that there were many irrefutable signs given to the city of Jerusalem in the years leading up to the terrible destruction of the city and temple by Titus in 70 A.D. There were several powerful signs in 66 A.D. - a sword shaped star overhead night after night; a glorious light appearing over the temple then moving away from it (Ichabod); the huge gate only movable by 20 men and latched deep in the ground by huge metal staves found open of its own accord. These and many other signs were given. Those who heeded the words of Jesus knew how to discern and interpret the signs, that the **desolation of Jerusalem was near (Luke 21, Mathew 24)**. They escaped. Those who chose to heed the politically correct words of the false prophets did not.

About a year ago (November 2011, December 2011, January 2012) I did three *Nightlights* based on the now well known book The Harbinger by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. I should not have been amazed that some who shared those messages with others were met with either disdain, mild ridicule, or in one case, hyper theological debate. The message of The Harbinger is very straight forward. It neither leaves nor needs room for interpretation. Just as a sign refers to the miles before a destination leaves no room for interpretation, but simply states facts that can be heeded or ignored, so it is with The Harbinger. And so it was with Jerusalem 70 A.D.

We are celebrating the season of Advent, Nativity, and Incarnation while the world continues to bow to the gods of winter festivals and mammon. The sign of the first coming, a child lying in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes, was straight forward and fulfilled. The baby grew to manhood and warned of other signs to come, first to Jerusalem and then to the final generation. More indications of His second advent are manifesting in ever increasing crescendo. These signs are also straight forward. They will also come to pass. But like the previous signs, some will take heed while others will choose the less demanding, fleshly comforting, ultimately damning false prophets' interpretations. Those who took seriously the sign of the baby in the manger can take equal comfort in His command to us that whatever portents occur, we are not to be afraid. **"When you see all these things occur, then look up. Your redemption draws near!" (Luke 21:28).**



Make it a stocking stuffer for your kids, or... your PARENTS!



"This album is wonderful! It has everything; heart, artistry, poetry, meaning, and delicate humor. What a glory to God and a great final tribute to Tom Howard. Yours was the last project he did. A good way to close out the evening-until the Morning of our reunion..."

Marty Goetz

"Clay, Shabbat Shalom is your masterpiece...."

Lynn De Shazo



Blessed

Christmas





Closing Thoughts

I remember Christmas 1963 so vividly. I got my first real football uniform and helmet. I remember holding it and staring at it in wonder, but feeling that I would never be able to endure the years it would take before I could put on a really real (i.e. high school) football helmet. Now, I can barely remember as far back as high school. It zoomed past me so fast. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Soon He who shall come, will come. And all creation is groaning, we are groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning, in birth pangs to bring forth that day. Think, one day we will think on our youthful longing to put on the REAL, not as a longing any more, but as a memory, fading in the Light of everlasting Reality. Stay the course. This present suffering is not worthy to be compared.....



*Shining On,
Clay & Mary*



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