

The Contender

"CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS" JUDE 3

Vol 23 No 1

Printed Voice of Faith Assembly

January 1991

The Everlasting Gospel, Part 3



Rev. Raymond M. Jackson

WE STILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TO ADD TO THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL PART OF OUR SERIES BEFORE WE MOVE ON, TO DEAL WITH THE WOMAN OF MYSTERY OF MYSTERY OF REVELATION 12:1-6, WHICH HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE AMONG CHURCH PEOPLE FOR YEARS. AS

FOR THE 144,000, AND THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL, WE WANT TO MAKE IT AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE TO YOU, THAT AT THE PROPER TIME, THIS WILL BE LITERALLY FULFILLED, RIGHT HERE ON THIS PLANET. OF COURSE THERE ARE SYMBOLIC TERMS ASSOCIATED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE PICTURE PRESENTED IN THESE SCRIPTURES; BUT THE 144,000 JEWISH MEN, AND THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL ARE LITERAL; SO IF YOU HAVE MISSED THE FIRST PARTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRINTED, YOU WILL NEED TO REQUEST THEM. THE FATHER'S NAME

This 14 chapter of Revelation has been right here for hundreds of years, carried down through the th Gentile periods of time; but never understood. Christian people have looked at it with

Copyright 2018 Faith Assembly Church

a lot of misgivings; probably thinking it was just another one of those scriptural things they could stick on the wall, to help decorate their theological ideas, not really taking the understanding of it very seriously. Man gets so set in his ideas of what he does understand, he get to thinking there is nothing that goes beyond that. It is just like the Jews were, when God gave them the law; they are still trying to live by it; even two thousand years beyond the beginning of a new covenant God set in effect. Why is that so, you ask? Because they look back to how perfect and precise Moses was, when he stood between God and mankind presenting the conditions of that covenant. They do not realize; that many of the things contained in the law they want to be so strict about, were types and shadows of what you and I and all who have accepted Jesus Christ are benefitting by, while we carry the message of this new covenant to the world. Gentiles have been receiving the benefits of something that was offered to the Jews almost two thousand years ago and they rejected it; therefore I have about three points I want to focus on as we endeavor to bring this subject to a close. The first, is concerning the Father's name, that John saw written in the foreheads of every one of the 144,000 Jewish men that were following the Lamb. They had the Lamb's Father's name. I will

read the scripture. (Rev. 14:1) "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb." We realize of course, that this Lamb John saw standing in the forefront of this 144,000 men on Mt. Zion, even though it is portrayed as a literal Lamb, is only symbolic of the leadership of Him who was the Lamb of God offered upon the sacrificial altar for the sins of all mankind. Therefore the Lamb is only symbolic of something in the mind's of these men; and so is the Lamb's Father's name. They have a revelation; and they are walking strictly by the leadership of the Spirit of the Lamb. In other words, the name was not literally branded upon the foreheads of those men; it was in their minds; but John was allowed to see it like that, so he could write it; and we have to see the reality of it through the revelation of the Spirit, if we see it at all. Let us read the whole verse. (Rev. 14:1) "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." I have stated in various other messages, that the name Jesus, which was given to the baby born of a virgin in Bethlehem of Judaea, is a compound name. Sometimes people do not know what you mean when you say compound; but if I said dual, they would understand that it had a dual application; so let us think of it like that. Some people, especially

Apostolic Oneness people, still get hung up on it; because they make no room for the Son. When we go back to Isaiah 7:14, where the prophet prophesied seven centuries before the advent of Christ, that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Emmanuel, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Emmanuel is not a name; it is giving reference to something that name will signify. The meaning of Emmanuel, is, God with us. The name Jesus does not appear in the prophets. No prophet said what His name would be. It meant, God with us; but that was not a reality until John baptized Jesus; and the Spirit of the great Creator (the Father) came to incarnate His perfect Son, when He was 30 years old. In other words, the title implied what the name would (some future day) signify. In the New Testament, we realize the baby born to the virgin Mary was given the name Jesus. Therefore as I have said many times before, Jesus was a name given to many Jewish, male children; but all the rest of them that had that name back then grew up and died; and the word Emmanuel had no meaning whatsoever in relation to them. The name is translated Jesus; but in Hebrew, it is Joshua; and none of the others that carried that name in those

days were to be looked upon as the anointed One, of God. A proper revelation of these things demands that we understand that Jesus was still not the Anointed One, until He was baptized in the river. Then when He was baptized and the heavens were opened unto Him, and the Father, the Eternal Spirit, the Creator, the same Spirit that created everything, including the cell in the virgin womb of Mary, entered into Him, He then, and only then, could properly be looked upon as God with us. It was not His flesh, that was God; it was the Spirit of the Creator in Him, that was God; He (the Father) walked on earth with mankind, in the physical body of His only begotten Son. He (the Father) is the one that descended in all the fullness of His deityship; and took up residence in the man Called Jesus of Nazareth. A proper revelation of the Godhead, is what enables us to see this picture as clearly as it can be seen. Paul wrote of the Godhead in the epistles. When we speak of the Godhead, we are actually referring to all of the incorporated attributes of deity. That is what you are dealing with. You are not dealing with something that you cannot fathom. You are dealing with the attributes that are expressed from that of deity. When God invested Himself in His Son, He invested the fullness of these attributes to be expressed in the person of His Son.

When the Father lived and dwelt in the Son, it was then and then alone, that the name Jesus began to have the compound meaning of God with us. Then they could say, He is God with us; because He is God with us in the person of His Son. Some may say, If that is the fact, what did He come to earth in that manner for? To save His people. As we just stated, the Hebrew word is Joshua; and that is a word that means, He will save His people. The name Jesus, or Joshua, is pointing to the Son? It is not the Son doing the saving. Yet we are saved by, or through Jesus Christ. It is the Father that is doing the saving; but it is the Father doing the saving through His Son, and by His Son. When we say through, or by, God had to have an element, something to offer, something to present as a means of sacrifice. Therefore His Son furnished the physical flesh for suffering, to be bruised and mangled. His Son was willing to forfeit the life that came from God, manifested in the object and person of a human being. The Son was willing to forfeit that life. In being willing to forfeit that life, He became our sacrifice. He paid our sin debt. The blood that flowed through those veins, the Son was willing to have spilled, or shed upon the earth as an atonement for the sins of the human race. That is why we can say, It was not Jehovah that died. It was the Son of God that

died. When we can see this, then we can go back to St. John 5, where Jesus, as He began to preach and minister, had the occasion to say these words, "I am come in my Father's name." From that moment on until you get to the 17 chapter th of St. John's gospel, Jesus is constantly reminding those who followed Him, that what He said and did was what the Father wanted. He did not exercise His own will in the things He said and did. Then in the 17 chapter of St. John's Gospel, we find Him praying. "I have manifested thy name unto them" th In verse 8, He said, "I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them." Then in verse 14, we find Him saying, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Then in verse 26, He says to the Father in prayer, "I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." How wonderful it would be, if every believer could just get the Father and the Son in their proper place. When you look back over in chapter 14, verses 15-17, you hear Jesus saying, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He (the Holy Spirit) may abide with you for ever; Even the

Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” There is a lot of revelation contained in those three verses, if you have eyes to see spiritual truth. The Spirit we have in us is called, the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit. Both speak of the same Spirit; and Jesus said the world cannot receive that Spirit, because they neither see, nor know Him. To those that were with Him He said, But ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Well as we read the Epistles, we find the writers referring both th the Spirit of God in us, as well as the Spirit of Christ in us. Is that a contradiction? No. When the Father incarnated the Son, they became ONE SPIRIT, and it is that Spirit, that believers have in them. In 14:16, Jesus said, “I will pray the father, and He shall give you another Comforter.” That was the words of the Son. Everything is by the will of the Father. However from those same lips, you can hear the voice of the sovereign God; with such utterances as found in John 14:18, “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” When you get it all digested properly, and see the true picture, you have to realize that the name given to Mary’s little baby boy was a compound name; because it was not only the name of the Son of God, it was also the redemption

name of the Father, the Creator of all things; the God that had predetermined to save His people.

ONE TESTIFYING OF ANOTHER

When the Son was here on earth, He was visible. Man could see Him; but the Father, man could not see. The Son was always pointing mankind to the Father. It is the Father doing the works. It is the words of my Father, and so forth. They could not see the Father; but they could see the effects of the Father working in, and through the person they could see. Therefore He spoke everything in the name of the Father, glorifying the Father. Now just think, the Son has gone away. You cannot see Him. Neither can you see the Spirit that was sent back to dwell in true believers; but you can recognize the workings of Him, as He fulfills what Jesus said He would do. Jesus said He would guide us into all truth. In John 14:26, He said this also, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” Just as the Son directed all attention to the Father, the Holy Ghost directs all attention to the Son of God. I hope you understand what we are talking about. It is a compound name,

carrying a dual meaning. In the Old Testament, from Genesis right on through, the Eternal Spirit, through different periods of time, revealed Himself to the prophets and patriarchs by seven different redemptive, attributal names. None of those names were ever given to a mortal man. They are names implying attributal qualities that belonged to none other than the Creator Himself. However when God purposed that one day He would come and dwell in a man, in the fullness of all of His divine qualities, it would be in that man, that all seven of these divine qualities would be expressed. That is why it is typed in Zechariah, when those Jews were back out of Babylon, they were clearing away the rubbish, to rebuild the temple, and they found the stone. It had seven eyes engraved in it. What were those seven eyes? Think of it, the drawing of an eye, seven of them. What did that mean? That was a type. That rock was pointing to Jesus Christ; a man through which all seven of those attributes would be expressed. However when Jesus was here, the man through which all seven attributes of God were expressed, they did not call Him Jehovah-nissi, nor Jehovah-Sabaoth, nor Jehovah-Shalom; nor any other of the seven. No. He was called Jesus, the Christ. He is our Savior. It is because God was in Him, doing the saving. God is reconciling the world unto

Himself by His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why Paul would speak of the name Jesus, how God has highly exalted that name, and also that it is the family name for the whole family of God. Notice, (Ephesians 3:14) “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.” Therefore to any person who would view this tape or read it in the paper, where I have said the name Jesus is just as much the Father’s name as it is the Son’s name, just remember this, It is a compound name. It takes on the whole family structure, of the whole family of God. People are always talking about the new name, wondering what it is; and an awful lot of them still do not have a revelation of the name JESUS. Once you get a revelation of all that this name encompasses, you will stop worrying about a new name and give proper respect to the name Jesus, the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, as Peter said that day.

AN ANGEL FLYING IN THE HEAVENS

There is something here I want to further explain, to give people a better understanding of why this angel is seen flying in the heavens. We will again read verse 6. “And I saw another angel

fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” John saw these men poised and ready. The middle of the week of Daniel has passed. The first three and one half years are gone. The two prophets through which God has ministered to these men, to seal their revelation of who Jesus the Lamb of God really is, have been killed. The fact that the antichrist has killed those two prophets, means that they have received the signal to get away from there. They are ready to hit the scene for which they have been prepared. They know there is only three and one half years of time left for the then present world order. Therefore they know that in the plan of God, there is something the world of humanity must be informed of. Like I said at the beginning of this message, When you send your little children off to school, or your grandchildren, you can be assured that they are not going to come home and tell you that they learned anything about God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection, nor anything else of spiritual value. IT was not so when I was a little boy. It was quite often, that before they would start class in the mornings, they would let us stand and repeat the Lord’s prayer. We had a better nation then. This bunch of compromising liberals today, have

yielded to every child destroying, satanic spirit that has bid for their attention. I have my own opinion about how such people as that ought to be dealt with. Some of you may think, Oh, Bro. Jackson: You ought to be careful about how you speak of people. After all, you are a preacher. Yes I am; and I know how the apostle Paul spoke of such characters. He said in Phil. 3:2, “Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.” Also in Romans chapter 1, and in 1 Cor. Chapter 6, he made some statements that does not set well in this day of st liberal church minded people. It is where he speaks of how no effeminate, no abusers of themselves with mankind, and so forth, have any place in the kingdom of God. Let us just read verses 9 and 10. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” I did not pronounce the death penalty upon anyone; and neither did Paul; but Paul knew that when a society bends so low, as to start living like that, they do not have the life of the Spirit of God in them. Well with only three and one half years left, this side of the coming of the Lord in

wrath and judgment, that 144,000 men have a job to do. Let us just try to imagine the shape the world will be in by then. Will they be praying in schools? I have no reason to believe they will. What will they be teaching in schools? Atheism, evolution, science of every sort. No doubt the loudest cry will be, Get rid of religion, we do not need it. The devil will make every effort from here on to the end, to brainwash and blind the whole human race concerning anything pertaining to the God of creation. Modern man does not even want God to be in the picture in any way. Acknowledging the existence of a holy God, would be a hindrance to their way of getting things done. However the two prophets of Revelation, chapter 11, will have had 3 ½ years to get an element of Jewish people ready to fulfill each phase of what the Bible tells us about that hour of time. The 144,000 servants of God will be equipped with a revelation of what they are to do, the women element of chapter 12, verse 6, will be ready to flee into the place God has prepared for her, (Notice, “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” That is exactly 3 ½ prophetic years) and the political Jew in Israel will just have to suffer the consequences of what his unbelieving heart has gotten

him into. The fourth element of Jewish people in that hour, will be the Jews still in dispersion among the nations; that these 144,000 men will flee into the nations to preach the everlasting gospel to. The gospel they preach, will warn their hearers of what is taking place, and of the consequences of taking the mark of the beast. You can go back to Rev. 14:6-11, and read what they will be preaching to the inhabitants of the earth in that hour. We have already read it, so I will not read it all again. Though it says in verse 6, “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,” it is not the flying angel that will be doing the preaching. Each of these angels, will be conveying the authority to the 144,000 Jewish men, to preach what they are proclaiming. The Church (the Bride of Christ) will be gone. The foolish virgins will still be here. Why? Because they will have spent all of their time running after miracles and other manifestation of the Spirit; and have taken no serious thought about getting themselves dressed up in a revelation of the word of God; so they will miss the rapture. That will leave Gentile foolish virgins, and spiritual Jews here on earth, scattered among the nations, for this 144,000 men to preach the everlasting gospel to. No. It will not be a gospel of soul’s salvation,

like the gospel Gentiles have had preached to them for almost two thousand years; it will be a gospel to prepare them for martyrdom, we could say; for there will be a great multitude from those two elements of mankind that will purge themselves exactly like that. We will go to Revelation 7:9-14, for our first look at them; and then we will go to Revelation 20:4, for the verse that finishes explaining who they are. (7:9- 14) “After this (after John was shown the sealing of the 144,000, which was 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel) I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; (10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (11) And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, (12) Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen (13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? (14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. (Sir, please tell me.)

And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and having washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” We can go right to chapter 20, and it will finish identifying them. This scene takes place after the great tribulation, and after the wrath of God has been poured out upon wicked mankind. Satan will be bound for a thousand years; and Jesus will be preparing for His Millennial reign on earth. You can read the preceding verses, if you care to; but verse 20, is what we are after. (20:4) “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: (That much of verse 20, applies to the raptured bride; that will reign with Christ, judging the nations; but the rest of the verse applies to the tribulation saints that have been faced with worshiping the beast, his image, and with taking his mark.) and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, (That is the foolish virgins) and for the word of God, (That of course, is martyred Jewish saints. They had not the testimony of Jesus; but they believed the word of God otherwise.) and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; (That lets us know what hour of time they were martyred in) and they lived and reigned with Christ a

thousand years.” The preaching of the everlasting gospel is what will prepare this great multitude to face martyrdom, rather than be damned for accepting the mark of the beast. That 144,000, will preach it like it is; they will not go along with Jim Bakker’s setup, nor with Jimmy Swaggart’s setup, nor Billy Graham’s. Those men will have a revelation. They may not all have an education from man’s standpoint; but they will all have a revelation of the word of God; and they will know what they are talking about; when they come upon the scene. They will know how to present their message; and they will have a fervent zeal to get it done. They are going to preach to every nation and kindred. That lets us know that they are going back to the nations from which they came, before going to the home land of their father’s, where they were privileged to hear the two prophets. Notice the 7 verse. It does not contain a lot of words; but it is powerful. “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” The world will not see that angel flying in the midst of heaven. Neither will they hear the angel speak. The anointing on those servants of God, will tune them in with the revelation of what that cry is seeking to express. That cry is, “Fear God! Give

Him glory!” Brother, Listen to me: By the time that week of Daniel has run the first half of its course, and the Antichrist has taken over, the world of modern thinking people is going to need something to awaken them, and turn a few of them around, and cause them to get away from the tide of things, lest every last one be destroyed at the coming of Jesus Christ in judgment. That is the way we have to look at it. This is a cry, and I want to express it like this, It is not just some preachers trying to make church members. (The Bride of Christ is gone; so there is no more Church left on earth.) They are going to have the anointing and ability to put things into words, to show a few of the remnant of the nations of the earth that there is still a God in control after all. Most of the world population at that time, is already going to know there is something going on; because of what they will have been watching on T.V. News broadcasts for 3 ½ years prior to that. Do not think the News Anchors will not make every effort to inform the world of what takes place in Jerusalem each day. When those prophets begin to call for those plagues of Revelation 8, the whole world will be sitting by their television sets, waiting to see what will happen next. That is why, when these servants of God leave that spot and begin to go into the nations where they came from,

and begin preaching the everlasting gospel, they will not be facing a totally unprepared element of people. No. They will find an element of both Jews and Gentiles, that will gladly hear what they have to say; for they will be telling them how to escape the pending judgment and wrath of God. If they are going to escape it though, they must acknowledge that there is a God that rules the universe, and be willing to reverence and worship Him. “And give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.” Brother their faith will really be put to the test in that hour; for the image of that first old beast will be just as diabolical as the first beast; and will be a willing instrument of persecution under the leadership of demon spirits; so it is no wonder that these saints will be beheaded because of their refusal to renounce their faith in God and take the mark of the beast.

EVERLASTING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

I suppose we need to talk a little about that word everlasting; for there are people in the world today, that believe that word has to apply only to time without end. To them, it sounds like this is something that is to go on forever, through the endless ages. When God chose that word for this to be expressed to John, that he might

write it, do you not think God knew what He was talking about? He knew how mankind would be, here in the end time. God knew what effect the word would have, out here in this confused world of religion. The theological concept in this modern age of religion is, That is something that is endless. It just keeps going on and on and on. If that were true, the Millennium never would begin. Do you understand what I mean by that? As long as this everlasting gospel is being preached, Jesus is still not on earth. When this gospel is over, (and that will be at the end of that last week of Daniel) then Jesus is coming to earth with the armies of heaven, to judge what is left upon earth at that time. Therefore this gospel, which is called the everlasting gospel, has to have a duration. The word is properly used; because this will be the last good news this world will ever have preached to it, before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore it will have an everlasting effect, because the everlasting effect is what will be transformed inside of those human beings that believe and receive it. That is why, when the other two angels follow, you hear this, “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen.” As I said the other night, It seems like modern Christianity today, is so blinded to the truth of what this term Babylon, pertains to, they may as well be

blindfolded. I can say for sure, The terminology pertain to apostate Christendom, which Roman Catholicism stand at the head of. Roman Catholicism is the Babylon these scriptures talk about. Yet there are multitudes of so-called Christians that will say, Oh but the Pope believes in Jesus. That is what fools people. The way he believes in Jesus is strictly anti scriptural. The Pope does not want Jesus to come back. Well I have news for him; He is coming back anyhow; just like He said He would.

THE THIRD ANGEL WARNS MORTAL MEN

The third thing we see here, warns of consequences of taking the mark of the beast. “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.” We have already talked about the mark of the beast in our last issue; but there are a couple more points I want to make. We took it back to the 13 chapter of Revelations; where we read the th scriptures that actually tell of the mark

of the beast. A lot of people think, and I know I once did also; that when the antichrist really takes over the government of the world, and he sits in power and authority, he is going to have everyone lined up, build a hot fire, or else have some kind of electric instrument; and brand a huge mark upon them. It sounds like he is going to put a tattoo on you that you can never get rid of. That is how they did the Jews in the concentration camps. They put a tattoo on them; that they still carry. That was put there by Hitler; and if any of them ever broke out, all the Gestapo had to do was search for that tattoo. That was a brand they could never get rid of. However as we get closer to the period of time that this thing is to become a reality, we are beginning to see what it is really talking about. It is not talking about putting a brand on man, or putting some kind of tattoo on him. It is just that the world is fast moving toward an era of time when man is going to do away with this old system of monetary exchange. World corruption, graft, counterfeiting, and all sorts of gimmicks are necessitating a change. When they invented the credit card, they thought it was something they never would have to worry about; as far as underworld corruption is concerned; but time has proved that theory to be false. They can counterfeit those things easier than they can the

one dollar bill. That is why most places, when you use the credit card, the salesperson will ask you, Do you want the carbon copy? If you say no, they will tear it up. Why? Because they know the Mafia and this type of people today, with all the electronic gadgets they have, would be able to take that carbon copy and photograph it, then make a mold and cast their own card, which they could use to charge items against your account. I read an article some time ago, that told how many millions of dollars worth of counterfeit transactions are carried on in this country every year; mostly because of carelessness on the part of the card owners. That is why this cashless system of exchange will be so desirable; it will put an end to all of that. I remember back about 1982 when this cashless thing began to be talked about so much: Evangelists began to jump on that for all they were worth. They wanted to make it so sure that this mark of the beast was ready to go into operation, that everyone ought to really be careful. They talked about different stores giving these credit cards and such like. I said at that time, Everything you see going on in that trend, is really only laying the stepping stones that will eventually lead to such an era of time. If we read the scriptures right, I believe we can see, that this thing will not become completely effective 10 or 15 years in advance of

the scriptural application of it. There is yet too much of the individual economic structure that is still controlled by private enterprise. They are not going to change all of their systems of monetary exchange, just to hook in with someone else. They are going to hold on to their old cash registers, using currency and our present system as long as they can. However as modern technology increases, and world leaders seek more and more to bring about an era of flawlessness, this cashless society is what it will come to. It will no longer be even a card; it will have to be something that is readily recognizable by modern technology; and cannot be duplicated by unauthorized people. Like we said earlier, In certain areas of Canada as well as in the United States, on a small scale, like, in the realm of sports events, such a means of identification has already been used. In Montreal, when the World Fair was there, all the security personnel, the gate personnel and such like, were given an indelible mark in the palm of their hand. It could not be seen, but a laser light would pick it up. As they came through the security check, all they had to do was pass their hand under that laser light. That registered into the computer that they were authorized personnel. I remember, at the time that was told, they were afraid world terrorist organizations would

take such an opportunity to do a lot of harassment and actual harm, if they were able to mingle with those who were employed there. Therefore every person that worked in the security realm, or as gate personnel, were required to wear that identifying mark. IT was a little forerunner; but it was not yet the mark of the beast. We just have to realize, that sooner or later world economists, banks, financial institutions and so forth, will bring this system into operation in such a gradual way, mankind will find themselves right in the midst of it all, with no other way to go. A certain brother was telling me about hearing this thing discussed on a television program. They now have a little computer chip so thin it can be inserted under your skin; Yet in that tiny computer chip is your social security number, and everything that is vital to identifying you as the person you are. When it is inserted under your skin, you will never see it; but a laser light will pick up every bit of the information on it. No, the Pope did not design that. Yet the day will come when he will use that sort of thing to carry out his diabolical plans; after he has been anointed by Satan for his role in the end time windup. This very thing can be used to force people to do what he wants them to do. It is almost like joining a union. You either join a union or you do not work. At least that is how it is in most

places today. I am just using this as an illustration. In that hour, when this system is fully in effect, you will either accept it as a means of buying and selling, or you will not buy or sell. Once this kind of cashless exchange system has been initiated universally, think of the effect it will have upon all those who have hidden thousands of dollars in their mattresses, thinking it would give them security when times get hard. That money will not do anyone one bit of good. It will be worthless. A thousand dollars will not buy one loaf of bread; simply because there will be no place for that kind of exchange in a cashless society. The whole monetary value will be set up on an altogether different basis. It will all be designed to work for the good of mankind; but in the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel, the Antichrist will take over the whole thing as a means of controlling those who are still left here, after the bride is raptured. There is a glorious hour just ahead, for the bride of Christ; but a very dark hour for all the rest of humanity; and the time is getting very close.

END TIME SIGNS

Saints: We just have to read the signs of the time we are living in, to know that time for Gentiles is running out. The world is heading toward a cashless

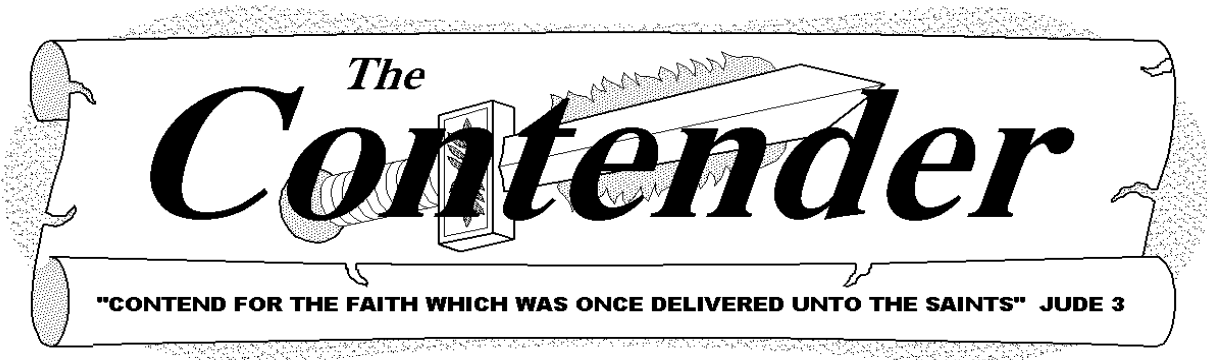
society, thousands of Jews are being given an opportunity to go home; back to the land of their heritage, the Euphrates River being dammed up to hold back masses of water, and so many other things foretold in the Bible, that can only apply to the last days, time has to be short. Yes, somewhere just in front of us, we are going to see for sure, that we are the living generation that is going to see this whole thing brought to a climax. That is not setting dates; like, days, weeks, months, nor anything like that; but when you see all these things coming about, it is certainly no time to be nonchalant about it all. You cannot just to play ball; and have the whole thing go away. Nor can you just take a vacation trip until it all passes over. I am not making fun of taking a trip; but too many Christian people take trips without even having God on their mind. One of these days they will take a trip and never come home again. It is time we begin to realize, God is allowing these things to come in such a way as they are, because He wants His true children to recognize them. He wants us to see what they are pointing to. Then if we do not take heed, He is not responsible for the outcome. We realize this, lately, every Jerusalem Post that comes out, has an article about the Jews coming home from their places of dispersion. Some time ago, I read this, "Prime Minister

Yitzhak Shamir has expressed concern that Soviet Jewish immigration may be interrupted by turmoil in the Soviet Union. IT is this fear that is behind Israel's request that Moscow remove all obstacles to direct flights, in order to speed up the pace of immigration. The situation of the Jews in Baku (That is the capitol of Azerbaijan,) cause in the violent conflict between Moslem Azerbaijanis and the Soviet army, on the one hand, and the Azeris and the Armenians on the other, is particularly worrying to official circles in Israel." Here is what Israel is being faced with. Our Secretary of State made some remark like, our aid would not be given to them if they were going to place any of the immigrants in the occupied areas like the Gaza Strip or the West Bank. We know that is where the uprisings and trouble has been all along; so these next few words were in response to that. "Israeli officials hope Secretary Baker will raise this issue with the Soviet foreign minister when he meets him in Moscow early this month. One official said "The Soviets cannot speak of free emigration, and then tell those wishing to emigrate that they cannot get an airplane ticket for close to a year. This has become particularly relevant in the light of the increased requests by Jews from Baku to leave on an urgent basis. Premier Shamir said last week that the Palestinian condemnation of (Listen to this, The

Palestinian Arabs in the land of Israel, are looking at this possibility, with so many Jews coming home they are getting scared, afraid they will be pushed all the way out.) Soviet Jewish immigration shows the true intentions of the Palestinian leaders: He who fights against aliya (meaning the exodus) cannot be for peace with Israel. We need a big and strong people in a big and strong land.” When Shamir said that, our state department did not like it. They want to tell Israel what they can, or cannot do; but I say, What Israel does from here on, will be mainly what it takes to fulfill the scriptures; for God Himself will direct things in that direction. Well, here is what the PLO’s say. “Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO’s foreign affairs spokesman, has told the Boston Globe that he does not accept Israel’s right to its pre-1967 borders.” He says they must go back to the 1947 borders; and then they will see where things go from there. Therefore as the world views this mass exodus, we have to realize, the Jews are in position to come home. Israel is trying to make ready to receive hundreds of thousands of them. However God knows how many of those Jews He wants back there; and nothing will stop them. He wants a remnant large enough to fulfill the prophecies, from each of the twelve tribes. They have to be back in the land; before this thing can wind up. If

God is bringing these Jews home, to get them ready to hear their prophets, Gentiles do not have much time left to mess around. We need to take whatever time is left, to get ourselves ready to meet the Lord, when He comes. With this in mind, let us go into chapter 12, and deal with the revelation of this WOMAN OF MYSTERY.

Continued next edition...



The Contender is published 8 times a year (excluding the months of March, June, September and December) by Faith Assembly Church, P.O. 2368, Clarksville, Indiana 47131-2368, a non-profit corporation, and is mailed free to all who request it. Published at Corydon, Indiana.

© 2018 Faith Assembly Church. Only by special permission from the author, may any part of this paper be reproduced.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
 The Contender, P.O. 2368, Clarksville, IN 47131-2368.
This edition was put in this format in February 2018
www.fachurch.org

OFFICERS

- James Allen..... Author, Pastor
- Raymond M. Jackson..... Founder, Pastor
- Louis B. Turner..... Editor, Retired
- Charles Paisley..... Editor
- David Jackson Copy Layout
- Ramona Barber Secretary – Contender
- Naomi Elliss..... Secretary – Treasurer