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In God We Trust

By David M. McNabb

"In God We Trust." These four short, yet powerful words form the official motto of the United States of America. During the War of 1812, after seeing the attack on Fort McHenry in the Battle of Baltimore, Francis Scott Key was inspired with the words of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which would later be adopted as the national anthem on March 3, 1931.

The little-known, final stanza of Mr. Key's poem says, "O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved home and the war's desolation! Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.' And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

Although there was no official motto, "E Pluribus Unum," meaning "from many, one," was the de facto national motto until the Civil War. That war gave rise to an increased Christian sentiment. In 1861, Treasury Secretary Salmon Chase received a letter from Rev. M. R. Watkinson which stated, "Dear Sir: You are about to submit your annual report to the Congress respecting the affairs of the national finances. One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form on our coins. You are probably a Christian. What if our Republic were not shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation? What I propose is that instead of the goddess of liberty we shall have next inside the 13 stars a ring inscribed with the words PERPETUAL UNION; within the ring the allseeing eye, crowned with a halo; beneath this eye the American flag, bearing in its field stars equal to the number of the States united; in the folds of the bars the words GOD, LIBERTY, LAW. This would make a beautiful coin, to which no possible citizen could object. This would relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism. This would place us openly under the Divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters. To you first I address a subject that must be agitated."

After a series of mottoes were presented, Sec. Chase approved the words "IN GOD WE TRUST" for use on American coinage, first appearing in 1864. It was not until July 11, 1955, 91 years later, that the Legislature mandated these words to appear on all coins and currency.

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The End of the World according to Daniel

By C. Elden McNabb

In Daniel chapters seven and eight, we are given a wonderful prophetic account of the major political powers which God would raise up to dominate the last 120 years of the six thousand years He has given us before Jesus begins to take over the world.

The rise and fall of each of these nations is described. He told us how the fourth power and the little Horn shall be destroyed, but that the three nations which came up first would have their dominion taken away: yet that they would continue as nations into the seventh millennium.

Daniel described Nazi Germany, then Russia, followed by the United States of America. Then he said, "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and *it had ten horns*. *I considered the horns*, and, behold, *there came up among them another little horn*, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" (Dan 7:7,8).

Daniel said he watched until *that Little Horn "made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;* until [Jesus] came and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom" (Dan. 7:9-22).

In chapter 8, Daniel received a second vision which detailed precisely where the Little Horn was to come from. Afterward the angel told him, "Understand, O son of man: *for at the time of the end shall be the vision* ... And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: *for at the time ap-*

pointed the end shall be" (Dan. 8:8-19).

The "Beast" with his ten horns has been with us since October 24, 1945. The United Nations charter was signed on June 26, 1945 by representatives of 50 countries; Poland signed on Oct. 15. The charter entered into force on Oct. 24, 1945, and the "The Beast" had been created by the United States of America (Rev. 13:11-18). Then, when the "Twin Towers" fell, the President of the United States moved swiftly to create that "other Little Horn:" the Office Homeland Security.

Approximately four thousand years elapsed between the first man Adam and the last Adam: the Lord from Heaven. *The first* millennium was Adam's; *the second* was Noah's; *the third* millennium began with Abraham and ended with Samuel; and *the fourth* began with the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel and ended about a dozen years after the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometime after A.D. 70, the gospel of the kingdom of God was transferred to the Gentiles. For almost two thousand years now, the Gentiles, under the tutelage of the Apostle Paul, have been responsible for the spread of Christianity around the world. Our allotted time will soon be over, *and there will be no extension*. God has promised the seventh millennium to Jesus Christ and His faithful followers.

In Luke 2:41-52 and 3:1-3,21-33, Luke gave us a pretty clear picture of when the fifth millennium began. It is apparent that Jesus, at 12 years of age, thought that the fifth millennium had begun when He entered the temple and spent a week or so in intense discussion with "the doctors." Tiberius Caesar was given the throne by Augustus at about the same time, and in the fifteenth year of his reign, John the Baptist began His ministry (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1959, Vol. 22, Pg. 176).

The seventh millennium will begin near the beginning of the fall of A.D. 2011. The Spirit of the Lord has revealed many of the details to us, but now the time is upon us when we

must quickly find out "the manifold wisdom of God." Very soon now, "The judgment shall sit, and the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High" (Daniel 7:24-27).

The rise of the Little Horn is one of the great indicators that the coming of the King is near. That horn could not simply pop up one day without any warning. It was necessary for it to arise according to prophecy, and for *God's prophets to recognize the event*. The "signs of the times" are easily readable to the true prophets of the Lord (Amos 3:7). That Little Horn has already appeared among the "G-Ten" of the U.N, and is already a major factor in world affairs.

Daniel said, "**Then I would know the truth of the Fourth Beast** (The U. N.), which was diverse from all the others... And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things" (Dan. 7:19-20). ***That beast arose in 1945, and that little horn began its rise in 2001.***

The "little horn" is not a nation, but operates by delegated authority (Dan. 8:23-25). It has a mouth which "shall speak great words against The Most High, *and shall wear out the saints of The Most High*, and think to change times and laws: *and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time*. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of The Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. ***Hitherto is the end of the matter***" (Dan. 7:25-28).

From the creation of the United Nations by the U.S.A. in 1945, it has gradually increased in power, and today, its power is increasing at an alarming rate. The Group of Ten and The Group of Seven are its driving

force. The “Little Horn,” which has now risen, is different from the ten, in that “he shall be mighty, but *not by his own power*” (Dan. 8:24). In verse 12, He also said, “An host *was given to him* against the daily sacrifice.”

These ten horns on that fourth beast are not *kingdoms*, in the usual sense. However, for the final “one hour” (forty two years or so) of the existence of that beast, they receive power *as kingdoms*. The government of the United States of America, and particularly the Office of the Presidency, began to exercise that kind of power in about 1969, at the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with its broad powers to control both public and private land and resources. Then, in November 1971, the ten wealthiest non-Communist nations went to Rome for a World Financial Summit, emphasizing the fact that they are indeed that beast upon which the “harlot religion” was sitting since 1965/1966 (Rev. 17:3).

Daniel’s second vision on this subject, in chapter 8, is a continuation of the revelation which was presented in chapter seven. Daniel saw *a ram which had two horns*: pushing westward, and northward, and southward; *so that no beasts might stand before him*, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand. The goat came *from the west on the face of the whole earth*, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had a notable horn* between his eyes. He ran unto the ram *in the fury of his power*, and broke his two horns, and *he cast him down to the ground* and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

Soon afterward, “*the great horn was broken*; and *for it came up four notable ones* toward the four winds of heaven. And *out of one of them came forth a little horn*, which became exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land” (Dan. 8:3-11, 19).

Verse nineteen clearly shows that the primary intent of the vision was to reveal the source the Little Horn at *this end* of the age. “There stood before me as the appearance of a man. And he said unto me, Understand, O

son of man: for *at the time of the end* shall be the vision. And he said, Behold, *I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation*: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

“In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full ... he shall destroy wonderfully ... and *shall destroy the mighty and the holy people*. ... and he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand” (Dan. 8:15-26).

The Ram is easily identified, because of who the Persians were in ancient times. They originally called themselves Irani (Aryans) and their homeland, Irania. The correlation was made to Nazism of the 1930s and 1940s, when Adolph Hitler asserted that the Nazis were “Aryans.” They may, or may not, have actually been Aryans, but that was their philosophical claim.

The world of the twentieth century has already experienced the fulfillment of this vision, including the emergence of the Little Horn. The “ram with two horns” represents the Axis powers of World War II: Germany and Japan. The Axis powers came together in the Tripartite Pact in September of 1940. By the early 1940s, the push was on, and there was no power, it seemed, which could stop it. The total, ignominious defeat of Germany and Japan, at the conclusion of WWII, fulfilled the prophecy of the two horns of the ram.

We are told that “no beasts might stand before (the Ram), neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand.” He obviously means any in the eastern hemisphere, because the He Goat, from the West, was able to do so. The United States fought the war on both sides of the world *by air* and *by water*.

The notable horn of that goat is a prophetic allegory of the presidency of the United States. The strength of the presidency had become so great by the end of WW II that measures were soon taken to break its power. Just six years after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the strongest President in U.S. history, the Congress of

the United States limited the President to two four-year terms, thus breaking the power of the great horn.

When the power of the presidency was broken, the Executive branch of our government evolved four departments with kingdom-like powers (Dan. 8:22). They are: the Presidency, the National Security Council, the Dept. of Justice, and the Dept. of the Treasury. Each of these “kingdoms” has its own military force, or quasi-military arm. The Presidency controls the U.S. military forces (D.O.D.), the National Security Council has the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), The Justice Department has the Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.), and The Department of the Treasury has the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (A.T.F.). At least three of these “armies” function on an international basis.


The stage has been set. Before the emergence of that little horn, the prophecy in Matt. 24:12 had to be fulfilled. The Lord said, “Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” The phenomenon began to appear in the middle 1950s, and by the late sixties to early seventies, the trend was well entrenched. Today, in America, good is called evil, and evil is called good.

Out of One of Them Came Forth A Little Horn. After I first came to understand where The Little Horn would come from, I pondered which federal office might be used to fulfill the prophecy of that “Little Horn.” However, I was unable to come to any positive conclusion. One thing was sure, whatever the name of the bureaucracy, it would come from one of the four horns of the Executive Branch of our government, and probably from the Presidency. When the “Twin Towers” were destroyed, and almost 3,000 people killed, September 11, 2001, our newly inaugurated President Bush was ready. He immediately created a new office, the Office of Homeland Security. All of the intelligence departments were quickly placed under its authority, and today the Department of Homeland Security has become a military force.

Officially, on October 1, 2008, the military force of the Department of Homeland Security joined together with a Canadian regiment to train as a United Nations military force, ostensibly designed to “quell riots in America.” It would appear that they plan for something to occur which will cause those riots. When that happens, America will not be facing U.S. National Guard units, but rather U.N. Troops.

One nation under God will quickly be transformed into a nation which has no tolerance for the True God. How shall we escape if we neglect the salvation which the God of Heaven and Earth has given to us. Let us rise up and study to show ourselves approved unto God. It may be that we shall be hid in the day of the Lord’s wrath, the form of which we can already see on the horizon (Zeph. 2:1-3).

It is necessary that we earnestly seek God for wisdom, and begin to apply some common sense to the Bible, so we can find out what we need to do to be ready to go to the wedding and to make *the transition* from the sixth millennium into the seventh.

It is certainly a time for those who profess to know Jesus Christ of Nazareth to watch and be sober. 

In God We Trust

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On July 30, 1956, President Eisenhower signed legislation making “In God We Trust” our official national motto, and the first paper bills to bear the affirmation appeared in 1957. (No doubt, these efforts in the 50s were intended to emphasize the contrast between the U.S.A. and the philosophy of atheist communism.)

Now, more than 50 years later, at least two generations of Americans have grown up trading currency that echoes the Declaration of Independence signers’ “firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.” But, do these words reflect public sentiment, or are they merely idle words which fall to the ground and are for-

gotten, like the many pennies that bear them?

Do people even know what it means to trust God anymore? Certainly, there are many Americans who deny the existence of God and many others who proclaim a belief in some deity other than the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such fools (Psalm 14:1; Psalm 53:1) have been around since the earliest times of man’s history and will probably continue to be until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. I am not, therefore, overly concerned with whether such folks trust in God or not. Rather, I wonder if those people that profess to know God know what it means to trust Him.

Why should we trust God? When someone asks for credit, they are actually asking the potential creditor to trust them. The lender requires an application to be filled out, giving him certain information which will allow him to make a determination as to the trustworthiness of the applicant: credit history, work history, expected income, references, etc. With that information in hand, the lender can decide whether or not to lend the money – whether or not to trust the person making the request to pay back the loan.

Very often, a person may borrow from someone whom they know very well or from a “friend of a friend.” In these cases, one’s word is often good enough, since he has a proven reputation of being good to his word.

So, why should we trust God? Throughout the ages He has asked that man do so. How do we know that such trust is not misplaced? He has said time and again, “Fear not, for I am with thee,” and, “I will never leave nor forsake thee.” He has made many promises.

It is God’s own word, and His own name, that is proof enough of His faithfulness. In His word, He has given us character references: Abraham, Jacob, David, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, and many others. Each biblical account further confirms both God’s ability and His faithfulness to do what He said He would do. Each

time God prophesied, it came to pass. Each time God promised, He also fulfilled. God has proven that there is one thing that is impossible for Him to do: lie. God cannot lie, neither does He change His mind. If He said He will do it, neither heaven nor earth can prevent Him from performing His word.

He told us that we need only look to those things that He has done with and for His people in the past, so that we might have confidence in Him for what He will do for us today. He said, “That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past” (Eccl. 3:15).

A large part of today’s Christian generation will soon discover if they really trust God or not. Many of the pulpits have proliferated a teaching that, if true, lessens the believer’s need for real trust. A fairly new doctrine has emerged which teaches that the generation of believers living at the time of the return of our Lord will not endure any real persecution, but rather will be spirited away to glory, prior to the onset of the prophesied hard times that are coming.

One need only pull a copy of God’s “credit report” – The Bible – to see if that is how He operates. Let’s look at some of His credit references:

The Children of Israel: When they were oppressed in Egypt, God poured out plagues on the Egyptians, yet protected the Israelites *while they were still in the midst of Egypt*.

Daniel: When he was found guilty of praying to God, contrary to the law of the land, he was thrown into the lions’ den. He was not protected from going to the lions, but *was* protected from the lions.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: When they would not bow to the national idol, they were thrown into the fiery furnace. It was there that God’s protection was upon them, even preventing the smell of smoke from permeating their garments.

Mordecai: When the edict to bow before Haman was given, Mordecai and the Jewish people were not removed to some remote location, far from the threat of harm. Instead,

God worked miraculously, not only sparing Mordecai when he obeyed God's law and refused to bow, but also causing him to replace Haman as prime minister.

Paul and Silas: They were not kept out of prison, but their imprisonment was used as a tool by God to glorify His name.

God's "credit report" is impeccable and harmonious. It serves to work faith in our lives, because it shows the faithfulness and unchangeableness of the Almighty God. As darkness begins to fall upon the whole earth, and as the rain begins to fall upon the just and upon the unjust (Matt. 5:45), the prophecy will be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, "O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit" (Jer. 16:19). False teaching will be brought to light, and a newfound trust in the word of the Lord will emerge.


Do we not desire the day of the Lord? Then the warning of Amos the prophet is to us, "Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! To what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?" (Amos 5:18-20). When things are happening around you that you were convinced you would not be around to see, will you yet trust the Lord your God?

Get your Bibles out! Study earnestly God's precious word. Learn about the Lord's proven track record of great deliverance to His people when they place their confidence in Him in the face of certain doom. Humble yourselves, and pray and seek the face of God.

Heed the words of the prophet Zephaniah, saying, "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree

bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger" (Zeph. 2:1-3).

Reject Christian fables, and place your trust in the Lord and in His word. "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe" (1 Tim. 4:10).

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13). Amen. 

Ye are the Salt of the Earth

By Joel McNabb

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5: 13). The questions then arise, "What does he mean by the term salt? And why are we the salt of the earth?" These are very good questions to ask, and many of you may have these same questions, if you think that the things in the Bible mean anything. Why salt? Isn't it just something that we put in food? This is not a question that can be answered by a short comment or reply. Maybe some would just take for granted that Jesus said it and leave it at that, but we know that there was nothing Jesus said or did that wasn't for a reason or to fulfill prophecies. John 6:38 says, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." I hope you will have the time, as I proceed to answer what I see in the Bible as to why salt is mentioned here.

Salt is a white powder or colorless crystalline solid, consisting mainly of sodium chloride and used for seasoning and preserving food. The word salary comes from a Latin word mean-

ing salt. In days of the Roman Empire, salt was a precious enough commodity (as a seasoning and as a means of preserving food) that sometimes soldiers were paid in salt, which they could both use on their own food and trade for other things. That is where the expression "worth his salt" came from, meaning that a worker is worth what you are paying him. The shape of salt is also important to note here. The crystal structure of salt is a cube, each side of equal length: four-square. The use of salt also has a healing virtue, and our consumption of it is a necessity in our daily diet.

According to Shirleys-Wellness-Cafe.com, in its article [Salt Deficiency: the cause of many serious diseases](#), "An eight-year study of a New York City hypertensive population stratified for sodium intake levels found those on low-salt diets had more than four times as many heart attacks as those on normal-sodium diets – the exact opposite of what the "salt hypothesis" would have predicted. (1995). Dr. Jeffrey R. Cutler documented no health outcomes benefits of lower-sodium diets. Both sea salt and rock salt were well known to the ancient Greeks who noted that eating salty food affected basic body functions such as digestion and excretion (urine and stools). This led to salt being used medically. The healing methods of Hippocrates (460 BC) especially made frequent use of salt. Hippocrates mentions inhalation of steam from salt-water. We know today that the anti-inflammatory effects of inhaled salt provide relief from respiratory symptoms (c). Thus, 2000 years ago, Greek medicine had already discovered topical use of salt for skin lesions, drinking salty or mineralized waters for digestive troubles and inhaling salt for respiratory diseases!" Everything that God created on the earth reveals to us something about God. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Rom. 1:20). Everything that God created in the heavens and on the earth, even the salt that we use daily, will reveal

something about God, and his work on earth with man (Col. 1:12-29).

In Matthew chapters 5 through 7, we read that one day Jesus was feeling a little crowded by all the people that were flocking to him. To get away from the multitude, he took a walk up on a nearby mount. Soon his disciples followed him, and he began to teach them a new set of Commandments. If you read carefully, you will see that he is not destroying or taking anything away from the Ten Commandments, but rather enhancing them, and making them stronger. Some think that this sermon was to all the people that were around Jesus at the time, but verse one and two are very clear that the disciples came to him alone, and he taught them, as he would often do. The prophecy foretold that a prophet would arise like Moses. Jesus was that prophet, not coming to destroy the law but to fulfill it: to make it come alive. No longer was it just words on stone or parchment, but the word made flesh. Jesus did everything that was written in the law, the prophets, and the psalms concerning Him.

Remember that the law had a shadow of good things to come and not the very image (Heb. 10:1). As Moses went up to the mount, so Jesus went up to a mount. Both were given commandments, and set up priesthoods. That day on that mountain, Jesus was directly fulfilling the prophecy of Moses, and gave those disciples his new covenant, and made them the priests of that covenant by giving them the covenant of salt, as had also been given to Aaron and his sons (Num. 18:19). "All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee." To prove this, Jesus calls His disciples "the salt of the earth," because the priest that ministered in Aaron's office in that day had lost the savour. No longer was he bearing the fruits of that Priesthood. "If the salt hath lost his savour, wherewith shall it be

salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Matt. 5:13). God was ready to make a change of the priesthood, and with "the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law" (Heb. 7:12).

From the time of Noah, it was the priest's job to offer burnt offerings on an altar to the Lord, and it would come up before Him as a sweet savour. Throughout the Law of Moses, the Priests were to offer burnt offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD. All offerings were to be offered with salt by the priests (Lev. 2:13). By the days of Jesus, the priests had become so corrupt that their offerings no longer had a pleasant smell before God. It was time for a change of the priesthood, and Jesus was setting it up. He gave the covenant of salt to those disciples whom he would leave in charge. Now when Jesus became a high priest after the order of Melchisedec, and gave gifts to men, He would already have the priesthood set in order. We can see that they were doing that job in Acts 6, by ordaining the seven men to take care of the business of the widows; they could now give themselves to continual prayer and ministry of the word, as the new priests of the Lord.

After Israel had taken the land of promise, in the days of the Judges, there was no king in Israel and everyone interpreted the law and did what was right in their own eyes. Israel wanted a king so that they could be like all the rest of the nations around them, instead of trying to find out what God wanted. So the Lord gave them a King and chose Saul to rule the kingdom, but his pride got the best of him, and God had to replace him. From the sheepfolds of a man named Jesse, God took one of his sons, a young lad named David, and anointed him King over Israel, and gave him a covenant of salt (2 Chron. 13:5). Now, Israel has two covenants of salt: one given to the priests forever and now to the king, both having to do with the ruling of Israel and go-

verning of God's people. So when Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth," it was to those men whom He had chosen to lead His people under the new priesthood and new covenant. The early church came under that apostles' priesthood, and they abode steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. They did so throughout the ministries of Peter, James the Lord's brother, and Jude. This fulfilled the allegory of the covenant of salt for the priesthood; but if all the scriptures have to be fulfilled before Jesus can return, then God will yet establish a kingdom with a covenant of salt, and our Lord will sit and reign on the throne of David in the tabernacle of David (Acts 3:21, Isa. 16:5, Amos 9:11, and Acts 15:16).

Jesus will come again, and a throne will be established. He ordered it on the cross. Not only did He shed blood on the cross to save sinners, but He also purchased the church with His blood and gave Himself for it. Most Christians teach and believe we are all the church and the body of Christ. Well if we are, then who will we rule? If Jesus set up leadership in the early church, who is to say that, at this end of the age, He will not do the same thing. Is not Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever? We love to quote Heb. 13:8, but forget verses 7 and 17, "Remember and obey them which have the rule over you." As in the book of Judges, even so today there is no king in Israel. Those who are Israelites inwardly all do that which is right in their own eyes. Why else would we have so many churches and beliefs today? You may say that Jesus is King and Lord of our lives now, but I ask you where is He now? Is not Jesus at the place where Steven saw Him, sitting at the right hand of the Father, as our High priest? Jesus will be King of kings one day and soon, but God has to establish His kingdom once again on earth and give it to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. That kingdom, with the early resurrected saints, will be the Kings and Priests that will rule with Jesus, having the Covenants of Salt, in that city that is foursquare (the shape of a

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grain of salt). All nations will then come unto the New Jerusalem, and ask to be taught the way of the Lord and His laws. (Isa. 2:2-4, Mic. 4:1, Heb. 12:18-29, Rev. 20:1-5, and Rev. 21:1-29). Then shall every knee bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord; and they will have to come to the Feast of Tabernacles, and acknowledge His authority every year or suffer the consequences of famine in their land until they bow and confess that Jesus is the ruler, and also those that are with Him, who have suffered for the right to become kings and priest of the Lord. (Zec. 14:16-21, 2 Tim. 2:12).

“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that

cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to

their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Mal. 4:1-6).

The Lord hears our prayers today, but how much more will He hear when He smells the savory scent of their prayers when offered by the priest, the salt of the earth, as Job did for his children and also for his friends that had given him a hard time. God told Job to offer burnt offerings and pray for them, because Job’s prayers were acceptable, and God would hear him.

We now wait for that day, when Jesus will send His messenger, who shall prepare the way, even the messenger of the covenant, the salt covenant of the leadership of God’s people. Not many preachers and ministers today will want to hear this messenger when he shows up, for he will be like a refiner’s fire, and fuller’s soap; he will purify the sons of Levi, God’s ministry of today, to purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer once again an offering in righteousness. Then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant and come up with a sweet smell unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the former years, the days of Peter and John (Mal. 3:1-5). Seek the Lord, saints. Be prepared. Continue to send up your prayers for the Lord of Glory to raise up mighty men of God, and that the offering of the Gentiles might come up with acceptance on the altar of God. The Lord bless and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace. 

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