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When God lived in a Mobile Home

by David M. McNabb

Jokes abound about mobile homes. One of my dear friends once told me, "Tornadoes are proof that God hates trailer parks."

So, does God hate trailers? Are tornadoes proof? While it makes great fodder for comedians, the Scriptures offer a completely different perspective.

While there are plenty of mobile home parks in the Northeast, I was exposed to them more in the South and the Midwest.

In fact, many trailer homes are quite beautiful, and hardly noticeable as a trailer at all. There are more configurations than you can imagine. There are single-, double-, and even triple-wide versions, and many have bay windows, multiple bathrooms and very nice furnishings. When we moved to Oklahoma, I actually considered a trailer home very seriously before settling on the house we now live in.

There is a stigma often put on families that live in trailers, more so in certain parts of the country, and many hurtful things have been said, like calling them "trailer trash," and such.

Ironically, my friend who always joked about people living in trailers inherited his father's home in Florida: a double-wide trailer, in a park primarily for elderly people. Now, that is funny!

King David was not unlike the vast majority of people who live in permanent homes. He had a somewhat negative view of mobile homes. One day, after David had rest from his enemies, he looked at his house, and thought of the house of God which was a tent made according to the pattern which Jehovah had shown Moses.

David said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." The king felt bad that he should have such a nice home, while the Lord lived in that period's mobile home.

Jehovah is called the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. From the day that Abram was called to leave his father's house, he and his children were pilgrims and strangers. As the Scriptures say of Jacob, he "was a plain man, dwelling in tents" (Gen. 25:27).

When the time of their sojourning in Egypt had ended, for such was their description of their stay there (Gen. 47:4), they set about to go to the Promised Land of Canaan. Like their forefathers, they were a mobile people, dwelling in tents. The God of their fathers met them at Mount Sinai, and gave them the Law.

Not only so, but He also revealed to Moses the plans for His own mobile home:

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The Fishers and the Hunters

by C. Elden McNabb

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). God is watching our reaction when we read or hear His Word, to see if we believe Him or not. God Loves the world and "has no pleasure in the death of the wicked," but we endear ourselves to Him by the extent to which we believe His word.

The Bible is a big book and I know it is a challenge to read it all, but it is important that we all study the Scriptures and read the entire Bible at least once. In Jesus' terms, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Jesus gave us two things to study here: our redemption and the prophetic testimony of the things which God yet requires to be done. Jesus will fulfill some of it, and other men of God will fulfill some of it.

It is written "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). So we should assume, for instance, that God will tell us of Jesus' soon coming before He sends Him back to us. Or, we can simply not believe Amos 3:7.

We all think that we believe Jesus. Let us check and see if we do. He said, "All the prophets and the law prophesied until John" (Matt. 11:13). And He included the Psalms in that category, saying, "Is it not written in your law, I said ye are gods" (Psalm 82:6; John 10:31-38).

There is no treasure so precious as a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. Nor has there ever been a time in which it has been more needful for us to possess this treasure with faith unfeigned.

The Lord told Jeremiah of the coming two-thousand-year saga of the Grace Age. He told him how He would gather the righteous together for His glory, and punish the disobedient, first the Jewish believers in the first century A.D., and later the Gentiles at the end of the sixth millennium. When that is done He will bring the Grace Age to a close (Jer. 16:1-21).

God brought Israel back to the land of promise before Christ Jesus came and died on the cross to redeem them that believe: setting the stage for the manifestation of His glory among them. As Paul said, "Glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile" (Rom. 2:10). Paul and John gave us the final report, saying, "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obtained it" (Rom. 11:7). "I heard the number of them that were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel" (Rev. 7:1-8).

The Son of God died for the sins of the whole world at the end of the 69th week of the seventy-week timetable in Daniel 9:24-27. During the seventieth week, Peter arose to the task of directing the building of the Church on the foundation which Jesus had laid, as Jesus had commanded him (Matt. 16:13-19; Luke 22:32; John 21:15-22).

After the seventieth week of years, when Peter had confirmed the covenant with many, the Apostles ordained "The Seven," "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and Wisdom," to take care of the business of the Church (Matt 24:45-47; Acts 6:1-4). The Church had reached perfection, and was confirmed with mighty signs and wonders (Acts 6:1-4; Eph. 4:11-16).

Very soon thereafter, Jesus appeared to Saul of Tarsus and commissioned him to take the message to the Gentiles. Saul/ Paul pioneered the spread of the wonder of redemption among the Gentiles which, because of his wisdom and tireless labor, has reached even unto us, almost 2,000 years after Jesus arose triumphant from the grave.

In A.D. 70, God began the conclusion of Israel's dominant role in the work of God. The Jewish Church did not perish in the destruction of Israel because they heeded Jesus' admonition to "flee to the mountains" when they saw Jerusalem surrounded with armies (Luke 21:20-22). They hid for three and a half years, but they, being the "flock of slaughter," were later martyred (Ez. 5:1-8; Zech. 11:6-14). In the resurrection they shall sit with Jesus around His throne: 144,000 Jews, which shall be half of the ruling faction of the world during the seventh millennium (Matt. 19:28; Rom. 11:7; Rev 7:1-8).

God gave the "children of Abraham" about 2,000 years to prove their faithfulness to Him. They rejected Him and God finally rejected them, except for a relatively small, faithful remnant (Isa. 10:21-23; Rom. 11:7). God turned to the Gentiles, and another 2,000 years have gone by. Now the end of the Grace Age is upon us; just months away. The final year began about September 9, 2010. Of course, that means that the seventh millennium will begin near the same time in 2011. The Grace Age will be finished and Jesus, who was our Judge for nearly 2,000 years, will officially become King of kings and Lord of lords.

"The elect," which Jesus called the "little flock" (Luke 12:32), were brought together under the seven-year leadership of Peter (John 21:15-19; Matt. 24:45-47), with the ministry Jesus had ordained.

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They were the “fishers” of Jeremiah 16:16. The work of the Gospel among the “seed of Abraham” continued for decades, and “believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women” (Acts 5:1-14).

Jeremiah prophesied, saying, “Behold I will send for many fishers saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks” (Jer. 16:16). And Jesus said, “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matt. 24:14). These two prophecies are now in the last stages of their fulfillment, and the season for reaping souls for Christ will soon be over.

God will soon put His seal upon a group of Gentiles who will believe Him, and obey His words. They shall become the Gentile counterpart to the glorious Church of God in the first century of the Grace Age (Gen. 6:1-3).

Concerning the disobedient, Paul said, God will render “Unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile” (Rom. 2:6-11).

For about two thousand years, Israel served God at times, and at other times they fell into idolatrous worship. For about the same length of time, Gentile Christians have done very much as the Israelis did. And the disposition of Gentile Christianity will be much as it was with Israel in A.D. seventy. Very soon God will judge Gentile Christianity, and choose a remnant to sit with Jesus around His throne, and the rest will be tried in the furnace of His fury (Nah. 1:2-6).

In the religious reformation which began in the 16th century, the spiritual

flames of Christianity began to kindle anew. By the end of the 18th century, God had revealed the doctrine of “Sanctification, the second work of grace” through John and Charles Wesley, and the flames of the Spirit of God began to increase. In 1896, in the hills of North Carolina, U.S.A., God poured out His Spirit upon His servants and upon the handmaids, and The Baptism with The Holy Ghost and Fire swept across America and around the world. It prospered and spread until about the time of World War II. The fire began to cool, and the United States began the formation of the World Government. We now see the final stages of the World Government developing, and anticipate the coming terror of “The Dragon, The Beast, and The False Prophet.”

Christians have gradually lost interest in any zealous pursuit of God and Truth, and have adopted novels for guidance and the pursuit of religion without real spirituality. And so many versions of the Bible have been produced, that it has caused much confusion. By the late 1950s, Pentecostal churches had begun to choke off any real manifestation of the Holy Spirit of God in their services. Some had even begun to “teach” their congregations to “speak with tongues,” something which can only be given by the unction of the Holy Spirit. By the mid-1970s, the idolatrous “Prosperity Doctrine” began to spread throughout the kingdom of God, as well as various other things which have had a devastating effect upon our Lord’s children.

In the early 1950s, there was a lot of preaching about “The Beast.” Most of it was erroneous speculation about “who” it was, but, at least they were preaching about it. The U.S.A. began to create the United Nations in 1945/46. By 1950, it was on its way, developing its Biblical identity as it went along. In 1962, the ten horns were formed as the G-10, and in

1976, the G-7 was formed as the major player in the economies of the U.N., the coming World Government.

One feature of “the Beast” which had ten horns (Dan 7:7), is the “other little horn” which arose after them (Dan. 7:8, 23-25 and 8:8-12). Before George W. Bush left office, he began the creation of that little horn, and, in 2002, it became the entity called Homeland Security. On October 1, 2008, it became, with Canadian troops, a U.N. army, and at some point since then, it became a department of the U.S. government also. Daniel said, “(The little horn) 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.”

If we are to escape the perils of the wiles and terror of The Beast, we must bolster our spirituality and amplify our search for the truth, arming ourselves against him and all of his deceitfulness of unrighteousness, that we perish not.

If any of us are to escape God’s fury, we must begin to search the scriptures more and let the light of truth guide us in this day of the great test of our faith in God and in His words. Doctrine and customs have their proper place among God’s people, but God never justifies doctrine that is not Biblical, or that undermines truth. What did the Law say? “The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach.” -- “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:8,17).

I challenge you to read the words of Jesus which are preserved for us in the New Testament, and believe everything He said! As He said, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).





You can no more
hide from God,
than a cardinal
can perch unseen
in a snow-
covered tree.



The real answer to the question of the source of a person's right to privacy, God or the Constitution is... NEITHER!

For those of you who think that Americans have privacy as a constitutional right, you may be misunderstanding the 4th Amendment, which affirms "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." But, if you are breaking the law in private, you certainly will not be protected by the Constitution!

The Declaration of Independence says that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Is it possible that God also endowed all men with an implied right to privacy?

The only sure way to find out what God has done for us is by studying His word. What is said about privacy in the pages of the Holy Scriptures?

Even if you were to just begin reading the Bible from the beginning, it would not take long to begin to see the answer to this question. Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, and then tried to hide it, but they quickly discovered that you cannot hide from God. The next story likewise confirms that fact, seeing that God knew the thoughts and intents of Cain's heart, even before he

murdered his brother Abel. After, when Cain tried to hide what he had done, he soon realized that God was aware of his sin.

Moses told Israel that there was no privacy, saying, "...Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

King David shatters the privacy myth in Psalm 139, "O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou... art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether... Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

Jesus agreed, saying, "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad" (Luke 8:17).

No, there is no God-given right to privacy. The God who knows the thoughts and intents of the heart could not possibly guarantee one.



The Word of God increased

by Joel McNabb

“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, “It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business” (Acts 6:1-3).

When these seven men were chosen, and ordained by the apostles, the scripture says “the word of God was increased.” How did this event cause the word of God to increase? It did so by them fulfilling the prophecies that were written about it.

“Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table” (Proverbs 9:1-2).

“For all the law and the prophets prophesied until John” (Matt. 11:13). John the Baptist came and fulfilled the prophecy of the voice crying in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way” (Isa. 40:3). And Jesus came and fulfilled all the prophecies written of Him (Heb. 10:7). God sent His only begotten Son Jesus (a prophet like unto Moses), and He began to build His church according to the pattern that God showed Moses on the mount. The twelve apostles and seventy prophets were the foundation on which the church was built. These seven mighty men were the finishing touches of that house, completed by Peter, because Jesus had ascended to the right hand of the throne of God. When the tabernacle was completed by Moses, along with the other furnishings, the candlestick with seven lamps was put in its place (Ex. 25:31-40). Jesus said, “Think

not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill” (Matt. 5:17).

When Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized, John wanted Jesus to baptize him instead, but Jesus said unto him, “Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). There is a proper order and time in which prophecies have to be fulfilled, and it was time for Jesus to be baptized by John.

Before the Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost, Peter knew that the office which Judas had held must be filled. He took a line out of two chapters (Psalms 69:25 and 109:8), and said “Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22). Peter, by the spirit of wisdom and revelation, saw the need and boldly took the scriptures and fulfilled them. There may be times when the word of God is fulfilled and those fulfilling the prophecy are not aware that they have made the word of God to increase, but as we see the apostles replacing Judas with Matthias, it was purposefully done. Peter preached about the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost declaring, “This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel” (Acts 2:16).

It is easy for us to believe that Jesus is the living word of God. He was made flesh and dwelt among us, and fulfilled what was written of Him. Most believers want all of the prophecies in the Bible to be about Jesus, but we have to understand that Jesus did not fulfill every prophecy in the Bible. Jesus, speaking of John the Baptist, “But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it

is written, Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee” (Matt. 11:9). John was more than a prophet, for he fulfilled the scriptures that were written about him. According to Jesus, all of the Old Testament is prophetic, and began to be fulfilled when John came on the scene. Jesus said, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39). Yes, it is about Jesus, and about having the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10). That spirit of prophecy was working with Peter and the rest of the early church when they fulfilled the word of God.

The Apostle Paul also thought others would have the spirit of prophecy working with them. “Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints” (Col. 1:25). Here, Paul shows his ministry was not just about getting people to turn to Jesus and become born again, but he was the Apostle to the Gentiles and was given a special commission for them to fulfill the things written about the Gentile work in his day.

The Bible contains volumes of prophesies that are to come to life. The prophetic work of Jesus coming as a lamb to take away the sins of the world was fulfilled. When He was on the cross, carrying out the will of God, He saw John Zebedee standing with his mother, and by speaking the words, Jesus made John his brother. Mary had other sons besides Jesus, so why was this so important? It is a matter of doing the will of God. Jesus needed a spiritual brother to raise up seed, in accordance to the law. After He had

fulfilled this prophecy; knowing that all things were accomplished that were written for Him to do, He asked for something to drink; and according to prophecy, they gave Him a sponge filled with vinegar. When He had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished." He bowed His head and gave up the ghost. Jesus knew that He had completed all the work the Father had sent Him to do, and commended His spirit into the hands of the Father.

After His three days and three nights in the grave, Jesus arose and spent forty days in and out among the disciples, instructing them in the work of the kingdom. He placed Simon Peter in charge when He told him to feed His sheep, in fulfillment of the prophecy in Joshua, where Simeon's inheritance was within Judah. Peter would be left with the apostles to gather in those that would make up the habitation of God, built on the foundation that Jesus laid. Peter's move to replace Judas, and his sermon on the day of Pentecost where three thousand were added to the Lord, confirmed his leadership.

Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, conspired to hold back part of the money they had sold their property for, and an unclean offering was laid at the apostles' feet. Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God" (Acts 5:3-4). Ananias and his wife both lied and fell dead, like Nadab and Abihu, when they took their censers, and offered strange fire before the Lord and died (Lev.10:1-5). "And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things" (Acts 5:11).

The house of God is a place where the prophecies of the word of God have

become reality, and we can say "this is that which was spoken of by the prophets."

We can now hear and understand what Paul said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Reading further, by faith these men and women believed what God said He would do, and from the time of John the Baptist, their faith was manifested by the fulfillment of those things. Think of it this way: if what the prophets of old had prophesied did not happen, then all of those in the Old Testament would have been false prophets and liars. But Paul said, "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11:39-40). The word of God is increased by fulfilling the prophecies which are written.

Paul shows that with this great amount of witnesses, the men and women mentioned in Hebrews 11, we must run the race that He has set before us, knowing that there are prophecies that are good and bad. If we stay in the will of God, we can avoid the bad and be a part of God's plan for the coming kingdom. Paul said, "For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:18-24).

Now we have come to the end, and the time when God will send His Son back to earth. I have heard it said that Jesus can come any time, and all prophecies have been fulfilled. If that were the case, then Jesus would be here. God spent four thousand years inspiring holy men of old,

as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, to write down His plan. At the set time, God sent his Son, born of a woman. He even had the star to be in view at the exact time of Jesus' birth. Now that is timing!

After healing the lame man, Peter said of Jesus, "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20-21). This word 'until' is very strong. Jesus will not come back to earth until it is time, and at that time there will be men and women here on earth that will be a part of the work of restoration.

Jesus said, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Mt. 24:29-31). In saying this, Jesus answered one of the three questions asked by the disciples, "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" The sign will appear, and Jesus will come with clouds, because it is the times of restoration (Acts 3:19-21). Then He will send His angels (messengers) to gather His elect. They will come to an innumerable company of angels, the Mount Sion, and church of the firstborn (Heb. 12:22-23), and once again, the word of God will increase.

May we be ever vigilant in our walk with the Lord, searching and seeking His kingdom and His righteousness that we may endure to the end and be saved. Perhaps if we are found worthy, each of us may be a vessel of honour in the restored house of God in fulfillment of prophecy.

"And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will

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the Tabernacle. You see, it is only fitting that the God of a mobile people also be mobile. So He had them make His house.

Now, God was not ashamed to dwell in that tent, and His glory rested over it, and filled the place many times, so much so that sometimes the ministers of God could not enter because of His presence.

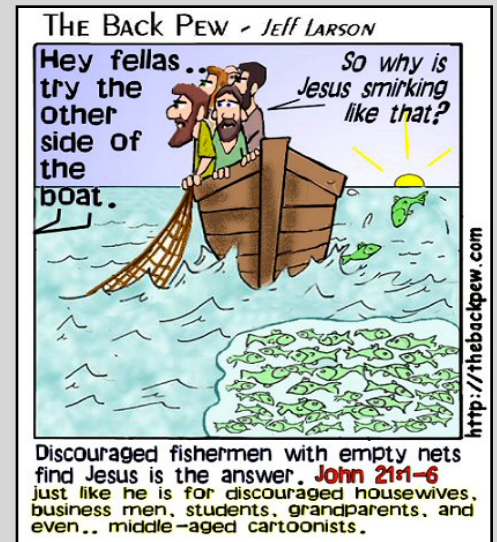
For 40 years, God led His people through the wilderness: and their camp was a true mobile home park.

Even long after the Israelites had taken the Land of promise and begun to build themselves “proper” homes, God continued to live in the Tabernacle until the reign of Solomon. When you add up the 40 yrs. in the wilderness, 450 yrs. of the judges (Acts 13:20), and 40 yrs. each of the reign of Saul and of David, it means that Jehovah lived in a mobile home for more than 570 years! No wonder David felt bad for God.


Still, God was in no way ashamed. The Tabernacle was a beautiful structure, meticulously cared for by the Priests and the Levites, and was filled with God’s presence.

He answered David, “Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?” (1 Chr. 17:4-6). However, He did say that David’s son Solomon would build the Temple.

“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and



God himself shall be with them, and be their God” (Rev. 21:3).

No, friends, God does not hate mobile homes. 

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return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world” (Acts 15:15-18).

The Lord bless and keep you. Oh, that He might give unto you the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him, and that the word of God may increase among us. Amen. 