

# World Events And The Bible

Most people will summarily dismiss any attempted description of a future brightened by a righteous "new order" by stating: "That will never be!" Since they lack any confidence in the future, it is not surprising that most become self-centered and choose to live only for "today." Jehovah's Christian witnesses, however, do not share this disheartening outlook on the future. Instead, their hearts overflow with confidence as they eagerly anticipate a future that is controlled, not by selfish nations or greedy power blocs, but by the living God, Jehovah. Nevertheless, a person's view of the future could become blurred. But how?

The danger lies in becoming too involved with the present system of things. Yet you may have heard someone defend such an involvement by saying, "Look, you have to be practical, after all." Were you inclined to agree with him? What may happen, however, if people continue to enlarge their involvement? You may have seen the results yourself. Perhaps a whole family — parents and children — become so enveloped in present pursuits that their vision of the future is no longer real to them.

### Why Confidence Needed For Future

What is revealed by that unerring guide, the Bible, respecting our immediate future? It pictures a drawing of the nations, duped by demons, into battle formation against God. We are told: "They (expressions inspired by demons) go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty," to the place called "Har-Magedon." (Rev. 16:14, 16) So thorough is the deception worked upon the nations that, instead of showing alarm at this impending showdown with God, they self-confidently proclaim a secure future, crying out, "Peace and security!" However, no sooner is this boastful proclamation uttered than "sudden destruction is to be instantly upon them just as the pang of distress upon a pregnant woman; and they will by no means escape." (1 Thess. 5:3) Is this, perhaps, still a long way off? Not if present peace moves by the nations are any indication. However, even more startling developments are about to take place. What are they?

With surprising suddenness the beastly political element will turn upon "Babylon the Great," the world empire of false religion. Her disgusting tactics finally prove to be too much for the political rulers so that not even her harlotous services will save her from their wrath. Their disdain for her supposed dignity is revealed by the fierceness with which they expose her and devour and burn her up. (Rev. 17:5, 16; 18:8, 21) So begins the "great tribulation" upon the Devil's visible system of things upon the earth.

### Thrilling Prospects For the Future

As we look to the future we have many inviting prospects ahead of us. Foremost of these is the prospect of LIFE with the approval of God. An earth teeming with life is what the Bible envisions. What a joy it will be to welcome back the dead! How tears of happiness will flow as loved ones are reunited! And imagine meeting firsthand the faithful servants of God mentioned in the Bible! How thrilling, too, to see our bodies 'return to the days of our youthful vigor'! (Job 33:25) What a pleasure it will be to live in paradise with perfect food, satisfying work, companions with whom we delight to associate and, best of all, complete freedom to worship our God, Jehovah!

Can we really be sure that this is what the future will be like? Indeed we can, for it is promised by Jehovah God. He will not fail to bring it to pass, for "It is impossible for God to lie." (Heb. 6:18) Eagerly, then, we look to the events ahead with full confidence in the One who is shaping the future!

If you have any questions or comments concerning this week's discussion, please direct them to this newspaper. Contributed by: The Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Edenton, North Carolina

# Obituaries

**OLIVER CECIL ELLIOTT** — the Rev. Louis Roy Lamb and the Rev. Milton Johnson. Burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery.

**JUDSON N. "JACK" CADDY** — Judson Newby (Jack) Caddy, of 509 Willow Street, Hertford, was dead on arrival at the Chowan Hospital Monday night following an apparent heart attack.

A native of Perquimans County he was the son of the late John Thomas and Mrs. Penelope Haskett Caddy and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a retired civil service employee having worked as a supervisor with the U.S. Navy at St. Juliann Creek. He was employed at Glenn's Place.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Susan Armistead of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a son, Judson Caddy Jr. of Roanoke, Va.; a brother, J. Alden Caddy of Chesapeake, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Ida Baum of Hertford and two grandchildren. Graveside services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Cedarwood Cemetery by Rev. Milton Mann.

### For Your Information

Dear friends,  
When pain arises it is not unusual to try to ease it by taking drugs or tranquilizers. The death of a loved one is painful to survivors, but by taking tranquilizers, we only postpone the facing of our grief and interfere with the natural expression of anguish at the loss of a loved one, thus delaying the readjustment that must be made. Tranquilizers should be used only under a doctor's direction.

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# Sunday School Lesson

**IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT?**  
Psalm 19: 7-11; Matthew 4: 1-10

John Q. Adams once said, "I speak as a man of the world to men of the world; and I say to you, Search the Scriptures! The Bible is the book of all others, to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice through, and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions every day, and never to be intermitted, unless by some overruling necessity."

These are the words and thoughts of one who had evidently experienced the relevance of the Bible to everyday life.

To answer the question posed by the title of this lesson one must consider the contents of the Bible.

**THE CONTENTS**  
Psalm 19: 7-11

This passage assures us that what we speak of as "the Bible" contains "the law of the Lord." In every part of the Bible is revealed the will of God. God made His will known to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He made His will known to the people in the days of Noah. God revealed His will to the children of Israel, especially at Sinai. In the

Mrs. Maude Lane is spending this week in Staunton, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiracofe.

PFC Faye White, PFC Janet White, PFC Suzie Armedia, PFC Peggy Romero, and Ronnie Stuart of Fort Eustis, Va. were weekend guests of Mrs. Mollie Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bass and family of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy White on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Parker Chesson and family of Elizabeth City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Chesson on Sunday.

Dawn Dozier was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fernor Hobbs, at Nags Head last week.

New Testament God has spoken to us through His Son. Jesus came to reveal the will of His Father.

The Bible contains the testimony of the Lord. God spoke and men wrote. The statutes and commandments of the Lord are in the books of the Bible. Instructions on life's greatest issues abound in the Bible.

What is the character of the Bible? By this question is meant the nature, the integrity, the disposition of the Bible.

**THE CHARACTER**  
Matthew 4:1-4

We are again reminded in this passage of the flesh and blood situations which brought to us the word of God. The Bible was written to deal with life. Life is a struggle in any age. Man has a foe, an enemy, an accuser.

Jesus set Himself to do the will of His Father. Once that decision was made public, as at His baptism, all the forces of evil redoubled their efforts. The battle was joined. After forty days of spiritual preparation Jesus was hungry. There is no bread but there are some stones nearby. He could turn them to bread and satisfy His hunger. He could also meet the needs of hunger and poverty all over God's world! This is a temptation to misuse His relationship to the Father.

Jesus met that temptation with a passage from the Old Testament (Deut. 8:3). It had been centuries since that passage was first written down, but it was relevant in that crucial hour!

The Bible is relevant because it is God's Word and God's Word is eternal. Another proof that the Bible does meet the needs of every age is the comfort it brings to all who make its contents a part of life.

**THE COMFORT**  
Matthew 4: 5-10

Jesus found more than just "a way out" by His use of the Scriptures. He found encouragement, strength and comfort. Let us bear in mind that these temptations

were not mere sham battles with Satan. They were battles to the death. They were designed to be appealing even to God's own Son. This enemy of righteousness is the same one who deceived the first man in the Garden of Eden. Thanks be unto God that he did not deceive the Last Man in the wilderness or in the Garden of Gethsemane!

**BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

"How many writers and how long a period is covered in the writing of the New Testament?"

**ANSWER**

About ten or twelve different authors wrote the books of the New Testament within a century from the time of Jesus.

# News From Area Students

**DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS**

Two Hertford students were among those named on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill dean's list for the spring semester. The honor students are Jann Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dillon of Penn. Ave., Hertford and Brad Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fields of Kenyon Dr., Hertford.

This year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, students must make higher grades to be eligible for the dean's list. They must earn a 3.2 grade average on the 4.0 scale (A-4, B-3, etc.) while taking 15 hours of credit, or a 3.5 average while taking at least 12 but less than 15 hours of credit.

**RECEIVES B.S. DEGREE**

Peggy Sharon Ambrose of Hertford was among the 1,570 students at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. to receive a degree during the school's commencement exercises held Sunday, June 1.

Ms. Ambrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ambrose of Market St., Hertford, received her Bachelor of Science degree in library science.

Dr. Fred Bentley, president of nearby Mars Hill College was the commencement speaker. Degrees were conferred by Appalachian State's Acting Chancellor Cratis Williams.

**RECEIVE HONORS AT STATE**

Two students from Perquimans County recently received honors when being named to the spring semester dean's list at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Receiving all A's was Richard S. Hoskins, a student studying zoology. Charles E. White, III maintained a B average or better. He is a student in mechanical engineering.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell praised the 1975 honor students totaling 4,000, the last scholars he will recognize as NCSU chancellor. Caldwell retires June 30 after 16 years.

**HONORED AT ORU**

Thomas Wayne Proctor, a junior at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla., has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester, according to Dr. Carl H. Hamilton, Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs. To attain this academic honor a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.99 on 14.5 or more semester credit hours with no grade below a "C."

Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Proctor of Rt. 1 Hertford, and a 1972 graduate of Perquimans High School.

Oral Roberts University is a fully accredited liberal arts institution recognized as having one of the fastest-rising academic programs in the nation. Degrees in 29 major fields are offered on the undergraduate level, with Master's degrees in business administration and theology on the graduate level.

# Obituary

**INFANT BOY WINSLOW**

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brenton Winslow Jr. died at birth 8:45 Sunday morning in Chowan Hospital. Other survivors are one brother, Thomas Brenton Winslow of the home and one sister Thomissa Carol Winslow of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Harrell of Rt. 2 Edenton; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Winslow Sr. of Belvidere.

A graveside service was held Monday at 2 p.m. in

Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. C.L. Brewer.

The pall was made of white roses, white snapdragons, white pom poms and baby's breath. Swindell Funeral Home had charge of the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker and daughter, Cybil, of Germantown, Md. and Mrs. Linda Hall of Peyton, Arizona were weekend guests of Mrs. Maude Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunch of Columbia were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow and Mrs. Mollie Bunch.



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