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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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The Benevolent Conqueror

The precise and accurate fulfillment of Biblical prophecy is one of the great evidences of the Divine origin and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Old Testament in particular is filled with prophecies of the rise and fall of nations. When Daniel interpreted the Dream of King Nebuchadnezzar around 600 BC, Daniel showed God's great prophesy of the fall of Babylon and the rise of Persia (Daniel 2). Daniel's own visions later predicted the same (Daniel 7). King Cyrus the Great holds a place of prominence and importance in the Biblical text, and is one of the most historically well known of the ancient kings of Persia.

National Geographic says, "Cyrus went down in history as one of the most benevolent conquerors of all time, allowing his subjects to live and worship as they pleased." The ancient Greek writer, Xenophon referred to Cyrus as "a humane, benevolent, and loving soul." Recently Benjamin Netanyahu said, "I want to tell you that the Jewish people have a long memory, so we remember the proclamations of the great King Cyrus the Great, the Persian King. Twenty-five hundred years ago he proclaimed that the Jewish exiles could come back and rebuild our temple in Jerusalem."

History recognizes what the Bible records concerning the benevolent king and conqueror, King Cyrus the Great. God, through the prophet Isaiah spoke of King Cyrus about one hundred years before Cyrus was born (Isaiah 44:28-45:1). In perfectly accurate prophesy, Isaiah spoke of the fact that Cyrus would allow the Jews to return from exile and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

Some years after the time of Isaiah, the inspired prophet Jeremiah spoke of the time when the Jews would be released from the Babylonian captivity by the decree of King Cyrus (Jeremiah 29:1-14). Jeremiah prophesied of the fact that the Jews would be in exile for a

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period of seventy years from the time of the first captives being carried into Babylon. The first captives were carried into Babylon around 607 BC, meaning the decree of Cyrus occurred around 537 BC.

When Daniel was old he knew the seventy year period of exile was near the end. He had been reading the works of Jeremiah and calculated it would not be much longer before the Jews would go home (Daniel 9:1-19). Daniel prayed to God for the forgiveness of his people and the fulfillment of the prophesy made through Jeremiah.

2 Chronicles 36:15-23 provides an excellent summary and overview of this period of Jewish history. The inspired author records a statement concerning God's efforts through faithful prophets to bring the people of Judah and Jerusalem back to Him. The people refused to repent so God sent the Chaldeans (Babylonians) to punish them. The temple and palaces were burned and the walls were broken down by the Babylonians in the final attack on Jerusalem. Chronicles then records, "And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. Now in the first year of Cyrus King of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of the prophet Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, 'Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdom of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah'" (2 Chronicles 36:20-23).

The exact and precise fulfillment of the Biblical prophecies concerning Cyrus the King of Persia give evidence of the Divine origin of the Bible. The historical references to Cyrus the King of Persia lend support to the acknowledgment of the accuracy of the Biblical text. Read the Old Testament with the confidence that it is the most accurate record of ancient rulers, kingdoms, and events. Enjoy it, even as you do the New Testament, as the Divinely inspired Word of God.

~Kevin Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

May 17 - John 5:25-47
May 18 - John 6:1-21
May 19 - John 6:22-44
May 20 - John 6:45-71



May 21 - John 7:1-27
May 22 - John 28-52
May 23 - John 8:1-27

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Harold & Juanita Scott Cranfill, Joseph Campbell, Thurmond Bennett, Boy named Nathan, Bryan Byrd, Bonnie Landreth, Becky Allen, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Mandy & Parker Bailey, Jeff Chrysson, Roger Allen, Jack Piper, Al Lawson, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Please keep **David Moore** in your prayers, he will be undergoing out-patient surgery on one of his eyelids on May 19th.

Roger Allen is still having severe pain, swelling and inflammation during his recovery at home following his most recent surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. Also, please keep Roger's mother in your prayers. She is having difficulties with getting the right meds for her bipolar disorder.

Bonnie Landreth is having a lot of pain in her right shoulder and will be undergoing surgery in the near future. She does not have a date for the surgery yet. Please keep her in your prayers.

Shannon Harper recently underwent a procedure that was very successful and she is improving. Shannon would like to thank all for the cards, calls, and the prayers in her behalf.

NEW ADDRESS:

Nathan and Bethany Roy's new address is:

2155 Hwy. 801 South
Advance, N C 27055

Sentence Sermons:

"Satan subtracts and divides, God multiplies and multiplies."

"If you do not want to reap the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard."

"Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings."

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP -A.M.	May 9	- 124
SUNDAY WORSHIP -P.M.	May 9	-
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	May 12	- 84

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

"MOVING FORWARD WITH THE GOSPEL"

Kevin's lesson Sunday encouraged us all about moving forward. Our Meeting starts in two weeks. Invite some friends and neighbors to hear the gospel preached?"

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

May 16-19 - Warners Chapel Gospel Meeting. **Speaker:** Eddie Craft. Brother Craft will be replacing Brother Simons, who is not well at this time.

Eddie Craft is the co-director at Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development and an instructor there also. In addition, he speaks weekly for the radio program, Alive to Truth and the TV program, Biblical Viewpoints. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

May 23 (Sunday) - Following the morning Worship Service, Kevin will meet with all those who are interested in serving as teachers for VBS 2021.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held on 5 Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood". The dates are:

July 14 - "The World"
July 21 - "The Man"
July 28 - "The Ark"
Aug. 4 - "The Animals"
Aug. 11 - "The Flood"

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MAY, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR MAY: TIM ALLEN

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MAY:

SUNDAY A.M.

May 2 - D.C. Mock
May 9 - Charley Belch
May 16 - Bob Tesh
May 23 - Wayne Allen
May 30 - Carl Cooper

SUNDAY P.M.

May 2 - David Moore
May 9 - David Queen
May 16 - Steve Tesh
May 23 - Mark Minor
May 30 - Randy Warner

WEDNESDAY

May 5 - Gene Southern
May 12 - Johnny Spillman
May 19 - Clayton Workman
May 26 - Mike Glenn

SECURITY AND GREETING: RJ LANDRY AND JIM HARRISON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR MAY:

SUNDAY A.M.

May 2 - Wayne Allen
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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

<p align="center">“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8 SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68</p>

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner Gene Southern
Keith Warner Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor Mark Roy
Jody Everett Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury