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## THE CORNERSTONE

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Leading Little Ones  
By Ashlynn Morris



Everyone has seen SLBC preschoolers happily trot off to their junior church class once they're dismissed from the sanctuary each Sunday. These little ones take part in wonderful lessons each week which include crafts, games, verse recitation, stories, and most importantly God's Word.

Our children's classes mean a lot to the parents and kids of SLBC, and the classes wouldn't be possible without our amazing teachers. The pre-primary class is taught by Ms. Sydney Reichardt.

Ms. Reichardt has a passion for teaching kids, and that is exactly what she's studying in school. Sydney is getting her Masters at Sam Houston State University and majors in Curriculum and Instruction, hoping to become a public school teacher. She is excited to see what God has in store in her future.

"Ever since kindergarten, I've always wanted to be a teacher, because I loved my teacher in Kindergarten." Sydney lovingly teaches kindergarteners in her pre-primary class, and she does a wonderful job of it. I have seen joy in the faces of her pupils and in her spirit as she excitedly teaches a Bible lesson every Sunday.

Sydney's favorite part of her class at Sam Houston is learning how to use technology in the classroom. "I like finding different software, apps, or programs that the kids can use to actually learn something."

Over quarantine, Sydney's favorite hobbies have been caring for houseplants, reading, and listening to music! "I'm pretty sure I'm the only person keeping our library in business. I check out a bunch of books, can't read them all in time, and then get a bunch of late fees. But it's fine! We're keeping the library in business!"

Aside from her time teaching in the pre-primary class, Ms. Reichardt serves as the VBS administrative assistant for our church. Even though VBS was cancelled this year, she hopes that we will be able to start back up soon! She also serves as a helper in our Children's Ministry Wednesday Night Kids Club, where the kiddos gather to learn about God's word.

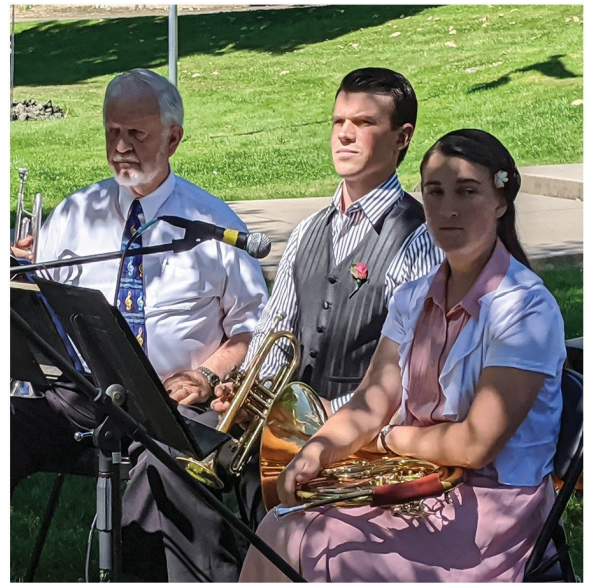
Sydney's favorite part of ministry is watching the children she teaches grow in their faith and in their knowledge of God's Word. "I've been doing this for long enough to see kids that come into our church as tiny humans, and they go through my class, and through Primary, and get all the way to Youth group, and to me that's the awesome thing." Ms. Reichardt's passion for her students carries out into whatever they do in their class. Proverbs 22:6 says, Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it." It is very inspiring and encouraging to see such wonderful people serving as teachers in our children's classes.

## Missions for the Month

### BLYCKER NOTES

JUNE/JULY 2020

In spite of the covid-19, June was a busy month in our household. Thomas Scofield, a young man that went to Mexico with us to music camp about 10 years ago was planning his wedding and he wanted us to be a big part of the music. He wanted the prelude to be cello. He wanted his bride to come in to Phil's trumpet. Another special number was a vocal duet with Arleen on the cello. All this with 7 of our talented grandchildren. We had rehearsals 3 nights a week. No one enjoyed the music more than we did, playing with our grandchildren all those weeks of rehearsals!! The wedding was at an orchard so no problem with covid.



We had a little outing to Diamond Lake with Linnea and her 3 girls, and granddaughter Martha and her family. It was a Beautiful, but chilly day. This month our church services are in the amphitheater by the river behind the church so being outdoors makes life easier, with less restrictions. We've not been free of physical issues, but PTL no covid. Phil had an injury to his wrist so had a shot and wore a brace for several weeks. Arleen had a bout with an enflamed Eustachian tube and vocal chords, which also caused an earache.

This week we received news that the first of six CDs of Phil's Spanish Scripture Songs is now online. You can check it out <http://ditto.fm/celebremos-con-cantosbiblicos-vol-1>.

Let us know if there is anything we can pray about with you. Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in giving to our ministry.

Your "musicianaries",





Andy Woods—Pastor

## Signs of the Times for 2020 (Part 8)

In our first installment, we observed that the Bible places much emphasis on the signs related to Christ's return (Matt. 24:33; Luke 21:28; Heb. 10:25, etc.). Observing these signs helps us ascertain that general time of human history in which we find ourselves. We noted that if the signs of the Tribulation period are rapidly approaching, and the rapture of the Church precedes the Tribulation period, then the rapture must be coming even faster. Thus, we began to ask ourselves, what are some of these signs that are now setting the stage for the coming Tribulation period? We selected the following *seven* signs as deserving of analysis to be covered in this series:

1. Signs related to Israel
2. Signs related to international politics
3. Signs related to economics
4. Signs related to technology
5. Signs related to spirituality
6. Signs related to society
7. Signs related to understanding Bible prophecy

Therefore, this series is dedicated to exploring the *seven* signs related to the soon return of Jesus Christ. As a result of this teaching, may we all grow in our understanding of the unique time in which we now live. As dealt with in the prior installments in this series, there are several signs meriting discussion concerning the modern state of Israel. These include Israel's miraculous political rebirth in 1948, the recapturing of Old Testament Jerusalem in 1967, Israel's ambition to rebuild her third Temple, and her desire for peace at any cost with her hostile neighbors. In the last installments, we examined Israel's mountainous regions and earthquake-prone topography as well as her burgeoning wealth. Moving away from signs related to Israel specifically, we will now begin to discuss signs related to the nations of the world and the kind of international political climate the Scripture predicts that will exist on earth just prior to the return of Christ.

### **2. Signs Related to International Politics**

The nations of the earth must have an attitude of hostility towards Israel. This mindset will exist since all nations must come against Israel in the last days. Notice Zechariah 12:3, which predicts, "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for *all the peoples*; all who lift it will be severely injured and *all the nations of the earth* will be gathered against it." Zechariah 14:2, similarly says, "For I will gather *all the nations* against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city" (italics added). Notice, that, according to these specific biblical predictions, *all* the nations of the earth will come against Israel and Jerusalem in the last days.

We see this very global hostility against Israel happening today in the form of various United Nations resolutions. For example, The U.N. Security Council passed resolution 2334 on December 2016, which "reaffirms that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law." In addition, 70 nations met in Paris back on January 15<sup>th</sup> of 2017 demanding that Israel give up more

and more territory (See Reuters Staff, December 22, 2016, *France to Convene Middle East Peace Conference on Jan. 15*, reuters.com). It is also common to have rulings from groups like UNESCO denying Israel's historic claim to her holy sites (See Raphael Ahren and Alexander Fulbright, May 2, 2017, *On Independence Day, UNESCO Okays Resolution Denying Israeli Claims to Jerusalem*, timesofisrael.com). Of course, this UNESCO ruling is ludicrous since you cannot rewrite history legislatively any more than you can pass a law that effectively suspends the law of gravity.

Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 similarly mention nine nations coming against Israel in the last days. As I have looked at this prophecy in depth, to me it is quite uncanny how those very nations are fitting into the exact political and military orbit against the nation of Israel that God predicted through the prophet Ezekiel six centuries before the time of Christ (See Andy Woods, *Middle East Meltdown: The Coming Islamic Invasion of Israel* (Taos, NM: Dispensational Publishing House, 2016).

Part of the current hostility against Israel involves the ambition to take Israel's land and to divide it. World leaders call this the "peace" process. I call it the "piece" process. In other words, the world community says to tiny Israel give us a big "piece" of your territory under the illusory promise of bringing peace to that war-torn Middle East region. For many years now, the whole name of the game in the world community has been to take back Judea and Samaria from Jewish control and build what they call a Palestinian state in that area. We are told that this supposed two-state solution will allegedly solve the Middle East conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Not long ago, Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian leader, said he wanted that very area to be a Jew-free zone (Stuart Winer, July 30, 2013, *Abbas Pledges: There Will Be No Israelis in Palestine*, timesofisrael.com). Of all the talk in our culture against racial segregation and discrimination, which is an important conversation to have, very few in the world community have condemned these blatantly racist statements by this world leader who talks openly about a Jew-free zone. By the way, if you think that this Palestinian state idea will work in terms of bringing peace to the Middle East, how well did it work when the Jews, in 2005, gave back Gaza? Following this relinquishment, Gaza had one and only one election. They elected Hamas, who in turn used that tiny area on Israel's southwestern border to build tunnels of terror and death thereby allowing them to fire rockets into the land of Israel, and to cause mayhem and kidnapping. In fact, I was in Israel when two young Hebrew children were kidnapped in such a manner coming home from school. So, we can see what a two-state solution will look like in the end simply by studying Gaza. Amazingly, the world community wants to take that same concept and make it even bigger in Judea and Samaria. Quite obviously, such a two-state solution will not lead to peace within Israel but rather will inevitably lead to more chaos and trouble.

Apparently, this misguided two-state solution is what is behind the recent United States' sponsored and backed Israeli treaty and normalization agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). According to the *Times of Israel*:

Senior White House adviser Jared Kushner said on Wednesday that the Trump administration's peace plan is an attempt to "save the two-state solution" because it stops Israel from further expanding its presence in the West Bank. "The reality today is that a lot of this land is inhabited with Israelis," Kushner told reporters during a phone briefing ahead of the White House signing next week of the Israel-UAE normalization deal... "What we did with our plan was we were trying to save the two-state solution, because... if we kept going with the status quo... ultimately, Israel would have eaten up all the land in the West Bank," Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser specified... The US plan would grant the Palestinians a state with restricted sovereignty in Gaza and in most of the West Bank, with additional land swaps from inside Israel, while allowing Israel to annex some 30 percent of the West Bank including all its settlements and the Jordan Valley, and to keep nearly all of East Jerusalem... Kushner said that while the Trump peace plan allows Israel to maintain roughly 30% of the West Bank, the semi-contiguous territory that remains is enough for the Palestinian Authority to turn into a state. (Jacob Magdid, Sept. 10, 2020, *Kushner: Our Plan Was to Save the Two-State Solution*, timesofisrael.com.)

Joel 3:2, explains why God will one day bring His judgment upon the entire world. This verse says, God "will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; And *they have divided up My land*" (italics added). For this prophecy to be fulfilled, there must

first be a mindset in place where the world community, through its hostility against Israel desires to divide the land of Israel. This is exactly what we are seeing today through this global call and movement towards a Palestinian state. By the way, if you have a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria and therefore you reduce the width of Israel from about 44 miles to 9 miles, my pilot friends have told me you cannot shoot down a plane unless you see it coming from 10 miles out. What I am trying to get at is that the so-called Palestinian state will put Israel in a place of indefensibility. Of course, this global mindset constitutes prophetic stage setting. Israel will eventually be placed into this position of indefensibility explaining why she will be forced reach out to the Antichrist to guarantee her protection (Isa. 28:15, 18; Dan. 9:27a). The stage is being set, as the politics and psychology are now in place, for the world to turn against Israel as was predicted by the ancient Hebrew prophets Joel, Zechariah, and Ezekiel.

In our next installment, we will leave our emphasis upon signs related to the nations' mindset toward Israel and instead begin to focus on signs related to the thirst of the nations in the last days for a one-world government.

(To Be Continued...)

## Scripture for the Month

**Psalm 42NKJV**—To the Chief Musician.

*A Contemplation of the sons of Korah.*

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where *is* your God?"

When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar.

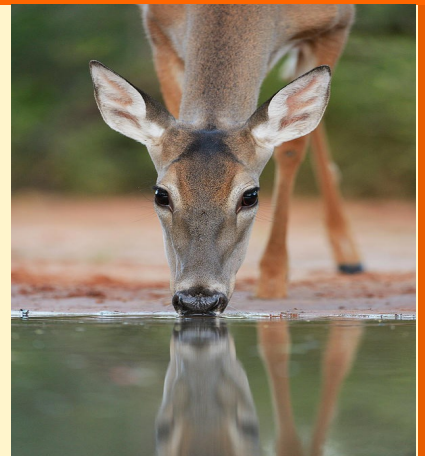
Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me—prayer to the God of my life.

I will say to God my Roc "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where *is* your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.



# Join us every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. for our Children and Youth Wednesday night programs!

