

THE RIGHT MESSAGE AT THE RIGHT TIME

Those Who Are Faithful To The Lord Will Deliver The Right Message At The Right Time

A. God's messengers will deliver the full counsel (the whole purpose) of God"; Acts 20:27

1. Their words will not "tickle" the ears with messages according to the desires of men or the whims of the people; 2 Timothy 4:3
2. They will not take away from, or add to, the Words written in His book; Revelation 22:18-19
3. They will not claim to speak for God with messages based upon conjecture (guesswork, theory, speculation) or popular opinion, but based upon the canon of Scripture; 2 Timothy 4:2-4

B. Two Different Messengers In David's Kingdom; 2 Samuel 18:19-33

1. AHIMAAZ - represents a type of an unseasoned, untrained messenger, who may know something but runs with "presumption" or with an incomplete message of "generalities"

a. Ahimaaz was zealous and self-willed; he insisted on "running" with a message even though Joab (his commander) said "you are not the man to carry news this day, but you shall carry news another day..."; 2 Sam. 18:20, 22; (he gave an incomplete report, missed God's timing)

b. Ahimaaz was impulsive; he may have been "swift" in his human strength, but he only had a "vague" message and could not deliver an accurate account of events to the king; 2 Sam. 18:29

2. CUSHI - represents one who is obedient, who follows God's divine order

a. Cushie was instructed by Joab (his commander) to "go tell the king what you have seen" and he did so, on the basis of what he had seen by revelation; 2 Samuel 18:31-32

b. Cushie was a messenger who "ran" in obedience to his commander; he was ready to deliver an accurate, timely, true report and the king was deeply moved by his word (ministry) 2 Sam. 18:33

C. You have to be next to the "Lampstand" to see the "writing on the wall"; Daniel 5:5, 13-28

1. Only by the spirit in the light of God's Word, can we see what is written; only by the spirit can we interpret the "handwriting on the wall"; Daniel 12:4; Acts 28:26-27

2. The "wise men" of Babylon lack understanding; they cannot interpret God's inscription; Daniel 5:8; Isaiah 47:12-13

3. God alone gives illumination, insight and wisdom to His servants; Daniel 5:14-17; 12:9-10

D. God Writes His Messages Clearly; Habakkuk 2:2

1. God wrote the Ten Commandments upon the tablets of stone twice; Exod. 31:18; 32:16; 34:28

2. The names of those who dwell upon the Earth are written down; Jeremiah 17:13

3. God wrote on the wall of Nebuchadnezzar's palace; the hand was sent from God; Dan. 5:5, 24

4. Jesus wrote in the ground with His finger twice; John 8:6, 8

a. He wrote that all upon the Earth are guilty of breaking His Law; Rom. 3:23; James 2:10

b. The names of those who reject Him are written down; Rev. 20:12

5. The names of those who are saved are written in heaven, in the Book of Life; Phil. 4:3

a. The saved are given a new name, written on a white stone; Rev. 2:17

b. God's name is written in their foreheads; Rev. 14:1

6. The Spirit of the Living God writes His law upon the tablets of human hearts; 2 Cor. 3:3

7. The works and deeds of all men are written in the books; Rev. 20:12-15

8. It is the same finger, the same hand, the same God Who writes directly, and He used men to write the Scriptures under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; Revelation 1:11, 19

LETTERS ARE BEING DELIVERED

A. JESUS CHRIST Delivers Letters: Messages Of Truth, Hope And Comfort To The People:

1. God's servants publish the Good News (Gospel) of life and deliverance; Romans 8:1-2; Isaiah 52:7; "Let it be WRITTEN (the New Testament), to REVERSE the letters devised by Haman, (which point to the law of sin and death)...which he wrote to destroy the Jews"; Esther 8:5; Jesus taught and interpreted the "letter of the law" by the Spirit; Matthew 7:28; 13:54; 22:33
2. God's messages include warnings for the church and promises for the faithful; Rev. 2 and 3
3. The Lord gives us the "tongue of the learned", that we would know how to speak a word in season to the one who is weary; Isaiah 50:4; Proverbs 15:23
4. God raises up His messengers to give people hope for the future and to remind them of the significance of their suffering; Romans 8:18; Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 5:10
5. The Lord opens our mouths to reveal the contents within us: Himself (living water and living manna; John 4:6; 6:48-58; 7:38), the "treasure" of His Word; 2 Corinthians 4:7
6. In the midst of tribulation, God delivers messages of comfort; 2 Cor. 1:4; 1 Thess. 4:18
7. The king's scribes deliver letters to the people, "sealed" with the king's signet ring; they are sent by various messengers, DESIGNED TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST, Col. 2:1-7, according to the king's decree; Esther 8:9-14, delivered by ministries marked by:
 - a. horses, symbolic of swiftness
 - b. mules, symbolic of faithfulness
 - c. camels, symbolic of endurance
 - d. young dromedaries, symbolic of enthusiasm
8. God's people are living decrees, "epistles" (letters) known and read by men; they are a letter from Christ, written by the Spirit of God on tablets of human hearts; 2 Cor. 3:2-3; Heb. 10:16

B. THE ENEMY Delivers Letters: Messages Of Fear, Intimidation, Deception, Temptation, Compromise, Seduction And Ridicule To The People:

1. Promotes self-rule, human endeavor, selfish ambition leading to death; Rom. 8:5-8; Rev. 21:8
2. Queen Jezebel sent forged letters to officials and plotted against Naboth; 1 Kings 21:8-13
3. Sennacherib and the king of Babylon sent letters to Hezekiah; 2 Kings 19:14-16; Is. 39:1-6
4. Adversaries of Israel wrote a letter of accusation against Jerusalem; Ezra 4:4-8
5. Sanballat and his allies sent a letter to Nehemiah; Nehemiah 6:5-19
6. Shemaiah (a false prophet) sent letters to God's people; Jeremiah 29:25-32
7. The "lying pen" of the scribes has handled the Word of God falsely; Jeremiah 8:8
8. The wicked Haman (the adversary) sent letters to God's people; Esther 3:8-15
 - a. Mordecai would not bow to Haman, so as prime minister, Haman persuaded the king to approve an edict he had written, which would lead to the extermination of God's people; Esther 3:5-6
 - b. Haman hates Esther (the bride) and Mordecai (the overcoming son); the devil (operating through the strength of the flesh) wants to destroy the ministry that trains and prepares the Bride for the throne; Esther 4:7-9

Question:

Can you identify the source of the LETTERS (messages) you are receiving?

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