

A Word From the Publisher

My goodness, has God truly blessed us these past few weeks with amazing weather? This has been one of the nicest springs we have enjoyed in a while. Normally, here in Florida, we do winter, a day of spring and quickly jump into the 90s. The mornings are so refreshing with the cool air and such a great time to breathe in God's glory and faithfulness for each day. Yes, we have had our share of rain but thankfully no damaging storms. Is it just me or can you also see how much more beautiful the trees are following the rain? They all seem to be stretching out to the heavens to thank God for his rain!

I'm by far, not a national news buff, however, I am somewhat aware of the war going on with Israel. Israel is a powerful country with strong leaders and a fierce military. When they were attacked back in October by Hamas and hostages were taken, Israel has worked hard to attack the terrorists that were responsible for the act of war. In the meantime, now Iran decided to launch an attack on Israel last Saturday evening. If that doesn't show you what kind of country Iran is, you must be super uninformed. For Iran to jump in the battle just shows how evil they are as a communist terrorist country. As the Bible states that Israel is God's chosen people in Deuteronomy 7:6, *"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all."*

"Iran blasted Israel with 170 drones and 30 cruise missiles, none of which entered Israeli territory, and 110 ballistic missiles of which a small number reached Israel," said military

spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, in a televised statement (bbc.com). If that doesn't tell you God will protect Israel, nothing will. As we see these attacks it makes us thankful for where we live. But we must remember our country is far from safe at this point in time. We must always be aware of what is going on around us.

What can we do? The most important thing we can do is be sure without a shadow of a doubt about our salvation. Anything can happen at any time. One of the difficult parts about publishing the paper week after week is reading through all the obituaries. Many have lived long lives however many more are middle age and younger. We are not promised tomorrow, which is why your salvation is so important today. Do you know where you will spend eternity? I know when my name is called I will wake up in the arms of Jesus and spend eternity with Him. Hell is a real place of pain and suffering.

We serve an awesome God and He provides for me more than I deserve. I'm thankful for the grace He gives for each day...as I fall short many times. We must continue praying for Israel, our country and our community. No matter what, God is in control and He will win the battle. He continues to wait for more people to accept his gift of salvation before He returns. Once that happens, it's too late. Why not ask Jesus to come into your heart today so you can enjoy all the benefits of salvation and joy with Christ?

Have a blessed week!

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