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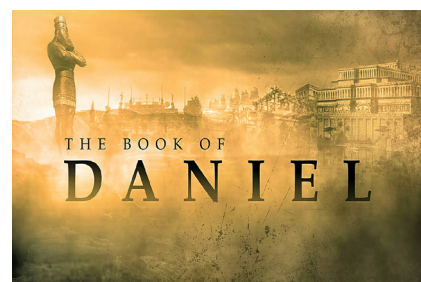
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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

TO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN

As we labour in the Lord's vineyard it is good that we consider one area that we have not put much focus on, that is, helping the needy. At the moment the ministry is supporting two children with educational financial aid and a community project in Hwange catering for 10 children. I am convinced that more is needed in this area. As we move in rural communities, some of them the most remote parts of the country, we meet different kinds of need among them illness, hunger and children dropping out of schools. Reading the book of Matthew I came across the following insightful and challenging text, "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Mathew 9:36.

"There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort..."

The pen of inspiration, in beautiful language, tells us "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work

will not, cannot, be without fruit. . . . In almost every community there are large numbers who do not listen to the preaching of God's Word or attend any religious service. If they are reached by the gospel, it must be carried to their homes. Often the relief of their physical needs is the only avenue by which they can be approached. . . ." The Ministry of Healing

It is however important to note that welfare ministry needs financial support and this is why we want to continue asking every member to increase the amounts they contribute towards Mission Go. Below are some of the reasons why we should engage in welfare ministry

- ▶ Work for the suffering and needy gives us an understanding of God's love and mercy we would not otherwise have
- ▶ In meeting the needs of the less fortunate of the world, we are expressing and enhancing our love for Jesus.
- ▶ An opportunity to expressing God's love in practical ways
- ▶ It is good for us personally to work for the poor and suffering
- ▶ Ministries that call for us to give of our means and of ourselves are a cure for selfishness and covetousness
- ▶ To work for the poor and suffering is a natural thing that loving people will do
- ▶ How we respond to the needs of the poor and suffering is critical when our cases are considered in the judgment

God bless! 🙏

T. Chirikumarara
President, Mission Go



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From Mail Bag

Mission Testimony

It was my first time attending a Mission Trip in Chirumanzu hence I had little knowledge on how to do things. Yes I am a Bible scholar but when I went for mission I felt like I knew nothing in terms of what to say and how to deliver the message. At one point we were at Gogo Mai Thamai's fields delivering a lesson on the Second Coming of Christ and Christian Living. Honestly I had no clue on how I would deliver the lesson but my group members chose me to lead the discussion.

After our opening prayer all I remember is I led a very good discussion answering every question correctly, quoting verses correctly and even referring to other Bible topics, I was even amazed myself but I knew that it was not I but Christ and I was just a vessel. I really understood Matthew 28:19 where He says "I will be with you..." 🙏

Martha Sithole, Bulawayo



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Upcoming



- Pre-Semester Campaign,
Bulilima, 29 July - 11 Aug

NEWS TO NOTE

75 Baptised in Chirumanzu

It was yet another success story this year as the Lord fought valiantly for His people. The light of truth penetrated to the darkened corners of Mazvimba, Nyamande and Muwani in Chirumanzu resulting in 75 souls giving their lives to the Saviour. The campaign, which ran from the 2nd to the 16th of June was attended by close to 70 students who partnered with the local church in Mvuma to do the mission work.



Prior to the campaign these villages had no Adventist congregation in existence and it was a delight to many to see the seed of truth planted in the area. A lay pastor has since remained to help

nurture the new believers for the next couple of months.

Bulilima 2018

From the 29th of July to the 11th of August 2018, Mission Go will be in Bulilima in the south-western part of Zimbabwe (close to Plumtree) for an evangelistic series. The meetings will



have 3 sites, that is, Madlambudzi, Tsukuru and Malopa. We are expecting on average, eighty (80) mission workers, inclusive of students, former students and local church members. Preparations are on course and now at an advanced stage.

AGM 2018

Mission Go held its 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) Session in Chirumanzu on the 16th of June 2018. Critical resolutions and commitments were made on the ministry's work going into the future. A new executive team was also elected at the session that will steer the work forward until 2020

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Media Ministry

In line with the changing times in terms of technology and media space, the ministry will be venturing into media ministry as a way of reaching more people on a much wider spectrum. This will involve producing audio-visual content (music and sermons), to be broadcast on the different available media networks. We have so far acquired a Digital HD Camera to produce videos and we look forward secure more sound systems and cameras.

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TREASURY

WHAT SHALL I BRING BEFORE THE LORD? *by Innocent Mpeta*

As we plan for God's work, especially when things seem tight one question that comes into my mind is; What shall I then bring before the Lord? This question has some hidden implications that come with it, am I being honest when I say I do not have anything to bring before the Lord, if it had been my personal investment or work how far would I be willing to change my priority list, is what I am bringing before the Lord my best regardless of the circumstances (or given the circumstances)?

"Yes the timber is indeed needed, but shall it be all we give simply because we know it shall be made use of?...Let us be among those that are ready to offer the precious stone; gold, silver and onyx"

Building The Sanctuary

The honest truth is that no matter how little we may think we have, we have things that we prioritise and these priorities never suffer loss compared to the loss that God's work suffers when things seem tight.

After living as slaves in Egypt, and having only just a night to gather wealth from the Egyptians before their release it would be fair not to consider the Israelites rich. As the Lord sought for material to build the sanctuary, the request was for the Israelites to bring the precious stones gold, silver, brass, onyx stones and the expensive material; purple, scarlet and fine linen (Exodus 25:1-8). The Lord expected the best of offerings from a people that had been slaves for so long. The interesting thing is that the children of Israel did not consider the fact that they had just received this treasurer off the hands of the Egyptians, they did not worry as to how they were going to survive once they got to the promised land, neither did they see the request as being unreasonable. They simply responded to the request.

More Than Sufficient

The children of Israel freely gave up their valued possession and the Bible records: *"And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp; saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient*

TREASURY

for all the work to make it, and too much.” Exodus 36:5-7. The Israelites gave more than was sufficient for the work of building the sanctuary. As I consider this, I wonder if as members of Mission Go we can contribute towards God’s work to that extent. Maybe we think to ourselves that it is someone else’s responsibility to contribute gold, and ours is to bring in the cheap timber required.

The Best Of Packages

I long for the day when the ministry will have more than is sufficient for a campaign, where finances are readily available for the ministry to expand into other territories, when finances are available to start other income generating projects, and when finances are available to run a full time ministry with employees on a full salary. Yes the timber is indeed needed, but shall it be all we give simply because we know it shall be made use of? As we continue in the Lord’s vineyard, let me try to challenge each one of us to consider our offering before the Lord. Let us be among those that are ready to offer the precious stone; gold, silver and onyx so that the gospel goes to those in need in the best of packages as opposed to just sending the gospel in “some package”. Our ministry has great potential to be more impactful, to reach a bigger audience, to give the greatest influence but are we not limiting it due to how we choose to settle for the lowest of contributions that we possibly can make.

May we honest try to bring before the Lord, the best of offerings to give our trumpet a distinct sound.

Projects

The last 2 years have seen us collecting over \$24 000.00 and we have been able to fund the following projects (*see detailed quarterly financial statements in previous newsletters*)

Chivhu Stand	1800.00
Guruve Stand	1000.00
Guruve Structure	1654.00
Hwange Structure	2768.40
Salaries for Global Pioneers	1850.00
Food and Logistics - Guruve	5625.00
- Hwange	1550.00
- Chirumanzu	5700.00
Equipment purchase and repairs	1500.00

We still however have 2 outstanding issues, Chivhu structure and also one structure in Chirumanzu. We want to appreciate the contributions that were made by members during the past two years. Resources were just enough and we want to thank the Lord for moving the hearts of His people that they gave freely.

Of interest to the funded projects has been the issue of Global Pioneers, this strategy has helped us to retain our membership, our wish is that funds allowing the Global Pioneer should remain in the area for at least six months. 🚀



Innocent Mpeta is the Mission Go Treasurer. He writes from Chinhoyi

Just How Much is ALL?

by Sthandwa Moyo

It is either we control our appetites, passions and desires or they lord over us. The thought of being controlled is not pleasing, for God in His divine wisdom gave man the power of choice. How then are many ceding that power choice? What is the implication of losing that power? How can we regain it?

Character is Everything

A famous quote says "Watch your thoughts. They become words. Watch your words. They become deeds. Watch your deeds. They become habits. Watch your habits. They become character. Character is everything."- Unknown. This passage tells in brief how many have and are losing the war against self. It all emanates from the mind. Scripture says "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven....", "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat..." Isaiah 14:13, Daniel 1:8 Therefore, we need to pay attention to our thoughts, they are little match sticks that ignite fires.

"There is an intimate relation between the mind and the body, and in order to reach a high standard of moral and intellectual attainment the laws that control our physical being must be heeded. To secure a strong, well-balanced character, both the mental and the physical powers must be exercised and developed. What study can be more

important for the young than that which treats of this wonderful organism that God has committed to us and of the laws by which it may be preserved in health?"—Patriarchs and Prophets, pg 601.

Little Habits

More often than not, we belittle thoughts and those tiny bad little habits, what harm can they possibly cause. We tend to think they have no bearing on the bigger picture. The children of Israel somehow also fell into

"...Victory is promised in the name of the Lord, it is a strong tower..."

that kind of thinking. The Lord commanded "When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, drive out ALL the inhabitants of the land before you..." Numbers 33:51,52. God's command was explicit.

Later we are told, "There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: ONLY in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained" Joshua 11:22. By then Gaza, Gath and Ashdod must have been too insignificant to cause the Israelite worries. They just could not fuss with these little tribes who posed no threat. They forgot about Numbers 33:55, "But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before



While the road to temperance might be slow and often painful, the reverse process can happen so quickly, it is a downhill stretch

you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell."

The Narrative Changes

Fast forward into the book of Joshua, the narrative has changed, the Philistines now lord over Israel, the subjects have become the masters. God raises a warrior to rescue Israel in for of the Nazarene, Samson, he too is snared by a harlot from Gaza, (Judges 16:1). He inflicts wounds on the Philistines, but they are too much a nation to drive out now. 1 Samuel 17:4 then tells us of a man, a champion from Gath, standing at almost 3 metres tall, with a coat weighing 57kilograms, when he spoke the armies of Israel scampered away in fear. He defied the armies of the living God, that is what our tiny little bad habits do. They take root, wax strong and tower over us, they become our greatest sources of unhappiness. Like Israeli

armies, we would set out to wage a war against these habits, but when they come out shouting, we'll scamper away in fear. "For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you..." Roman 2:24

In All Things

Now therefore brethren, let us be temperate in all things, lest our passions, appetites and desires lord over us, and we be prisoners of our own selves. Thus making the next generations to follow prisoners too. While the road to temperance might be slow and often painful, the reverse process can happen so quickly, it's a downhill stretch. Let us learn not to justify our failures, not to settle for less. Victory is promised in the name of the Lord, it is a strong tower and righteous run to it. We fail when we limit our obedience to what we deem "possible." God is not limited by the "possible" because with Him all things are possible. He can raise in us the spirit of a young David who faced his giant, he can revive in us the spirit of Daniel who purposed in his heart.

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." Proverbs 25:28 🕊



Sthandwa Moyo is a Mission Go member. She writes from Bulawayo

Understanding the Time

by Obert Kwacha

Perspectives on Daniel 2

Daniel 2 contains one of the foundational prophecies vital to understanding apocalyptic prophecy. It is probably the first lesson one is to learn to understand end time prophecy. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a troubling dream but the following morning he could not remember the dream. He then rounded up his wisemen and magicians demanding to be told the dream itself and its interpretation. This was not an easy request and the magicians had to admit *"It is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh"* Daniel 2:11 After the time-serving tactics from the magicians had failed, the king, now angry, issued a death decree for the magicians. While the king's orders are being executed, Daniel, an Israelite captive is found and offers to answer the King's request.

When Daniel was brought before Nebuchadnezzar, he assured the king of a *"God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days"* Daniel 2:28. Nebuchadnezzar listened with interest as the Jewish captive traced all the details of the dream and gave the interpretation.

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent,

stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces." Daniel 2:31-34

The Head of Gold

The head of gold represented Babylon (Daniel 2:38). It was well known for its magnificence and is well remembered

for its hanging gardens, which make one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Bible describes it as "the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' excellency,"

Isaiah 13:19 In Religious terms...

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Nyamande

by Courage Dudzai



The mighty works of God in the deliverance of His people were recounted with eloquence and reverential awe. The great truths of God's providence and of the future life were impressed on the young minds and the recipients of the messages preached. The young army became acquainted with the true, the good, the beautiful and the love for souls in the service of God.

Home Visitations

When we arrived in the area we camped at Nyamandi Primary School and in number we were 25 but later 5 members from Mvuma joined us to assist in the work. We divided ourselves into 8 groups of threes and fours, door to door witnessing being conducted during the day. To assist us, we had printed material for the doctrines that we were presenting and this proved to be a useful and effective tool in our home visitations and in circumstances where we could not cover everything the materials we gave them did the rest of the job. On average we covered not less than thirty houses daily.

Services

Having done door to door witnessing during the day we invited those we were studying with to our evening services. In these services we had few visitors in the first few days but they increased in numbers as we progressed reaching up to over 50 adults and children up to over 80. We conducted children sermons projecting animated bible stories. Because of the keen interest that they had, children would drag their parents to evening services and numbers kept on increasing. On the same note, we conducted assembly services for the primary students every morning.

Furthermore, we had health talks and powerful music sessions from our music conductors, groups and the Nyamandi choir which added a blessing and smooth flow of the services. Even those who could not come were able to follow through from the echoes of the PA systems as it was loud enough to cover some areas that were far from our venue.

Baptism

On the two Sabbaths, we had our normal services during the day and did not have evening services. On the first Sabbath, we had 18 baptismal candidates

"The young army became acquainted with the true, the good, the beautiful and the love for souls in the service of God."

and on the second we had 16 candidates and it is a yield worth giving glory to God.

Apart from Bible studies we also offered a helping hand in the fields and our effort was greatly appreciated by the leaders of the community. Because of this it was easy for us to secure a stand and with just a single request we were granted one. One of the challenges we faced was the request for Bibles so I hope that for the next mission we set aside a provision to distribute Bibles even to those that may not have been baptized and witnessing material be continually used as it makes a far reaching effect. 🕊



Courage Dudzai is a Mission Go member. He writes from Bulawayo



Mazvimba

by Josphat Bhepe



The site had 10 witnessing teams comprising of 3 members per team with the exception of a few that had 4 individuals as deemed necessary for the effective functioning of the teams. Each witnessing group attended to an average of 8 to 9 homesteads but due to factors such as garden duties and other like factors the teams ended up studying with an average of 5 families per day. Some teams ended up grouping about 2 or more families at a single homestead so that they can deliver the lesson once, in an attempt to combat the challenge that most families would be available in the morning only and they would not be around in the afternoon.

Evening Services

The evening services were originally scheduled to start at 17:30 hrs, however due to the realisation that numbers were turning up around 19:00 hrs which was the scheduled end time, we then shifted the service to start at 18:30hrs to 20:00hrs. The number of visitors grew steadily during the first week from an initial figure of about 15 visitors to an average of 25 adults and 35 children per day. The attendance was constant throughout the second week with an average of 40-50 children and about 45 adults per day.

Baptism

On the first Sabbath only 9 individuals were baptised and this is because most of the bible truths had not yet been preached or taught. On the second baptism about 26 individuals were baptised making a total of 35 individuals from the Mazvimba site. Notably a few candidates were not baptised even after accepting the truth and this is because of the fear that since there was no church in existence the baptism would have been

for nothing and also that the individuals had posts at their current churches thus they feared being persecuted by their followers.

Children's Activities

Prepared for the children where children sermons every evening service and during those sermons children were awarded school exercise books as a means to encourage them to keep coming while at the same time assisting the community. There were also children sermons delivered on the assembly once a week and to accompany the children stories there was music from the group which was amongst us.

Considerations

We faced a challenge with the witnessing lessons because we did not have most of the lessons printed and available to the witnessing teams. We also faced a challenge that we did not have enough choristers. Let's make the witnessing lessons available to all society members well before the mission. Take into consideration the skills requirement of every site when distributing human capital. We had planned to conduct Sunday lessons for the "O" and "A" level mathematics students around the area but the plan was not successful because the students did not turn up. 🐦



Josphat Bhepe is a Mission Go member. He writes from Harare



Muwani

by Theophilus Munetsi



It was not easy to open a new site after the other sites had run for a week and had covered much ground in terms of relationship making and lessons. One thing that was learnt was the Lord's biddings are his enabling surely he was with us. The team pitched their tents at Gogo Matambo's homestead on the eve of the 10th of June 2018. A total of twenty campers were present during the campaign with organised six witnessing groups. The area was largely Catholic populated with a few Pentecostals and Apostolicism therefore in the one week fundamental, core lessons of Adventism were to be hammered and it was evident that the Lord's mercy lead all the way. Areas between Hutire Village and Makhanya primary, work was thoroughly done but a wider coverage beyond the primary school was unattended due to time and few human resource.

Evening Services

For that week two evening services ran concurrently one at Gogo Matambo's place and one at Makhanya primary. The attendance was not impressive due to inadequate communication appliances such as the PA system, projector and the distance to be travelled to and from the service. A number of people were receptive but there was no enough time for them to accept baptism fully. Five souls were won to Christ at the end of the mission at Muwani according to God's through his servant who put self out of sight and laboured for his glory. Children's chapel and activities were well administered, beneficial and kept the children coming to the services which was a positive stride on our campaign.

Challenges

- Poor sanitation facilities at the camping site
- The site was not central to the homesteads

The homesteads were too spaced and far from each other.

- Many homesteads visited had no Bibles
- PA system and projector unavailability restrains wide coverage because the evening services are more captivating with these appliances

Considerations

- Proper site surveillance is needed before campers arrive especially when opening a new branch during the campaigns.
- Evening services can begin with a Christian movie (the life of Jesus in vernacular) that can be

"Evening services can begin with a Christian movie played in parts, acting as children story whilst it also attracts the adults to attend services"

played in parts acting as children story whilst it can attract even the adults to attend services therefore there is a need for another projector and a good system.

- Proper literature (vernacular), to be left with households studied with
- Let's give much attention to the welfare of the community, that is, clothing, blankets. 🍂



Theophilus Munetsi is a Mission Go member. He writes from Harare



Uriah Smith

Editor, administrator, preacher, prophetic expositor, professor, poet, inventor, and artist-engraver. Smith was born in New Hampshire, and accepted the message of Sabbatarian Adventism after hearing James and Ellen White in 1852. He joined the Whites in their publishing of *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* after their move to Rochester, NY, becoming editor at age 23 when the periodical moved to Battle Creek, Michigan the fall of 1855. He remained until 1897 in this position with little interruption, assisting James White until his death in 1881, and then taking over full charge. Smith authored 20 books and approximately 4000 editorials, impacting the church over that span of time nearly as much as James and Ellen White. He served 13 years as editor with James White of the *Signs of the Times* published in California.

Smith's separate books on Daniel and Revelation were combined in 1882 as *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, received a strong endorsement by Ellen

White, and remain his best-known work. It has gone through several editions, and has been translated in many languages. Smith was also instrumental in conducting many bible institutes for ministers, a form of continuing education for them. He was the



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charter Bible teacher at Battle Creek College, and as chairman of the board of trustees conflicted with Ellen White's vision of education whose emphasis would be on the Bible balanced with manual labor, rather than the classical, theoretical curriculum he favored. He also came into significant conflict with her over the message that came in the years surrounding Minneapolis, and her support for A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner.

He responded to her appeals to cease opposing her work, but never seemed to grasp the concepts and run with them.

Smith's case provides a classic example of a talented worker who at times needed reproof, but could easily become discouraged over reproof. Ellen White with her long history of working with him from the early years would gently attempt to carry out her work as messenger in giving him wise, encouraging, and clear counsel. In spite of his weaknesses, and in context of the broader issues shaking the foundations of the church toward the end of the 1800s, she specifically stated that it was God's plan that he remain Review editor to the end of his life. One area of counsel he struggled with, partly due to his artificial leg and partly to his love of writing, was to balance his desk work with physical exercise. Ellen White's desire to lengthen his productive years was more successful than her effort with her own husband. Smith died of a stroke at age 70 while walking to the Review and Herald Publishing House. 🍌



Head of Gold - Babylon (605-538BC)

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...Babylon was very superstitious. Marduk was their "creator" and Ea was the "Spirit of the Water. The Babylonian priests worshiped 4,000 separate gods, each with a specialized function. Babylon was also a city of rank paganism. One

Thighs and Belly of Brass, Greece (331 - 168BC)



commentator noted that within the walls of Babylon stood 53 temples and 1,327 shrines to various deities

The Chest and Arms of Silver

Gold is more valuable than silver, which is more valuable than bronze, going on like that. It is interesting to note that, while the order of these materials increases in hardness, except of the iron-clay mixture of course, (verses 40-43) they were decreasing in value. What this possibly symbolizes is that while the spiritual, moral or cultural qualities of these empires as well as wealth, luxury, and magnificence, decline, their military and political power increases. This true especially if we consider that the latter kingdoms had to overthrow the previous ones to come to power, only a more powerful kingdom can overthrow another kingdom. They were inferior in wealth, luxury, and magnificence,

"But after you shall arise another kingdom... then another" (verse 39) After the kingdom of Babylon came the kingdom of Medo Persia represented by the chest and arms of Silver, History tells us that the kingdom which conquered Babylon in 539 BC was the Medo Persian Empire. It is interesting to note that the part of the body representing this



Chest and arms of Silver- Medo-Persia (538-331BC)

kingdom has two arms, possibly representing the two: the Medes and the Persians. The Persians, who came latter was more powerful than the Medes. In Isaiah 8.20, and 5:28-31, we are told that it was the Medes and Persians that took over the Babylonian kingdom in 538 B.C. under the ruler ship of Darius the Mede. The Persians are especially remembered for having decrees that cannot be easily changed (*see Daniel 5*)

Thighs and Belly of Brass

The next kingdom after Medo-Persia was Greece whose first leader in the form of Alexandra the Great managed to conquer a great territory



Legs of Iron - Rome (168BC-476AD)

within a short space of time and died at a very tender age.

Legs of Iron- Rome

The next kingdom, represented by the legs of iron was Rome which ruled from 168BC-476 AD. It was Rome that was ruling during the time of Christ, that's the reason why the Jews expected a Messiah who would deliver them from Roman rule. "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." That's how Rome is introduced, and history confirms that it is indeed known for its ruthlessness. Iron was widely used in the armor and weapons of the Roman Empire. As we progress down the image, the metals become less 'glorious', but stronger. And we end up with the 'iron' kingdom of Rome. Probably the least 'glorious' kingdom, but certainly the strongest, as Rome was known for its so called 'iron grip' during its reign.



Feet of Iron and Clay- Divided Rome (476AD-?)

"those who in their life time made a choice to fall on the stone and be broken- meaning they have given their life to Christ- will not make part of these kingdoms and will therefore make part of the new kingdom which Christ shall set up"

Feet of Iron and Clay

For many years, the clay in the feet has not been interpreted till recently. Clearly, every other metal in the statue was symbolic and therefore the clay in the feet should be symbolic. What does clay represent in scriptures? What is the Biblical meaning of iron and clay?

Read Jeremiah 18:1-6, I will quote verse 6 *"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."* Jeremiah 18:1-6 In this text it is clear that the clay is a representation of Israel, the people of God. *"But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand"* Isaiah 64:8

The clay in the feet should there be interpreted as representing the people of God or simply put, the church of God. There is something to note; the clay was represented as miry clay, or rather dirty clay. The church at this stage was surely a dirty church, an apostate church. The iron in the feet symbolizes the continuation of Rome, which was represented by iron. Latter visions, in Chapter 7, 8 and 12 agrees with this interpretation: the Papal Rome- which is pricely church and state mingled, took over from Pagan Rome.

The Stone Cut from the Mountain

Finally, I will talk about the stone that was cut without human hands. Before that, it is prudent to note that the stone stuck the image in the feet and not the head. To be cut without hands means that the setting up of the stone kingdom is done without human power, it is the doing of Lord (see Heb 11.9). Notice the following text:

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Matthew 21:42,44

So Christ the chief cornerstone shall fall on the image of human kingdoms and they shall be broken and become like chaff; those who in their life time made a choice to fall on the stone and be broken- meaning they have given their life to Christ- will not make part of these kingdoms and will therefore make part of the new kingdom which Christ shall set up. *"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. "* 1 Peter 2.6 The mountain from which the stone is cut is Mount Zion, which represents the kingdom of God..e.g in Revelation 14, Christ is seen standing with the redeemed on Mount Zion.

What we do not get from Daniel 2 is that the clay/iron mingled kingdom received a deadly wound at the same time only to resurrect again at a later time. It just points out that the stone will strike the image at the feet that is at the time when such a church-state kingdom was ruling. It is also interesting to note that the kingdoms of the stone came from completely different origin, it came outside of the world systems. 🕊



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Subscriptions	5,023.00
Total	8,793.91

EXPENDITURE

Food	1,509.00
Transport	2,200.00
Generator	525.96
Fuel	414.00
Bible, Stationery and Manuals	990.00
Rent for GP	70.00
Fees	225.00
Donation (windows)	70.00
Bike GP	127.00
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Fuel	300.00
PA	40.00
PA system repairs & replacements	795.00
Vehicle repairs	360.00
Home of Hope Center	100.00
Salary GP	250.00

Total Expenditure	8,380.96
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Manual of Bible Doctrine

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Stationery

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300

Health expo

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100

700

Food

Mealie meal

525kg

270

Samp

160kg

75

Soya Chunks

60kg

150

Rice

120kg

150

Beans

100kg

140

Bread

200 loaves

200

Sweet Potatoes

10 buckets

50

Potatoes

10 buckets

70

Cooking oil

40 litres

70

Peanut Butter

30litres

75

Mazoe

20 litres

30

Freshpak Rooibos

8 boxes

25

Sugar

40kg

40

Salt

15kg

15

Powdered Milk

8kg

32

Flour

15kg

30

Baked Beans

80tins

80

Soups

4 boxes

20

Salad Cream

6×1,5kg

40

Eggs

8 crates

40

Roundnuts/Peanuts

2 buckets

20

Fruit & Vegetables

Cabbage

30 heads

30

Tomatoes

5 boxes

75

Onions

3 pockets

30

Fresh Vegetables

40

Carrots

20 packets

20

Green Beans/peas

15 packets

15

Oranges

4 pockets

30

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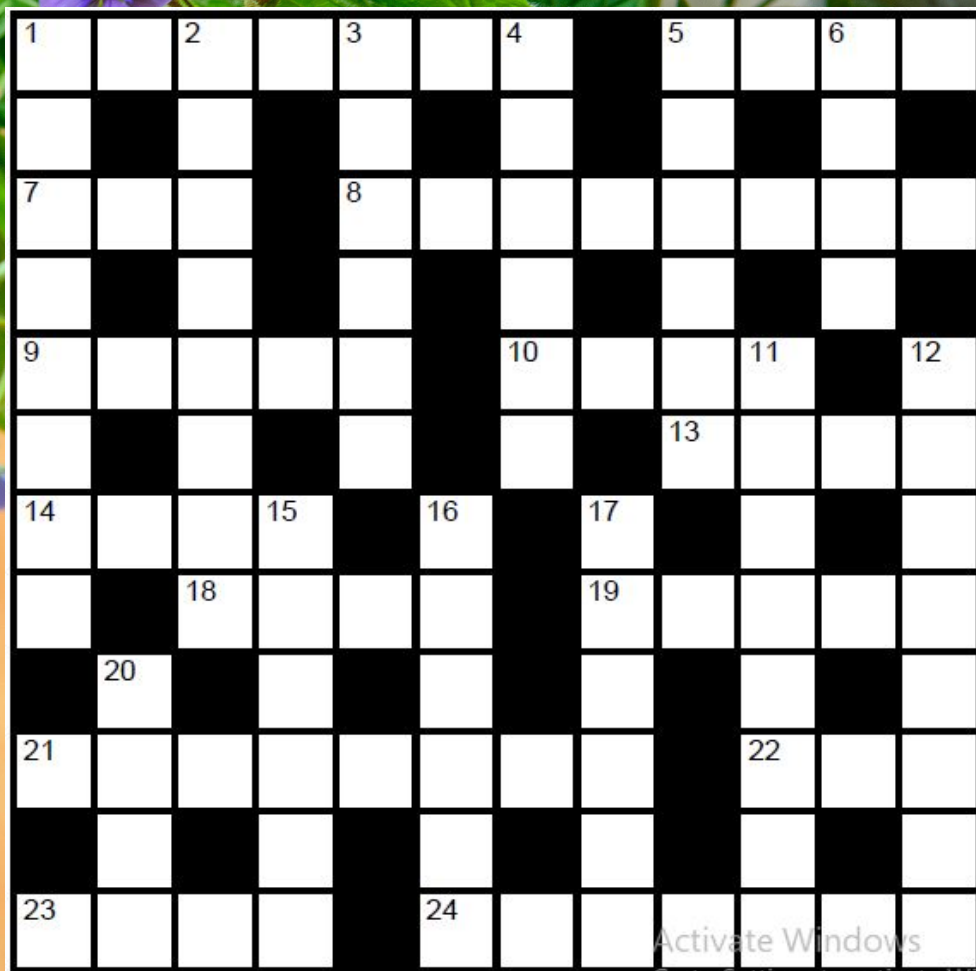
- 1 Cleansing ritual (7)
- 5 Fair (4)
- 7 Listening device (3)
- 8 Taken into custody (8)
- 9 Deal (5)
- 10 Leader (4)
- 13 Locks (4)
- 14 Left-handed (4)

- 18 Naomi's bitter name (4)
- 19 Provided by the sun (5)
- 21 Seller (8)
- 22 Commandment count (3)
- 23 Happy (4)
- 24 Bears (7)

Down

- 1 Lived (8)
- 2 One of the seven churches (8)
- 3 Visions (6)
- 4 Bethany resident (6)
- 5 Idolatry abolisher (6)

- 6 Offspring (4)
- 11 Keziah, to Job (8)
- 12 Collected works of an author (8)
- 15 Moved to the music (6)
- 16 Royal home (6)
- 17 Joyful (6)
- 20 Drawing place (4)



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