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NETANYAHU: EZEKIEL 37 IS FULFILLED!

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The following is from *OneNewsNow* (2/16/10). The leader of a Messianic Jewish ministry is pleased that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel, Chapter 37. Speaking on the recent 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. Netanyahu said, "Armed with the Jewish spirit, the justice of man, and the vision of the prophets, we sprouted new branches and grew deep roots. Dry bones became covered with flesh, a spirit filled them, and they lived and stood on their own feet." Jan Markell, founder and director of Olive Tree Ministries, comments that Netanyahu's statement helps debunk the idea that modern Israel is just a secular country with no connection to ancient biblical prophecy. "There is a degree of spirituality in Israel, recently with this Benjamin Netanyahu saying that Ezekiel 37 is now fulfilled," she notes. "So I'm encouraged when the top leader in the nation of Israel comes out and stands up for the Bible. This is absolutely tremendously good news." Markell adds that now that Ezekiel 37 has been fulfilled, chapters 38 and 39 are expected to follow. "The Ezekiel 38, 39 scenario - that's the Gog and Magog invasion of Israel, where they, being Russia, Iran and some other nations, descend on her to seize her wealth," the Olive Tree Ministries founder mentions. She concludes that Israel wins that war, and though some scholars argue on the time frame of that event, Markell believes it takes place during the tribulation period.

I cannot go into all the details of Ezekiel 37 here, but I can say that Ezekiel 37 has not yet been fulfilled. We believe that it will be fulfilled, as will every prophecy in the Word of God. God cannot fail! I do believe we are in the time frame when the bones are coming together, but there is no sign of life, spiritual life, eternal; life, in them. That is yet future and will happen in the Tribulation period which begins at the Rapture of the Church. The very fact that there is a nation of Jews in their land (only a portion of it) after more that 2000 years of having no national existence. So, the first reason Ezekiel 37 has not been fulfilled is that they are unsaved. They do not recognize their Messiah; their true King, Jesus Christ. It is impossible to have the Breath of God (v.10) – God's life without believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior! (Netanyahu doesn't even mention God). That is enough to settle the matter. Then, God is going to bring all of them from around the world – v.12-14, 21. There are many more Jews among the nations than in Israel. Also, God is going to join Judah and Ephraim (the Northern and Southern kingdoms) together. Today, no Jew knows what tribe he is from (but God does). Consider this: When Ezekiel 37 is fulfilled, King David will be resurrected and reign among them – v. 24. Anybody seen him? Some will say, "You don't believe that literally, do you?" Of course I do; I believe the Bible! Has anyone seen the Tabernacle of God in Israel? When Israel turns to God in truth, God's Tabernacle (Temple) will be set up – v.27,28. Yes, Israel's very existence and presence in their own land will be accomplished by God – not by Israel itself. They will (in the Tribulation) see their rejection of Messiah and trust in Him. The New Testament speaks of it many times. Here's just one place: **"For I would not brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness is happened in part to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so, all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. For this is my covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins. ~Romans 11:25-27.** The Deliverer is Jesus Christ! **"Even so, come Lord Jesus."**

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NO ROOM FOR CHRIST! Charles Spurgeon told of a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ which had been produced in his day. It was of Jesus before Pilate and had won a great deal of attention. A certain excellent newspaper, which for a cheap price, brings out a large number of engravings and had given an engraving of this picture. But as the engraving was too large for the paper to give the whole, they have copied only a portion of it. It is interesting to note that they have given us Pilate here, and Caiaphas and the religious leaders there, but since there was no more room on the sheet, no room for Jesus, they left out that part of the design. They had room for everybody but Jesus! That reminds us of most of the people in this world. There are even some who claim to be Christians but they don't seem to have any room for Jesus. What about YOU? What does Jesus mean to you? How much love and service do you give to Jesus? The hymnwriter wrote:

*“Have you any room for Jesus,
He who bore your load of sin?
As He knocks and asks admission,
Sinner will you let Him in?”*

*“Room for Jesus King of glory!
Hasten now His word obey,
Swing your heart's door widely open,
Bid Him enter while you may.”*

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DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR SOUL! Some years ago I read this story. An evangelist was preaching in a Church. During the invitation, he said, “Don't gamble with your soul, trust Christ as your savior right now.” In the front row of the balcony, was a young couple. As they were singing the closing song, the young man wrote a note and gave it to the young lady. She left it in the hymnbook. They did not respond to the invitation. Later that night there was a terrible accident where the couple died. The Pastor was called to visit the parents, and he went along with the evangelist. On the way back the evangelist asked if they could go by the Church. He said that he would like to read what was in that note. When they found the hymnbook and the note, they read the following: “I'll gamble with my soul if you will gamble with yours.” They gambled and lost! Young person, do not gamble with your soul. Many gamble that they will be able to do it later, when it is more convenient. I plead with you to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin today. Jesus said, **“What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.”** ~Mark 8:36. God also has said in His Word, **“Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”** ~Proverbs 27:1. You have no guarantee of tomorrow! **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31. Do it today! God says, **“NOW is the day of salvation...”**

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

“Don't approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear or a fool from any side.” -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

“Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?”

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

CHINA HOUSE CHURCH LEADERS SENTENCED.

The following is excerpted from “China House Church Leaders Sentenced,” AP, Nov. 25, 2009: “A court in northern China has sentenced five leaders of an unauthorized Protestant church to prison terms of up to seven years on charges including illegal assembly, rights groups reported Thursday. The sentences are among the harshest in recent years for members of so-called ‘house churches’--congregations that refuse to register and accept the authority of the government’s Religious Affairs Bureau. Arrests stemmed from a Sept. 13 raid by police and hired security guards on sunrise services held in a dormitory building by the 50,000-member Linfen Fushan Church in Linfen, northern Shanxi province, rights groups and the advocacy Web site Boxun.com reported. Those sentenced late Wednesday by the Linfen Intermediate Court included the church’s pastor Wang Xiaoguang and his wife Yang Rongli, who both received the maximum sentence. Yang was apparently targeted for her efforts to petition local authorities on Wang’s behalf, Boxun said. Others were given sentences of between three and four-and-a-half-years, it said, “Officially, China’s communist government requires all Protestants to worship in the non-denominational Three-Self Patriotic Movement.” -*FBIS* (12/4/09). Ed. Compare this with the article on page 1.

HOMOSEXUALS NEVER QUIT! Attorneys are in San Francisco again to argue yet another lawsuit filed to overturn California’s Proposition 8. Prop. 8 is the constitutional amendment that a majority of California voters approved in November 2008 to overturn a State Supreme Court decision that legalized homosexual “marriage” in that state. (ADF) attorney Austin Nimocks tells *OneNewsNow* that proponents of same-gender marriage -- who are arguing that Prop. 8 violates the U.S. Constitution -- evidently have a problem with a basic democratic process. “The advocates of redefining marriage are trying to do it yet once again through the courts, to impose [same-sex marriage] upon people who don’t want it...,” says the attorney. “And really the fundamental issue here is whether or not in America we respect and should uphold the right of a free people to make social policy choices through the democratic process.” Irrespective of any legal arguments, Nimocks says that is the only focus of the debate. “[W]hat we have here is a handful of activists who are trying to void a constitutional amendment simply because they don’t agree with the collective decision of seven-million Californians,” he states. -*OneNewsNow* (1/11/10)

SIGNIFICANT ANCIENT HEBREW WRITING.

Scientists have discovered the earliest known Hebrew writing – an inscription dating from the 10th century B.C., during the period of King David’s reign. The breakthrough could mean that portions of the Bible were written centuries earlier than previously thought. Until now many scholars held that the Hebrew Bible originated in the 6th century...It indicates that the Kingdom of Israel already existed in the 10th century BCE (Before Common Era) and that at least some of the biblical texts were written hundreds of years before the dates presented in current research... The excavations were carried out by Yosef Garfinkel of Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Ed. One of the reasons the “scholars” like to give late dates relative to the Bible is they do not believe in prophecy. I have a book on prophecy by a former “scholar” at Union Seminary in NY (Unitarian) that dates Daniel’s prophecies of the four world kingdoms around 165 to 150 B.C. instead of around 600 B.C. These people simply do not see how a man could so accurately foretell such amazing events (four world kingdoms in succession). So, by giving the text a late date, they make it out to be history by saying that some unknown person wrote the events under the nom de plume of Daniel. Of course, this makes the Book a forgery !

ABUSE SCANDAL GOES TO TOP IN ROME.

Leading Irish Catholic priest: Child sex-abuse scandal ‘goes right to the top in Rome.’ [Excerpts] One of Ireland’s best-loved priests, Father Brian D’Arcy, has called for the resignation of clergy who knowingly covered up for child sex-abuse priests. Five bishops who once served in the Dublin Archdiocese when the abuse was taking place and took no action have faced resignation calls over the Murphy Report, which found child sex-abuse rampant. D’Arcy, a well-known media figure and commentator, said the findings of the Murphy Report were “absolutely sickening.” And he said that when he served on the Council of Priests in Dublin during the 1990s, he never even “heard a hint” of accusations of abuse. “This is not just in the Diocese, this goes right to the top in Rome,” he said. “I must have read about a dozen reports from all over the world, from Boston right through to the Ryan Report, the Ferns report, the Dublin report and reports from Australia, and they seem just the same.” -*TBC* (1/23/10). Ed. Yes, this is one place where the Roman Catholic Church is the same. Living in a largely, Roman Catholic area, probably 75%, I find it doesn’t bother Roman Catholics too much – only those who have been victimized by it.

A LESSON ON QUITTING

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly beaten. He next entered business and failing, he spent the next seventeen years paying the debt of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged - then she died. Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was again badly beaten. He tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office, but failed. He became a candidate for the United States Senate, and was badly defeated. In 1856 he became a candidate for the office of Vice President and once more was defeated by Douglas. One failure after another - bad failures - great setbacks! In the face of all this, he became eventually one of the greatest men in America whose memory is honored around the world. When you contemplate the effect of a series of setbacks like this, it should make us feel pretty small when we become discouraged over some trivial difficulty or setback. We think of one man in the Word of God (and there are a number like him) who did not allow trials and opposition to unsettle or discourage him. He was the apostle Paul, though imprisoned, beaten, ship wrecked, and opposed everywhere he went, he did not turn back or quit. In fact, he said that he gloried in tribulation. And coming near the end of his life he could say, **“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give unto me at that day; And not unto me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”** ~1 Timothy 4:6-8.

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WHAT IS WORTH KNOWING?

Ask that question of a number of people and you will get many different answers. Plato, who lived several centuries before Christ was asked what was worth knowing. He said, “Know philosophy.” When one of his pupils, Aristotle, was asked, he replied, “Let no one enter here who does not know geometry.” In more recent times, Alexander Pope said, “Know thyself.” None of the above answers have solved man’s problems or met his needs. Neither modern philosophic thought nor science has met man’s innermost needs. What is really worth knowing? The answer! God is worth knowing! And it is worth knowing that you have eternal life which only He can give. John 17:5 says, **“This is life eternal, that they might KNOW thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.”** What the wisest man fails to see is that man was made to know God, and he’ll never be satisfied until he does. No matter how well intentioned, philosophy, religion, etc. (apart from Bible truth) cannot suffice. It is only speculation - what man thinks. What a tremendous truth: Man can know God and have an eternal life of peace and joy. How? By believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died on the cross of Calvary for your sins. Listen again to God: **“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life...”** ~1 John 5:13. When all is said and done, if you do not know God and have His life, which comes from believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have only the judgment of God. The Apostle Paul said, **“I know whom I have believed...”** What about you? **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”**