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"GO SET A WATCHMAN, LET HIM DECLARE WHAT HE SEETH!" ISA. 21:6.

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"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye." Isa. 21:11-12.

To fall asleep on a watch (a period of six hours) meant death. You are a sentry at your post to warn the city if there is anything unusual happening during the night. Often the citizens would cry out to the watchman on the wall, *"Watchman, what of the night?"* The watchman stood *"continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward (Heb.-watch) whole nights."* Isa. 21:8. Occasionally doing double shifts for a sentry who was sick.

In a hot Arabian Desert, it was difficult to sleep, hence some citizen would cry out, *"Watchman, what of the night?"* They were encouraged to enquire because it was also a check to see if the watchman had fallen asleep. When the watchman answered back, *"The morning cometh, and also the night,"* the citizen was satisfied that the watchman was wide awake at his post, protecting the city.

A huge, high wall that defended the city from intruding marauders of the desert safely enclosed the people. However, the only contact with life on the desert was via the watchman in the tower. A tower existed in each of the four corners of the compound. While the city slept, they knew a watchman in the tower was at his watch, and thus felt secure.

I'd like for you to believe that the Captain of the Ol' Ship of Zion is such a "watchman."

In the Old Testament they were called "seers." A seer was a prophet of God, and saw things that were not visible with the natural eye. The first such "seer" recorded in scripture was the prophet, Samuel. 1 Samuel 9, concerns itself with the lost asses of Kish, the father of Saul. Saul and one of his father's servants, was instructed, *"Arise, go seek the asses."* 1 Sam. 9:3. The two men totally exhausted themselves searching for the lost asses. Finally, Saul said to his servant, *"Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us."* 1 Sam. 9:5.

The servant then spoke up, *"Behold now, there is in this city a man of God... peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go."* 1 Sam. 9:6. They went into the city and asked some young maidens, *"Is the seer here?"* 1 Sam. 9:11.

The young maidens who came to draw water from the well of the city, gave Saul and Kish's servant the directions where to meet the seer. *"(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)"* 1 Sam. 9:9. This scripture seems to say a Prophet and a Seer are one and the same. Both peer into the unknown and see supernaturally!

God had already spoken to Samuel on the day before concerning Saul. A seer is in direct communication with God. *"Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is."* 1 Sam. 9:18. When first they met, Saul knew nothing about Samuel. They had never met, yet Samuel already knew all about Saul. Saul is conscious only of the five senses common to man, but a prophet or seer has a sixth sense attainable only because of a predestined birth.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."* Jer. 1:5. In today's vernacular, Jeremiah would be just a blob of tissue, if you please, while yet in his mother's womb. One wouldn't need any other scripture in the Bible to know that Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women is a liar.

Moses was Israel's watchman on the wall. He was the "seer" for all Israel. *"We know that God spake unto Moses."* Jn. 9:29. Israel to this day has a veil over its eyes relative to who Jesus Christ is.

In Leviticus 26, Moses gives the law of the land. *"And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword (the Word of God). And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword."* Lev. 26:7-8. The Christian right has defeated Goliath at the polls in Florida. The enemy is in disarray! The one world socialist Democrats cannot accept defeat! But you cannot become complacent and sit around on your laurels of victory! We must get on the offensive! God will fight for you as long as you are going forward.

Apparently, President Bush is going forward! There is talk of the federal government funding churches for social behavior, and men like Charles Colson, active in prison ministries. Will school vouchers be next? And, giving all seniors under \$1,500 per month free prescriptions!

Ephesians 6:13-17, lists our armor for protection against the enemy, but you'll please note there is no armor for our back when we turn and run. In running, you invoke God's chastisement upon you! You ran because you became afraid! You could not stand up to a liberal who was blaspheming your God! But yet you'll sing, "God Bless America" at the Super Bowl.

Read God's Word of all that will befall you if you refuse to fight!

“But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your ENEMIES SHALL EAT IT (socialism). And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.” Lev. 26:14-17.

That, my friend, is merely the first chastisement. There are four more, if you still won't repent. Read about them in Leviticus 26:18-39. Is America worth fighting for? Our people need a “fear of God” to grip them! The Bible says, *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* Pro. 1:7. I came to Christ out of fear of going to hell. Hell is not a popular sermon in today's society. *“Fear hath torment.”* 1 Jn. 4:18. *“And fear not them which kill the body (man), but are not able to kill the soul (only God can destroy your soul): but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”* Matt. 10:28.

I had courted a girl for three years, and suddenly one day she tells me she is a Jehovah's Witness (JW). Among their beliefs is one that stuck in my craw. “No man has a soul,” declared the leader of the Watchtower. It was the discovery of Matthew 10:28 that enabled me to walk away from both the girlfriend, and the JW's and choose Christ.

As a sinner, I did not know if there was a hell. What I could not figure out intellectually, became reality to me one minute after being born again. Truly, *“flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee (me), but my Father which is in heaven.”* Matt. 16:17. You do not even know whether Jesus is the Christ (Anointed One), except by revelation. The JW's preach *“another Jesus, whom we have not preached...another spirit...another gospel, which ye have not accepted.”* 2 Cor. 11:4. The JW's, as well as many cults, teach man is a soul. They'll argue over the word “is”, just like Bill Clinton. If you do not have a soul, Jesus died in vain. How can you be saved, until you first realize you are lost?

“Come, and let us go up to the seer” (1 Sam. 9:9), said the servant of Saul's father, Kish. They had lost their asses. To whom would you go if you had lost your asses?

When I was about ten years old, and my sister was eight, my mother had lost her husband. She was not a Christian, so acted typical of all unbelievers. Where did she go to find her husband? My mother went to a “seer.” Unlike the Seer Samuel, this seer looked into her crystal ball. My mother brought money for the fortune teller to tell her what she wanted to know. The seer looked into her crystal ball after receiving the money, and said, “Your husband is working at the Orinda Country Club as a gardener

in Orinda, California.” She located her husband through the aid of a spiritualist medium gazing into a crystal ball. It is easier to accept the miraculous from tarot cards, the Ouija board or a fortune teller, than to go to “God’s man.”

King Saul, after he had backslid, had a problem far more serious than the lost asses of Kish, his father. King Saul never forgot how Samuel was able to recover his asses. *“Now Samuel was dead.”* 1 Sam. 28:3. While Samuel, the seer, was still alive, King Saul put away, or slew, those with familiar spirits, and wizards. Saul, as king, was obeying the law of Moses. *“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards (Heb.-priests), to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.”* Lev. 20:6.

“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God?” Isa. 8:19.

In 2 Kings 1:1-8, is the story of Elijah interrupting messengers of Samaria who were sent by their king to enquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron. Elijah said unto them, *“Is it not because there is not a God in Israel?”* 2 Ki. 1:3. Elijah pronounced death on their king for even an inquiry of an idol.

Saul’s problem was the gathering host of Philistines. *“And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.”* 1 Sam. 28:5-6. God had become his enemy. (1 Sam. 28:16)

By first being a friend of Samuel the seer, King Saul became hooked on the supernatural. Do you know that more people join the Spiritualist Church of Satan from the Pentecostal religion than from any other religion? There is a hunger within man for the supernatural. In my church in Hayward, CA, I promised I would convince them that God communicates with man. This fact will blow your mind!

Pentecostalism can’t find it in the local church government, hence, look for a man in the “desert,” or in the “secret chambers.” (Matt. 24:26) The witch of Endor asked, *“Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.”* 1 Sam. 28:11. Modern Pentecostalism cries, “Bring us up a miracle worker!” That cry is being answered, even in the political world. In Bill Clinton we have seen a type of the predicted “man of sin,” *the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*” 2 Thes. 2:3-4.

After Samuel anointed Saul king over Israel, *“God gave him another heart.”* 1 Sam. 10:9. *“And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him (Saul); and the Spirit of God came upon him (Saul), and he (Saul) prophesied among them.”* 1 Sam. 10:10. This prophesying and

seeking out a seer for his father's asses, and being chosen by Samuel to be the king over Israel, lifted Saul's spiritual pride.

The seer, however, does a strange thing right after anointing King Saul. *"And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; and said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: and ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us."* 1 Sam. 10:17-19.

In 1 Samuel 12:17-19, Samuel gives the people a sign (the equivalent of Elijah on mount Carmel.) *"I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king."* The 21st century church does the same evil whenever they create a "lord" by their "lord over God's heritage" government. 1 Pet. 5:3.

When you first became a Christian, God gave you a "heart of flesh." It had feelings for other people. You loved everybody! What happened? *"And I will give them (Israel) one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God."* Ezk. 11:19-20.

Without that "heart of flesh," you cannot serve God. *"But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable (Heb.-filthy, abominable, espec. idolatry) things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD."* Ezk. 11:21. What kind of heart do you have? One of stone, or one of flesh?

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels (of compassion) from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 Jn. 3:17-18.

A "con" always has needs! Still, one can't allow the con to harden their heart from giving! The con never gives, he only receives. Fresh water comes into the Dead Sea and dies! It is below sea level. Nothing goes out! The con goes to church and looks upon Christians as an easy prey because of their "heart of flesh."

Apostle Paul declared this about God and your heart: *“Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.”* Rom. 9:18. *“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”* Rom. 9:13. How would you enjoy being hated by the Creator before you are even born?

King Saul bemoans the death of Samuel. We do not know how many times Saul came to the seer for answers to life’s problems. “Samuel is dead!” The Philistines gathered themselves together for war against Israel. *“And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.”* 1 Sam. 28:5. Saul was frightened by his own brain. He no longer trusts it.

King Saul figures out a plan in his brain! His plan was exactly like my own mother’s plan to recover her lost husband.

I’ll *“seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit* (family of spirits – a devil), *that I may go to her, and enquire of her.”* 1 Sam. 28:7. When Saul was seeking lost asses, they sought out a man. Do women make better mediums for the devil? for tarot card readings? for fortune telling, etc.?

His servant said to King Saul, *“There is a woman that hath a familiar spirit* (devil) *at Endor.”* Saul disguised himself and asked the witch of Endor to bring up Samuel from the dead. *“And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.”* 1 Sam. 28:7,13-14.

Apparently, Samuel was called back from the dead by this witch of Endor. *“And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.”* 1 Sam. 28:15.

King Saul is about to learn a lesson. Before inquiring of a seer, make sure your own heart is right with God. What do you suppose a seer is going to tell you? Exactly what he sees! A woman phoned me last week and said her husband asked her to talk to me about a marital rift they were having. She should know better than to go to a seer. Go to your hirelings, your counselors, and your lords over God’s heritages’, but never to a seer. You will not get the religious equation you anticipate! Bluntly, I told her right out to divorce the man. “Your marriage was never consummated in heaven, because certain pertinent facts to the contract were withheld.” Then I recommended she read Guy Duty’s book, Divorce and Remarriage. It is the only book written on the subject recommended by the late Walter Martin. This is not at all what this husband-wife anticipated hearing relative to their marriage. I told her it was the

same advice I would give my own daughter, under similar circumstances. Her husband interpreted all this as though I was breaking up their marriage. Folk need shock treatment. The moral to this story is to never, ever enquire of a seer unless you are ready to hear what he sees! It is the last place to enquire.

I know God hates divorce. *“Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.”* Matt. 19:8. You took that man or woman to be your husband or wife for better or for worse. How much worse? Was there a full disclosure? If there was, at least half of the marriages performed today would not transpire. What a woman won't do to get a man! Especially if she is a legalistic tongue-talker. Why them? Because when they go to church and get happy, they think God has “winked” at their sin. One marries a woman in sickness and in health.

To assure a full disclosure in our society, one must call in a lawyer, a doctor and a Christian psychologist. This may shock you! You are marrying someone for better or for worse. It is up to you to find out what “worse” consists of. It should not be some surprise one to three months after the marriage. If you discover she has AIDS before you marry her, then it is “fully disclosed” and the marriage contract is valid.

If you are a virgin, it means you are innocent. In your total innocence, you can be taken advantage of in courtship. As a senior in high school, your prospective wife may have had sex with every graduating male, and incest with her father. As a virgin male, what should you do? Go to your father. Your father is not a virgin and can more correctly size up a woman. You need help! Jesus said, *“Let no man (or woman) deceive you.”* Eph. 5:6. If folks would get the okay from their parents, you wouldn't need the lawyer, the doctor and the Christian psychologist. My son's first wife came down with MS, a cousin to Lou Gehrig's disease, three months after marriage. He divorced her. The reason? She withheld medical reports that MS existed prior to marriage.

I'm sure King Saul was just as surprised at the answer he received from Samuel. After a seer is in his grave, don't call him up! *“Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?”* 1 Sam. 28:16.

After the Lord hath become your enemy, don't expect too much of a seer. Why do you, King Saul, come to me now? I will only pronounce judgment on your throne, *“Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”* 1 Sam. 28:18-19. It is here, from the lips of Samuel that Saul learns his

kingdom is gone. *"The LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David."* 1 Sam. 28:17. He also learns he will be dead tomorrow.

In the Olivet discourse, when the disciples enquired, *"What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ (these three-name, non-profit religious incorporations); and shall deceive many."* Matt. 24:3-5.

It is a period of great deception, just before Christ returns. *"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."* Matt. 24:24-26.

King Saul represents a form of government deep-rooted within the Pentecostal religion. We are warned in scripture, *"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."* 1 Pet. 5:3. I have never heard that scripture quoted by any preacher in over sixty years in church. Being as how it is so new to your hearing, what do you think it means? It means what it says; preachers are not to own the church, radio stations, TV stations. Why do they do it then?

The answer must be found in Jude 8. *"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, DESPISE DOMINION, and speak evil of dignities."* Jude 8. They will not be ruled over, and often cry out against the *"evil of dignities."* Jesse Jackson spends all his time speaking against the evil of Republican dignities. It is his only job! He is a ranking member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), and dedicated to one world government. Sad to say, but he is a fair representation of our own news media's values.

This may be the first time since CFR was founded, where both President and Attorney General are not members of this NY secret society.

Radio stations, orphanages, churches should be owned by the elders of a local church. The church of Jerusalem that Pastor-Elder James was the head of, had the burden of caring for orphans and widows. A church without government is no church at all! It is some man's kingdom that uses the Holy Ghost as an agent to exalt his lordship. *"Neither as being lords over God's heritage."* 1 Pet. 5:3.

This past month we have read in the National Enquirer as their lead story about Jesse Jackson and a love child. The only reason Jesse Jackson confessed to this sin was because it was leaked to him that the January 30, 2001 issue of National Enquirer was reporting it as their lead story. If this story is not true, the National Enquirer has invited a libel suit. According to the article, after the DNA positively

identified 59-year-old Jesse Jackson as the father, this civil rights hero started paying her \$10,000 a month.

(Excerpts from the National Enquirer – Jan. 30, 2001)

After Karin Stanford, age 39, became pregnant, Stanford took maternity leave from the Rainbow Coalition, and relocated from Washington DC to Los Angeles, where she now works as a part-time researcher for Rev. Jackson's national non-profit group.

A devoted mom, she is raising the child by herself inside a \$365,000 home in a quiet neighborhood.

Records, obtained by the Enquirer, show the single-mom, Karin Stanford, bought the four bedroom house with a pool in December 1999, seven months after the child's birth.

"I wouldn't be surprised if his family hated me," Stanford told the Enquirer. "Jesse and I still have a very close and warm relationship."

Karin Stanford confirmed, "Yes, Jesse gave me \$40,000, but it didn't have anything to do with me having his child—that was just for moving expenses."

To complicate matters, Karin was seeing another man besides Rev. Jackson when she found out she was going to have a baby, divulged her friend!

When the baby was born, Karin left blank the space on the birth certificate for the father's name. A DNA test was done.

Tests showed that the baby has inherited a trait for sickle cell anemia. Karin does not have the trait and it is known publicly that Jesse has it.

Once the DNA tests proved Jesse was the father, he had a financial agreement drawn up with Karin. The secret contract refers to Karin as "client."

Karin lives in a nice house and drives a BMW. She cares for Jesse very much and is happy to have his child.

In December 1998, Jesse took Karin and a couple of other Rainbow Coalition staffers to the White House to meet President Clinton. Karin was 4 months pregnant at this time.

If this were a Jimmy Swaggart or a preacher on the right, the newspapers would never quit! The unfairness of our mass news media is the only reason the *RIVERBANK NEWS* reports the affair. What is really wrong, are these "three-name religious non-profit incorporations" issued by the Secretary of State. This is not a church!

Jesse Jackson's non-profit Rainbow Coalition pulls in more than \$15 million a year.

The IRS will probably never bother to audit Jesse Jackson. Bob Jones University has already been audited and lost their tax-free exemption. So has our friend Texe Marrs and the Indianapolis Baptist Church.

I firmly believe King Saul committed the unpardonable sin when he refused to obey Samuel (a type of the Holy Ghost). Samuel tries to show the difference between his ministry and that of a king. *"I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor*

oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness." 1 Sam. 12:2-5.

Samuel has walked the talk before Israel, and this day was a witness.

Samuel then takes the people through the history of Israel, comparing the people committing this great sin. By choosing a king, they were rejecting "God's man," Samuel. *"It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron,"* (1 Sam. 12:6) but you have chosen a king. To choose a king was really rejecting God. The king chosen would be their leader to fight their wars. Obeying the king created a dependency upon the state. Bill Clinton is a type of King Saul. If he had his way, Washington DC would be "the Massa" over all the blacks and poor white trash. You could never vote your reason, only your dependence. It is said democracy only works until the masses discover they can bankrupt the nation through entitlements. Whenever one prospers more financially through entitlements than work, we are in gross error. The Bible says *"if any would not work, neither should he eat."* 2 Thess. 3:10. Is it any wonder, today, the people seek another translation of the Bible?

The absolute worst kind of servitude is in our own Pentecostal churches, which preach and teach this prosperity gospel. They are kings and you become the subjects (slaves). It is accomplished through the Secretary of State. It is all legal, and you become a "registered church." As a registered church, you obtain certain benefits from the government. The government gives nothing away for free! God delivered me from several of these "man-made" kingdoms that exalt their "lord" or "king."

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (and in thy name have spoken in new tongues?) And then will I profess unto them, I never (ever) knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Gk.-lawless, anarchy)." Matt. 7:21-23.

The preacher becomes a "little god," and you accept "servitude," in his kingdom. Antichrist will have the same rules of government you accept right now in the average Pentecostal church. The only difference is, you will have a new king with heavier "signs and lying wonders" for you to follow.

"What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it." Isa. 14:32