

## There is Light in Goshen

**Text: Isaiah 5:20** Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

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### Introduction: The Biblical Story of King Nebuchadnezzar

A Season of Darkness came upon King Nebuchadnezzar –

**Daniel 4: 33-35** The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

- **WHY did King Nebuchadnezzar go through his Dark Season?** – PRIDE – **Daniel 4: 30** The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?
- **WHO Brought the Darkness?** – **GOD** – **Daniel 4:31-32** While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will
- **WHO was to Blame for his Dark Season? King Nebuchadnezzar – Self Inflicted - Daniel 4:27** Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.

### **I. End-time Spiritual Darkness & Insanity – also, a time of great deception and spiritual blindness!**

**II Timothy 3:1,8-9,12-13** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 8. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

**Matthew 24:4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

**Matthew 24:24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

### **Today's Spiritual Blindness – (copied from FACEBOOK- unknown author)**

I woke up and as I had my morning coffee, I realized that everything is about to change. No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, **something evil has invaded our nation, and our lives are never going to be the same.**

I have been confused by the hostility of family and friends. I look at people I have known all my life--so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own.

I think that I may well have entered the Twilight Zone. You can't justify this **insanity. We have become a nation that has lost its collective spiritual compass (or lost the ability to discern right from wrong)!**

1. If a man pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.
2. Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America.
3. Russians influencing our elections are bad, but illegals voting in our elections are good.
4. It was cool for Joe Biden to "blackmail" the President of Ukraine, but it's an impeachable offense if Donald Trump inquires about it.
5. Twenty is too young to drink a beer, but eighteen is old enough to vote.
6. People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.
7. People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees. (Many of them useless degrees - to themselves and to society as a whole)
8. Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.
9. Irish doctors and German engineers who want to immigrate to the US must go through a rigorous vetting process, but any illiterate gang-bangers who jump the southern fence are welcome.
10. \$5 billion for border security is too expensive, but \$1.5 trillion for "free" health care is not.
11. If you cheat to get into college you go to prison, but if you cheat to get into the country you go to college for free.
12. People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President.
13. We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us.
14. Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, and other people are not held responsible for what they are doing right now.
15. Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because it's a violation of THEIR rights.
16. And pointing out all this hypocrisy somehow makes us "racists"? Nothing makes sense anymore, no values, no morals, no civility. We are clearly living in an upside down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where moral is immoral and immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, but killing innocent babies is right.

Wake up America, the great unsinkable ship Titanic America has hit an iceberg, is taking on water, and is sinking fast. (*Personal note: will America wake up? No, unless America has a spiritual awaking for God*)

**II. Good News for God's People: THERE IS LIGHT IN GOSHEN – THERE IS LIGHT IN GOD!  
IN SPITE OF THE ENDTIME DARKNESS THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LIGHT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE!**

### **GOD'S LIGHT-- a Gift from God unto His People!!!**

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### III. Christian – Focus your attention toward the light and not toward the darkness

#### \*Story of a young boy watching a circus parade into town through a knot-hole in a wooden fence!

- when the lions in cages pass by, he is frightened because lions are all the circus he can see through the knot-hole in the wooden fence
- when the jugglers pass by, he is captivated because jugglers are all the circus he can see through the knot-hole in the wooden fence
- when the swordmen swallowing fiery swords pass by, he is impressed because swordsmen are all the circus he can see through the knot-hole in the wooden fence
- when the elephants pass by, he is amazed at their size because elephants are all the circus he can see through the knot-hole in the wooden fence
- when the clowns pass by, he is joyous and happy because clowns are all the circus he can see through the knot-hole in the wooden fence

Moral of the story – **ALL OF US HAVE A LIMITED OVERALL VISION OF LIFE ON EARTH – GOD DOES NOT- GOD SEES WHAT’S HERE, WHAT’S COMING NEXT, AND WHAT THE ENTIRE CIRCUS LOOKS LIKE - FROM BEGINNING TO END - HE IS ALFA AND OMEGA - THE BEGINNING AND THE END – TRUST HIM!!!**

Let us not be up and down in our faith by what we see on TV or hear in the NEWS!

**IV. Where is Goshen?** A delta area of Egypt located where the Nile River empties into the Mediterranean and situated between two deserts on its east and west side – full of fertile land - given to Jacob by Pharaoh! The word “*Goshen*” means - **a land or place of plenty and comfort.**

### V. Christians are protected in God’s “Goshen Region” of the Earth’s Fallen World

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**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

**Hebrews 13:5...** for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

#### 2. THE PROMISES OF GOD’S WORD REST UPON HIS PEOPLE!!!

##### ○ NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM CHRIST – A PROMISE OF GOD

**Romans 8:35-39** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

##### ○ NOTHING CAN DESTROY GOD’S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH! – A PROMISE OF GOD

**Ephesians 1:17-22** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power; Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that

*which is to come: **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,***

**Matthew 16:18** ... I (God) will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

○ **GOD IS FAITHFUL!!! --- A PROMISE OF GOD**

**Luke 21:36** Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

**I Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**I Thessalonian 5:24** Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

**Closing – Psalms 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Christians sometime cross through dark seasons or dark areas in their lives but never alone in the darkness – never without God – never without God’s Light to Help Guide us Through!!!**

*Some examples are as follows:*

- ❖ *Death of a Love One*
- ❖ *Financial Setbacks or Financial Earthquakes -a total collapse of everything we own*
- ❖ *Health Issues*
- ❖ *Divorce*
- ❖ *Children or other Family Issues*
- ❖ *Times of War – either on foreign land or at home*
- ❖ *Natural Disasters such as floods or hurricanes*
- ❖ *Persecution from others because we are not of this world*
- ❖ *Church Problems*
- ❖ *Depression*

***He, who allows us to go through the valley of the shadow of death, is with us in the valley of the shadow of death, and will carry us through unto victory on the other side!***

***God is the Light that guides us through every valley of life that we encounter!***

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