

# Thoughts on the New Year

Last week's commentary was dedicated to Fran Jones, a local gal who has lived in Lucerne Valley her entire life, and who passed on to be with God (we believe) after a long battle with cancer. As I said then, and still ask, why, God, did You have us do a whole page for Fran? Why was Your Holy Spirit so directly involved in Fran's passing and in putting together that commentary page? I have no answers except to appreciate one of those special times that God reveals Himself directly through His Spirit. He said, "Just do it." Wow!

Fran's life and her passing, plus the fact that this is a New Year, cause a person to think much about important things. What will this New Year bring? Do we expect "same old, same old"? Is my life dreary and boring, or is it full of the joy and expectation that comes with following God's lead with our whole being?

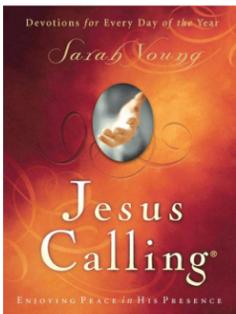
On a recent Saturday, I read in *Jesus Calling: Come to Me with your gaping emptiness, knowing that in Me you are complete. As you rest quietly in My Presence, My Light within you grows brighter and brighter. Facing the emptiness inside you is simply the prelude to being filled with My fullness. Therefore, rejoice on those days when you drag yourself out of bed, feeling sluggish and inadequate. Tell yourself that this is a perfect day to depend on Me in childlike trust. If you persevere in this dependence as you go through the day, you will discover at bedtime that Joy and Peace have become your companions.*

Even though this was written for a late December day, it seems most appropriate for this New Year. I need God's fullness to face the coming year, knowing that we will likely have to watch as evil and insanity prevail. I need to practice faith as I watch this theater of the absurd, faith that God is real, that He is in control, and that He WILL prevail in the end, which will be very soon. (How soon is "soon"?)

Maybe God's Holy Spirit involving Himself in Fran's passing was meant to reassure us that He IS real and that He IS involved with our lives, down to the smallest detail. Thank You, Father!

So, back to YOUR life: what do you see as you look to the New Year? Will you trudge along life's path every day, with your head down, just hoping to finish the week sort of ok, whatever "OK" is?

Unless we have signed on with God, having surrendered our lives and wills to Him, we had better be very afraid of this coming



year. There are so many dire threats facing us, that trust in God for our lives and spirits is the only way around the fear these threats create in us.

Off the top of my head, here are just a few of them:

- The United States is no longer the world's unquestioned leader, politically, militarily, or spiritually. That puts us at great risk since the bad actors no longer fear us. They are planning evil against us.
- The horrible war in Ukraine is just a major hot spot in a larger war, involving Russia of course, and also Iran, Turkey, China, many countries of Europe, and many other spots where there is unrest and where civilians are rising up against their rulers. The possibility of a World War 3 is very real.
- Russia has placed a large missile with a nuclear warhead on a launching pad, which is capable of reaching Europe and/or us.
- Our economy is on the brink of collapse, recession is on the horizon, and our lead-



ers are putting in place a plan for digital currency, giving them a vehicle to track each of us and to help identify "enemies of the state", aka those of us that disagree with their agenda – Christians, conservatives, Trump supporters, etc.

Our leaders push baby murder and gross sexually deviant behavior, putting in high positions mentally ill clowns who were born as male or female and who think they can change themselves to the opposite sex. The world justifiably laughs at us. God does not. Judgment is coming.

I really hate to write this stuff, because it's so negative. It's like Jeremiah in the Bible, being told by God that he had to pronounce God's judgment on the people, much as he didn't want to. Or Ezekiel's watchman, who must warn the people so that he himself does not bear the guilt of withholding God's messages.

However, the bright side of all of this is that if we turn to God in faith and become His Follower, in more than just words, but in a changed life, we have NOTHING to worry about! No matter what happens, we are His and have a wonderful life with Him to look forward to.

THAT is a Happy New Year!!

*Linda Gammel*

## Message from Amir

This message was posted on Amir Tsarfati's Telegram channel on Sunday, December 18. Amir is one of our most favorite Bible and Prophecy teachers. We wanted to share it with you, and also encourage you to go to Telegram, find his channel, and sign up, at no cost to you. You will be kept up to date on significant world events, especially in the Middle East, where there is much happening that may threaten our nation since we are under weak leadership. Trust God! Thank Him for His care and for our future with Him if we so choose! -- LG

### Message from Amir

After many years of great anticipation for God's promise to be fulfilled with the coming of the promised Messiah to Israel, it finally happened around two thousand years ago. The excitement was enormous mostly among those who waited upon the Lord by praying and meditating on His Word.

The rest of the nation was far too busy with religion and tradition and missed the greatest ever move of God!

While holding baby Jesus who was brought by his earthly parents to be dedicated at the temple in Jerusalem, old Simeon prayed: "Lord my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32)

The apostle Paul realized that it's much bigger than just the arrival of the messiah to His earthly nation in their God-given land.

In the heart of Athens, the capital of worldly wisdom (which is the ultimate foolishness according to Romans 1:22) he stood and declared:

"Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:29-31)

Fast forward to the end of 2022.

God is about to make a great move and according to His promise, the people of God are about to be taken to His presence before pouring His wrath upon this ungodly evil and wicked world. However, most of the church is busy with religions and traditions, denying this promise and ridiculing those who are holding on to it.

What about the rest of the world? Once again people are busy with their earthly wisdom claiming that man is god and that "the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising."

They try to convince you that:

- You can do nothing and lack nothing
- You can choose your gender
- You can change earth's climate
- You can change the Bible
- You can find salvation through what you do now rather than what He did then.

**"And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."**

(2 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

The sad reality is that 90% of the people who claim to "know God" and "believe in Him" won't ever experience His presence at His throne room but rather remain here to be judged during the tribulation! Why? They were never born again, which is the only way to enter His Kingdom (John 3:3)

Your choices now will determine your immediate future. Life is a choice. Choose Life! Choose Jesus!

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:12)

Awaiting His Return and proclaiming His Word until He comes! -- Amir



Amir Tsarfati

## 'Twas the Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,  
Nothing fit me, not even a blouse.



The cookies I'd nibbled,  
the eggnog I'd taste  
As the holiday parties  
had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, 'No thank you, please.'

As I dressed myself, in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt--.

I said to myself, only as I can  
'You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!

So-away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
'Till all the additional ounces have vanished.'

I won't have a cookie -- not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore--  
But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

## Wisdom From Grandpa

\* Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

\* Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earnin' his salt that he forgets his sugar.

\* Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.

\* When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

\* If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

\* On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past -- but never the present.

\* A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin' and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna 'work'."

\* Many girls like to marry a military man -- he can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.

\* Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

\* Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

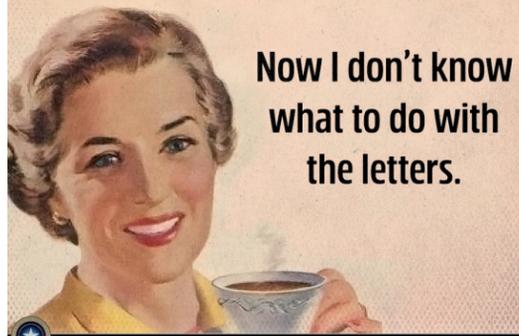
\* How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

\* You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up or leaks.

\* Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.



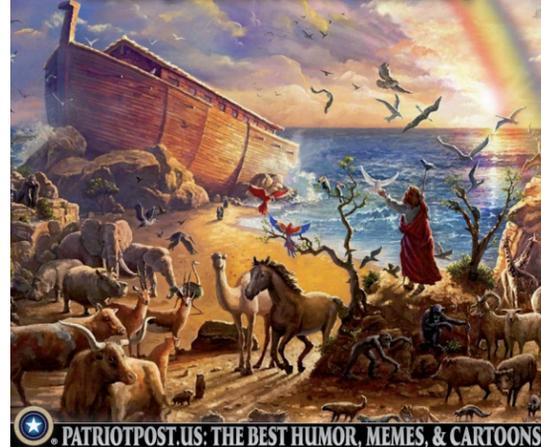
My therapist told me,  
"Write letters to the people you hate and then burn them."



Now I don't know what to do with the letters.

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Noah, pictured here after saving steak and bacon (not broccoli or whatever.)



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