

Greetings to all,

I am writing this time from land between the Lakes, KY., where we've just arrived to observe the Sabbath and Pentecost.

We've had a productive week at our offices in Tyler, with thousands of CDs, DVDs, booklets and brochures in several mailings delivered to the Post Office yesterday. The monthly letter is also complete and in the printing and mailing process.

The whole world took nervous notice earlier this week when North Korea successfully conducted its second nuclear test explosion. As numerous nations express their displeasure, issuing statements of condemnation, North Korea reacted with defiance by firing off short and medium range missiles. They also declared their 50+-year truce with South Korea null and void. Imagine the frayed nerves in the bustling metropolis of Seoul, South Korea, and the concerns that must be flooding the minds of the nearly 30,000 U.S. troops stationed along the DMZ.

As reports have shown, Iran and North Korea are cooperative and both despise the US. There is great concern that either or both may pass the implements of mass destruction to our terrorist enemies.

The march of the Taliban on Pakistan continues with numerous political and civilian bombings taking place almost daily.

Sources within Israeli intelligence claim the US administration is resigned to the prospect of Iran going nuclear. The United States has obviously lost the will to deal with this threat. Israel apparently has not, and may have no choice but to act unilaterally. This situation promises to become extremely dangerous, and complicated in terms of US-Israeli relations. We'll have more on that in the upcoming letter.

Here at home we continue to watch, with mouths agape, the "remaking of America." First the insurance companies and banks; now the auto manufacturers are becoming wards of the state. Rampant nationalization of private finance and industry forges ahead with barely a whimper of protest. Nearly eight million are on the unemployment rolls with over a half million being added every week. Those with eyes to see know that the rights and freedoms we've taken for granted all our lives are being rapidly dismantled, and it's not a pretty sight.

Thanks be to God we still have the right to assemble for the observance of the Sabbath and Holy Days. Let's enjoy it while we can and remain acutely aware of our role in the grand scheme of world events and Bible prophecy. Have a great Pentecost weekend.

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