

Howdy from Texas,

It's been a hectic week here at HQ, but a fair amount has been accomplished. Two publications have been completed and are in the printing and mailing process. A new monthly letter with a terrific double CD offer is also out the door and headed your way. Mr. Jim Josephsen wrote an interesting commentary for the website on the meaning of Christianity, and we posted it day before yesterday.

Oil has dipped to \$122.00 per barrel this week, but is not expected to fall much further unless or until there is some addition to the current and future supply. Can you imagine this time last year being happy to see oil at \$122.00? It looks as though not much will change as current Congressional leaders seem determined to go on summer recess without allowing any debate on the future of domestic oil production. What an unbelievable spectacle!

The situation vis-à-vis Iran, Israel, nuclear weapons, Syria, Hizbollah, Lebanon, and Gaza has not appreciably changed since we last went over the whole thing, so this week we'll spare each other the misery of going back over the situation we've covered.

Looking at the overview of Bible prophecy and the current trends that are pertinent to its fulfillment, it looks now as though negative developments here in the U.S. are leading the way! You can't help wondering what kind of country we will have become by the time the "beast/ false prophet/ king of the North/ king of the South" scenarios take shape. Europe is still grappling with its failed EU constitution, but in a shocking and controversial move, England has signed on to the Lisbon Treaty that the Irish rejected. However, it was done without voter ratification, there is an uproar in London, and apparently quite a few who believe that the UK may yet opt out.

The economy is precarious by all accounts, the global financial system in doubt, and there are not only concerns, but predictions of a major calamity from some quarters. We've posted some of the best analysis we could find on the GTA website this week, and avoided some of the wild eyed rants published by agenda driven prognosticators selling books, newsletters and/or commodities investments.

We're looking forward to a visit from Dr. James Ricks as guest speaker this Sabbath here at HQ, and we'll get that duplicated and headed your way as well. Mr. Stan Roberts is planning to visit with our Dallas group this Sabbath, and I'm sure they'll be happy to have him.

The GTA telecast this week was on Sabbath observance, not one of the higher pulling subjects. We've had 346 requests with one hundred twenty six first time callers.

We hope all of you will have a peaceful, safe and profitable Sabbath. Our thanks go out to all of you in the field who go out of your way to be kind and set a great example. You're appreciated more than you know!

We'll be in touch,

Mark Armstrong