

## Article of the Month

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### ***We Have Waited!***

In Isaiah 25:9, we find a most wonderful and exhilarating passage of Scripture. It looks forward to the immediate future from where we now stand. It reads:

And it shall be said in that day, "Lo! **THIS** is our God! We have waited for Him, and He will save us! **THIS** is the LORD. We have waited for Him. We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

This will be the attitude of all men everywhere --even men who have never known the true (or any) God. But when they see what He is like, when they see what He wishes to do for them, when they see that He is the answer to all of their woes and the fulfillment of all their hopes -- **THAT** is when they will issue this heart-warming proclamation. They will finally have been introduced to what they have always dreamed for but have never quite been able to enunciate. They will say, "THIS IS IT!"

Deep within the heart of mankind is the desire for something they instinctively want but have never seen and have never been able to describe. As the prophet Haggai (2:7) says,

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.

Notice Haggai's sequence of events. The Lord **FIRST** shakes the nations. **THEN** everything anyone could have ever dreamingly hoped for shall come. We are now in the midst of the "shaking" which was promised. It **WILL** get worse! The Lord is allowing mankind to reap the results of his own follies, his selfishness and greed, his lust for power, his prejudices, injustices, small-mindedness, insanities, etc. Mankind will **WANT** a savior before it is all over.

All of us see the downward trends. Among them is the inability of people to be rational with other opinions -- or even to be civil with those of opposing viewpoints. Certainly, "compromise" has disappeared as an active tool. It is even nearly impossible to find solid facts in the plethora of conspiracies and outright lies. Trust has nearly vanished. Fears have replaced it. Add to that the catastrophes of fires, droughts, floods, landslides, heightening tides, earthquakes, hurricanes on the increase, threats to food supplies, pandemics -- the list doesn't seem to end.

As the Apostle Paul says, (Romans 8:22), "For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth until now." In the 19th verse, he says, "For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the manifestation of the sons of God."

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We know, of course, that the whole of mankind is generally ignorant that there will be such a thing as the manifestation of the sons of God. But that is the point -- mankind HAS this eager waiting and constant groaning. But it is NOT DEFINED. They await it all in ignorance. But when the Lord steps in and says, "BE STILL and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), THEN the entire race will no longer be in ignorance but will be introduced to Him that will save them. THEN they will have their hopes realized and DEFINED: "Lo! THIS is our God. WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM!"

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