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STUDY ON END TIMES - PART 2

Introduction

In Part 1 of this article, we looked at the signs that point us to the last days or end times. We also studied the importance of the land of Israel and the significance of Israel and the re-gathering of the Jewish people in becoming a nation. We also looked at the scriptures, regarding God's take on the land of Israel. We looked at the scriptures regarding the definition of the 7-year tribulation period, and how Daniel's 70 weeks fit into it. In this part of the article we are going to take a look at the different perspectives regarding the rapture. We will also look at the scriptures concerning the Antichrist and the False Prophet, the Judgement of the Nations and the World Government and the Second Coming of Jesus.

Rapture and Second Coming

Most of us know that Jesus will come visibly to earth and rule and reign for a thousand years (Rev 20: 4-6). The physical coming of the Lord, known as the Second Coming, is different from the rapture of the saints. The question is, has a rapture-like event ever happened in the Bible? Yes, of course, namely, Enoch - Gen 5:22 (lived for 365 yrs)! Elijah in a chariot of fire in II Kgs 2:11 - Jesus' ascension can be considered as a kind of rapture, since He was physically taken up while people saw him ascend (Acts 1: 9 -11, Mk 16:19; Lk 24: 51). In Rev 11: 12 we are told that during the tribulation period, two witnesses will be raptured into heaven. Now let us consider the differences between Rapture and the Second Coming. This is shown in the table below:

THE RAPTURE	THE GLORIOUS RETURN
Christ comes for His own 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Christ returns with His own Revelation 19:14
Believers taken to Father's House - John 14:3	Believers come to Earth Matthew 24:30
Seen only by believers 1 Corinthians 15:52	Every eye will see Him Revelation 1:7; 19:11-16; Matthew 24:30
No reference to Satan	Satan bound Revelation 20:1-3
Earth not judged	Earth judged Revelation 20:4-5
A Mystery 1 Corinthians 15:51	Foretold in Old Testament Dan. 12:1-3; Zech. 12:10; 14:4
II Thess 2:1 "gathering together with Him"	II Thess 2:1 "coming of our Lord"
Titus 2:13 "blessed hope"	Titus 2:13 "glorious appearing"

There are several beliefs regarding the rapture and I plan to limit myself to describing only those that are more widely discussed.

Pre-Trib Belief: This belief is that "the Church" - meaning believers in Christ, will be raptured before the 7-year tribulation - (see Part 1 of this article.) The supporting view is that in the context of End-Times, Jesus talks of Noah and Lot. Noah was taken out before the destruction by the flood. Lot was taken out of Sodom, before its destruction with fire and brimstone. The parable of the 10 virgins (in Matt 25) is interpreted, that those who were ready and expectant (the 5 wise virgins)

entered the door when the bridegroom came, and the remaining five were left behind. There is no mention of the Church after the 7-Church description in Revelation.

Mid-Trib Belief: The Church will be persecuted for the first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation period, and then the rapture occurs and believers are raptured. The second half of the 7-year period, God judges the nations of the earth. Thus the Church escapes the judgement (Rev 11: 18). They believe that the rapture and the second coming are separate events.

Post-Trib Belief: There is no difference between the rapture and the second coming, and that they occur at the same time, at the end of the 7-year Tribulation period.

Pre-Wrath Belief: The 7-year period is divided into two 3 ½ years' periods. The first one is called "Satan's wrath" - that is Satan will persecute the Church. Then the rapture takes place and then the remaining 3 ½ years is known as "God's wrath" - that is believers will escape the wrath of God.

Pan-Trib Belief: Have no clue, but, everything will "pan out in the end"

Having described the different beliefs, I must say that there are a lot of different Bible believing pastors and Churches, that simply believe that the Church will go through the tribulation period of great persecution for the Church, and that at the end of the tribulation period, Jesus will gather believers from the four corners of the earth, as He returns to earth. As I said earlier, this is not a doctrinal concern and that Christians can have fruitful discussions on a very important topic as long as no dates are set.

The Antichrist

(Dan 7: 7-28; 8:23-27; 11:21-45; II Thess 2:9-17; Rev 13: 11-18; Rev 19:20)

Definition: One who is against Christ, who deceptively usurps the authority and qualities of Christ.

In Christianity, we often hear about the Antichrist and that he would rule the world and so on. In I Jn 2: 18, (also we must

remember that this is the same Apostle John who wrote the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation) he says, "Little children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come by which we know that this is the last hour". Although John is talking about the coming of the Antichrist in the future, he is also saying that many antichrists have already come. He goes on to define who an antichrist could be in I Jn 2:22, "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son". In general, it is one who is against Christ, and deceptively, usurps the character and authority of the Lord Jesus and pretends to be Jesus.

One of my Jewish friends asked me, how can we identify the Antichrist when he comes? It is said that the banks teach their officers, the real dollar bill. They are never shown a fake one. They study the real note and know every color, emblem, picture, lines and dots and dashes on the real note so much so, that when they have completed their study, they can identify any fake note immediately. They can show you exactly where the difference is! I Jn 4: 3 says, "And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." Note that this evil spirit has been there since the apostolic days. But, there is a personality who will come and claim that he is Christ. The Bible gives us a glimpse of this evil personality, and it is scattered both in the Old Testament and the

New Testament. We will examine these scriptures to understand the character and qualities of the Antichrist.

In Dan 8:23-27, we get a glimpse of his character. This short passage speaks of a personality that arises "in the latter times" and that he has 'fierce features' and 'understands sinister schemes'. He seems to have great power and although he destroys 'fearfully', he prospers and thrives. He is against all those who worship the Lord Jesus, and tries to destroy them. It appears that there will be severe persecution in those days. This person is so filled with devilish evil, that he causes deceit to prosper, and magnifies himself and also rises against 'The Prince of princes', which is none other than the Lord Jesus, who is the only one known as "The Prince of peace", and "The King of kings", and 'The Lord of lords'. Also, it says that his power is not his own, which means he gets his power from Satan himself.

Let us now look at other scriptures that will help us to understand even more about this sinister personality. Note that in the passage of II Thess 2: 1-12, Paul addresses the events pertaining to the Day of the Lord, or the period before the second coming of the Lord Jesus, when every eye shall see Him coming 'in the clouds of heaven with great glory'. In verse 1, he places a time-line by saying, "concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him". In verse 2, he calls it the "Day of Christ" which I believe is no different than the "Day of the Lord", spoken of throughout the scripture as the time of the end. In verse 3,

Paul continues the theme by talking about the revealing of the "man of sin" or the "son of perdition". In verse 4, Paul talks of this person as one who would exalt himself and opposes all that is of God, and that he 'sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God'. He wants people to worship him as God. That is the type of person the world has to deal with. Paul also refers to him as the 'lawless one', and that he will be revealed at some time without being restrained. Verse 9 gives us a description of where he gets his power - from Satan of course! In fact he reveals Satanic power that Paul calls, 'with all power signs, and lying wonders'. Verse 10 talks about people being deceived by his power and action, because they failed to receive the truth. The truth is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

In Jn 14:7, we read Jesus as saying, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Verse 11 says that it is God who sends this strong delusion, because, they rejected the love of Christ. We have some more description of the person and the time in Dan 9: 27 and again, in Dan 11: 36-45 also seems like the description of the same personality. Another relevant passage of the scripture is found in Dan 7: 23-25, which is related to the fourth of the four beasts. Apparently, this relates to a beast that 'devours' the whole earth. Of course, we are yet to see something like this. It says that this beast shall try to change 'times and laws and the dividing of times'. We know that one of the dividing of times is BC and AD, and relates to the birth of Jesus. This conglomeration of nations and its head will most likely seek to change this or other

timings like weeks, or months, which is currently the Roman calendar. He also opposes the 'Most High' - the Antichrist indeed. We also find a description of a personality in Dan 11: 36-45 that exalts himself above God.

Rev 13: 1-9 describes as 'the beast out of the sea', and note the identical description that scholars call the Antichrist. For instance, he "blasphemes" God as mentioned in verses 5 and 6. He is empowered by Satan (called the dragon). He is worshipped by those who are deceived. Also it says that this deception of the world will continue for "forty-two months". In verse 7, it says that "authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation". It does seem that the world is governed by him! Rev 13: 8 says that, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world".

The False Prophet

It is easy to overlook this character that works in association with the Antichrist. Biblical scholars identify the first part of Rev 13: 1-9, as referring to the Antichrist (the beast), and the second part of the same chapter from Rev 13: 11-18, as pertaining to another beast which is confirmed to be the false prophet in Rev 19:20, which says, "Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark". Now that we have identified the personality, let us revert back to Rev 13 from verse 11, to understand what

this sinister personality is involved with. This person is described as one who appears to have two horns and looks like a lamb. Compare this with what Jesus said in Mt 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves". It is interesting that the false prophet looks like a lamb, but a lamb has no horns, just goes to show that it is not really a lamb, but pretends to be one. Also notice that he speaks like a dragon. What a difference between looking like a lamb and speaking like Satan (or dragon)! The next observation is found in the next verse, where he has the same authority as the beast described in verses 1-8, which is the Antichrist. In verse 13, John says that he performs great signs, so that he is able to make fire come down from heaven in the sight of all people. Of course, we have the TV that can show in real time, whatever is going on in any part of the earth. He deceives all "who dwell on the earth, by those signs". He makes an image of the beast and it says that he is granted "power to give breath to the image of the beast" . This lamb-like looking personality appears to be a killer too, as in verse 15. He is the one who causes all the people on the earth to carry the mark of the beast, and those who do not, cannot buy or sell anything! But God says in Rev 14: 9-11, that those who do carry the mark of the beast and worship the beast or its image, will receive severe judgement.

We have now seen what prophetic students call the 'unholy trinity', namely, Satan (dragon), the Antichrist and the False Prophet, in operation during this period of

time. Also, note that at the coming of the Lord Jesus, in Rev 19:20, that the beast (Antichrist) and the false prophet are both cast alive into the lake of fire, while Satan is chained and cast into the bottomless pit for 1000 years (Rev 20: 1-3).

How do we then live?

In view of all that we see end time prophecies being fulfilled before our very eyes, the question we are faced with is, 'How do we live then'. The Lord does not fail to give us answers. Let us therefore look at the scriptures to determine how the Lord would have us live.

- 1. Be watchful:** "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" Matt 24:42; 25:13; Mk 13:35, 37; Lk 21:36.
- 2. Be Ready:** "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect" Matt 24:44.
- 3. Be Prayerful:** "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is" Mk 13: 33; Lk 21:36.

4. Take it Seriously: "But the end of all things is near: therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers" I Pt 4:7.

5. Be Repentant: "... hold fast and repent, therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief and you will not know what hour I will come upon you" Rev 3:3.

6. Be Patient: "You also be patient, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" Jms 5: 8.

7. Be Sincere: " Be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ" Phil 1: 9.

8. Live a life of Godliness: "... what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness" II Pt 3:11'

HOW NOT TO LIVE

"Mk 21: 34, 35 "Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth".

- Dr.SAM RUSSELL

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- Treasurer

NEWS LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the sweet name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Let us praise God for all the good things He has been doing to us in our lives. Let us look towards Him only, who knows all our needs and meets them with His Grace. We believe that our Lord is Great and He will do great things in our lives.

A number of persons are required for all the various ministries in our country. Especially, young persons should come forward for ministerial work. Let us pray for a great revival among the youth and for many youngsters to come forward and submit themselves with dedication and sacrifice, to take part in the ministries. We must realise that today's Christian youth have a bounden duty to evangelize entire India, and so, we must pray to God, earnestly for this purpose.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God; I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."(Acts 2: 17)

Our Field Director, Bro. Samuel Gnanadhas, has been visiting various mission fields of IBT, and the missionaries / translators working there, to take proper assessment. In the last month, he had been to Odisha and met our missionaries and translators. He gave them instructions and advices regarding various problems faced,

Church construction work, and also guided them spiritually with the Truth from the Word of God. He encouraged our newly-appointed missionaries, Bro. Sahaya Swedon and Sis. Subita, working in our Children's home at Bappen Palli. He gave them necessary advices regarding the construction of the compound wall and repairs work, appointing suitable persons for the purpose. Please pray for his health and for his missionary journeys.

On 19th July 2017, Bro. Timothy gave God's message and Bro. John Sekar shared about the IBT ministries in the Vision Church at Podanur. A meeting of the Governing Council was held at Coimbatore on 16th July 2017. Planning Meeting was also held at Coimbatore on 22nd and 23rd July 2017. On 3rd August 2017, a One-day Family Meet of IBT was held at the Parish Hall of TELC Church at Tiruppur. Many from the youth participated and also gave a number of interesting programmes, besides sharing the Word of God. Sis. Anuradha, Baduga Translator, gave a testimony and also explained about IBT ministries. We specially thank Bro. Thangadurai, our IBT Representative, Tiruppur, for all the efforts taken by him to conduct the Meeting in a grand manner. We appeal to all our IBT Representatives and Promotional Staff, to make similar efforts and arrange for IBT Meets and Prayer Cells in their areas.

Please pray for all the Office Bearers of IBT involved in the development and expansion of

IBT ministries. Bro. D. Vasu gave God's message and Bro. E. Ravi explained about IBT ministries in the CSI Churches at Aandipatti on 13th August 2017 and at Aladipatti on 27th August 2017. Rev. Premraj Nag of the Bible Society of India, Bangalore, undertook the work of exegetical checking of the translation of some books of Old Testament by our Odisha translators into Deshia,

Mirgan and Kalakhandia languages, from 21st August 2017 to 26th August 2017. Please pray for all our ministries.

May the Lord bless us all!

In the service of Christ,
Your sister

Mrs. Sudandiradevi Panneer Selvam

A LOOK AT OUR ODISHA MISSIONARY FIELD

We went along with the newly-appointed missionaries, Bro. Sahaya Swedon and Sister Subita, to our Children's Home at Bappen Palli, Malkangiri District, Odisha. We left on 12th June 2017 and reached on 15th June 2017. With the help of the missionaries, we cleaned the Campus next day. On 17th June 2017, I left for Kosogamuda, Ponduguda, Attigan, Nanganal and Pothergaon, meeting individually, each missionary and solved some of their problems. I insisted that the six missionaries must meet at one place every month, to pray for IBT Ministries, Promotional work, visiting of new villages and leading people to the Lord, by taking necessary efforts. I instructed them to inform IBT Office about the fruitfulness of village visits. The Church built at Attigan by IBT, is in a dilapidated condition. During the meeting of missionaries, it was discussed to select an alternate site for the Church in order to buy the same. They were given this responsibility as well. In the Nanganal missionary field too, the construction of the IBT

Church is hampered and stopped. It is a very hurting matter. Let us pray God to find favour in the eyes of the Government officials in this matter.

The height of the compound wall of the Children's Home needs to be raised. Mini-Church, inner rooms, kitchen etc. need repairs. An engineer was called and the Home was shown to him. He has taken necessary measurements and will submit his estimate for the same. Necessary work will commence thereafter. There is no doubt that the IBT Children's Home, one of the dear project of our beloved Rev. Prof. Panneerselvam Ayyah, will be maintained in such a manner, that the children therein, will be properly protected and that the children and their parents may be lead in the way of the Lord!

- Bro. Samuel Gnanadhas
Field Director, IBT.

FIELD NEWS

Translator : Bro. R. Thambi durai
Mission Field : Gudalur (Tamil Nadu)
Language : Paniya

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

With the abundant grace of our Lord, key-in work in respect of the books of the Old Testament translated in Paniya language, viz., Exodus Chapter 32 : 1 up to Chapter 40 : 38; Leviticus Chapter 10 : 1 to Chapter 15 : 33, was completed last month. In connection with the mission and promotional work, I visited the following villages - Thevila, Pandhulur, Upper Gudalur, Middle Gudalur, Ooty Main Road, Ovali, Hill-View Colony, Health Camp, Raja Gopala Puram, V.O.C. Nagar, Thuppukkutty Pattai, Adhikari Vayal, Tamil Nadu Housing Board Unit, M.T. Nagar, Puthur Vayal, MGR Nagar, Sambaya, Nethaji Nagar, Puramana Vayal, etc. I preached the Gospel and introduced IBT Ministries, collected offerings for our Ministries and prayed for the people I met.

Please pray for my ministry and my family.

Translator / Missionary :
Bro. Pitambar Mahanand
Mission Field : Ladugaon (Odisha)
Language : Kalakhandia

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

At present, I am doing key-in work in computer of the Old Testament books translated

in Kalakhandiya language. Due to obstacles in the supply of electricity, I could not carry on this work last month,. I preached the Gospel in 12 villages - Gataband, Chhilpa, Habaspur, Supad, Junagarh, Dharmagarh, Banbasi, Dongriguda, Majunsari, Banadarga, Tungaon, Godbhanja, etc. I met many people and preached the Gospel and distributed tracts. I prayed for Bro. Dhanbal, who was suffering from fever and for two sisters who were not keeping well. Fasting Prayer meeting was held on Second Saturday in which special prayer was made for IBT ministries, management, missionary workers and translators.

Please pray for my translation work and also for my family.

Translator : Bro. Jaywant Kumar
Mision Field : Belthra Road (U.P.)
Language : Bhojpuri

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

With the grace of God, I could carry out the re-checking work of the Old Testament books translated in Bhojpuri language : Isaiah Chapters 54 to 66; Jeremiah Chapters 1 to 12. I visited 13 villages as part of my mission work. I distributed 10 tracts and 38 copies of New Testament translated in Bhojpuri language. While I preached the Gospel, Bro. Rajkumar, Bro. Siyam, Bro. Rajesh, Bro. Babulal, Mrs. Kabita, Mrs. Sursati Devi, Mrs. Nirmala, and Miss Renu listened eagerly., and received the books gladly. I also prayed for the sick. In the

Sunday Service at IBT Bhojpuri Church, 80 believers participated; 15 children attended the Sunday School; 70 persons participated in the Saturday Fasting Prayer meeting.

Please pray for the early completion of the checking work, for the speedy publication of Full Bible in Bhojpuri language and for my family.

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Translator : Bro. S. Vijayaraj
Mission Field : Kunjapanai
Language : Irula (Kunjapanai)

With the grace of our Lord, I could carry out the work of translation and missionary work quite well. I could translate into Irula (Kunjapanai) language, Old Testament book of Isaiah Ch. 22 : 20 up to Ch. 43 : 28. The new words used in the translation have been compiled as a dictionary. I visited 5 villages in Solur Mattam, and Kanikkaiyur, distributing 150 copies of the Gospel book translated in Irula (Kunjapanai) language, along with Bro. Ramalingam and other brothers from Tirunalveli.

Please pray for the early distribution of the remaining copies among the Irula-speaking people. Also pray for the people living in my village - Santharam, Santhamani, Vasantha, Nandini, Rajeswari, Kalaivani, Lakshmi, Arunkumar and K.Durairaj. I request you to pray for my translation work, missionary work and for my marriage.

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Translator : Sis. P.B. Raveena
Mission Field : Hunsur
Language : Yerava

By the abundant grace of God, last month key-in work of some Chapters of the Gospel of

Matthew and the Gospel of John in the New Testament, translated into Yerawa language was done. Matthew 26 : 25 to Matthew 28 : 20 and John 1 : 1 to John 6 : 37, were keyed - in computer. Checking work through BSI was carried out in respect Matthew 13 : 1 to Matthew 22 : 16. Praise the Lord!

Please pray for my translation work and also for me.

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Missionary : Bro. Israel Edla
Mission Field : Kondapuri (Odisha)

Glory be to the Holy Name of our Lord!

For the glory of His name I visited many villages around our mission field Kondapuri, preaching the Gospel. The villages are - Badpur, Jharanguda, Runiguda, Dongriguda, Vellaguda, Bagiriguda, Belputi, Adivasiguda, Bhalluguda, Pharsaguda and Bandiguda. Meeting many people, I preached the Gospel and distributed the tracts. I met some persons newly - Mr. Krishna, Mr. Bhagata, Mr. Jagabandhu, Mr. Phulsing, Mr. Purasati, Mr. Narendra, Mr. Mangal Sai, Smt. Hiramani, Smt. Phulmati, Smt. Champa and Smt. Jhanki Harijan. I explained the Truth from the Word of God to lead them to gain the experience of Salvation through Jesus Christ. Cottage prayer meetings were held at houses of three believers, giving the Word of God and praying. In the mission field of Kondapuri, Sunday Worship services and Fasting Prayer meeting on Second Saturday, are attended by many believers. The newly appointed Field Director of IBT, Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas, along with Co-ordinator Mr. Ayub Suna, visited the mission field and insisted that in our IBT Church, we should use only the

translated Mirgan and Deshia New Testament in our services and not the Odiya Bible. Five missionaries of IBT came and received advices from them.

Please pray for my ministry and also for my family.

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Translator : Bro. jagdish Prasad Bunker
Mission Field : Udaipur (Rajasthan)
Language : Mewari

My humble greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By the grace of God, I could carry out translation work in Mewari language, the following portion in the Old Testament - Ecclesiastes Ch 2 : 23 to Ch. 12 : 14; Song of Songs Ch. 1 : 1 to Ch. Ch. 8 : 14; Isaiah Ch. 1 : 1 to Ch. 10 : 17. I happened to meet a good old friend of mine after a gap of 20 years. His name is Phoolchand. I told him the Gospel and urged him to come to Church. He came to the Church, prayed for his family and committed his life unto the Lord. Please for him and his family, so that he remains in faith and grows in the Lord.

EXCERPTS FROM "LIVING QUOTATION FOR CHRISTIANS"

Commitment to Christ must involve commitment to our neighbor and our world, for Christ's sake. Evangelism must sound this note today with the conviction of the classic evangelical tradition.

- LEIGHTON FORD

We venture into the conflicts of our day-not in fear, but in faith that Christ and his word will be vindicated as we pursue the light he gives us. We are sensitive to that which is around us, really concerned with our brother-not building up insulting walls so we don't really know what is happening but responsive, involved, and obedient to the Head.

- ROBERT BOYDMUNGER

The most profound tendencies of Luther's thought (show that) in the human words and works of Jesus, God is revealed. He had from

the beginning thought of the two natures of Christ as so united that the man Jesus was, in all His work and works, the expression and organ of His divine nature. He knew no God except the one revealed in the man "Jesus".

- REINHOLD SEEBERG

I would ask, "who made me? Not my God, who is not only good but Good-ness itself. For if he did how is it I will to do evil and bypass the good, and so earn punishment for myself? who gave me this will? who planted this seed of bitterness in me when all I am is what God made me, and he is Sweetness itself? If the devil is to blame, where did the devil come from? Didn't the Creator, who is the good, make his angels all good?"

- AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

PRAY & PRAISE

1. The re-checking work of translation of some books of the Old Testament, into Deshia, Mirgan and Kalakhandia languages, which was to be done in July 2017, was undertaken from 21st to 26th August 2017, in Odisha state. Rev. Premraj Nag of the Bible Society of India, Bangalore, along with our three IBT translators, completed the rechecking work. Praise the Lord! Please pray for the re-checking and publishing of the entire Bible in all these languages without delay.
2. Pray for the early re-checking of the books of the Old Testament in Baduga, Saurashtra, Chhattisgarhi, and Bhojpuri languages, which are yet to be re-checked by BSI, Bangalore. Also pray for the early publication of the entire Bible in these four languages and for their distribution among the people speaking these languages.
3. So far, New Testament has been translated and distributed in 10 languages through IBT. Please pray for the translation, key-in work, re-checking work and publication of the entire Bible in all these 10 languages and for their distribution.
4. Of the 37 languages in which translation work has been undertaken, New Testament is yet to be released in 27 languages. The concerned translators must work eagerly and honestly for completing the same without delay. Please pray for the translators and for the early publication and release of New Testament in these 27 languages.
5. Of the 200 - Language Plan, 53 languages have been identified. Of these, we have yet to find translators for 16 languages. Please pray with burden for getting educated and devoted youngsters for translation in these 16 languages.

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