

TWO THOUGHTS THIS MORNING - JSP

1. BLOOD ON THE LINTELS

John Coverdale sent me a 'word' the other day from Portland, Victoria; the Lord has been saying to him regularly: 'blood on the lintels'. What could this mean?

This morning I resumed my morning walk after slacking for about three weeks. As I went through the complex back gate, I saw the moon: FULL. Ah! I said, 'four weeks to Passover!'

The only place that the scripture records the phrase 'blood on the lintels' is in Exodus 12:23, being part of the instruction of the Lord to Israel to make sure they were protected from what God was going to do: **Passover the land and smite the Egyptians!**

So, we are in wait and see mode. Is God going to do something exceptional across Australia in 29^{1/2} days? If we are going to be saved from a neo-Marxist Labor Government, we will need a miracle. Not that I am all that happy with the Liberals, but they seem to be getting a clean out and they must be better than the leftist forces that have over-taken Labor.

2. APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

I have often wondered why the Lord places so much emphasis on 'apostles and prophets' (Eph.2:20) and 'the two witnesses' (Rev.11:3). I believe I have finally had a revelation about this which I share with you for your discernment.

Firstly, we remind ourselves that the Holy Place in the Tabernacle has three pieces of furniture: the table of shewbread, the lampstand and the altar of incense. I interpret these, for those of us operating under the New Covenant, as follows:

- **Shewbread:** This is the whole counsel of God for ordered life. We live our lives 'chewing on this bread', having had the principles built into us in our formative years. They guide our daily actions without us having to think about them. (Judy and I hold almost identical principles – happily; we conduct our daily business with very little conflict! *Judy read this and said, 'Ho Hum!'*).
- **Lampstand:** This is the place of revelation; where 'the sons of Issachar have understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do' - I Chron.12:32 (This is me!)
- **The Altar of Incense:** This is the place where we wait on God for instructions and from time to time conduct a conversation with the throne room. (That's Judy!).

My revelation this morning is: You can't spend your time at both the lampstand and the altar of incense, darting about from one to the other!! God has tuned Judy for her role at the altar and me for my role at the lampstand! What a fantastic set-up!! Judy never understands most of my ravings about principles and timing; I struggle when her 'word from the throne' when it cuts across my developing plans. But we work it through and are able to find consensus – God's consensus.

So it is with the wider picture: God raises up apostles (missionaries) and prophets; each contributes their gifting and they work to find unity in directing the process that lays the foundation for God's work (Eph.2:20). Praise God who does all things well!