



# Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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## What we believe concerning...

... signs of Jesus' return. We believe that the 'signs' of Christ's return are very specific to the age in which we live. In Luke 21 we have a list of problems which will overtake the world: **"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom"** <sup>a</sup> – how many wars were recorded in the 20<sup>th</sup> century? **"And there will be great earthquakes in various places"** <sup>b</sup> – the increase in 7+ (Richter scale) earthquakes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, some in unexpected places, has even scientists commenting. **"And famines and pestilences"** <sup>c</sup> – we have seen many vast areas devastated by each of these in the 20<sup>th</sup> century; we all

remember the Ethiopian famine, and now Sierra Leone and the Ebola crisis... Back in Luke 17 we have yet more indicators, firstly to the **"days of Noah"** <sup>c</sup>, but then also to **"the days of Lot"** <sup>d</sup> – everyone was doing 'ordinary' things on both occasions, but (significantly for the western world) "marriage" is missing from the second list! Christ states that **"even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed"** <sup>e</sup>, and warns **"Remember Lot's wife"** <sup>f</sup> – it will be sudden and irrevocable!

## Who they were...

Meet Gideon. Gideon seems to have been a rather timid man, reduced to threshing wheat in a wine-press so that he wasn't discovered by the Midianites who were

terrorising Israel at the time. When approached by an angel and invited to be the mighty saviour of the people, Gideon expressed fear and doubt. Having been shown a sign to prove this truly was God's will, Gideon then concluded he was probably going to die! He completed his first task of removing idols from his own vicinity at night because he was so afraid, and still needed a further two signs from God to finally convince him of his calling. Gideon went on to lead a tiny army to victory over the invaders, learning that it was in God's strength that he could conquer, not his own. He became a great judge over God's people and is a good example to those of us who are more fearful or anxious in life - God still has use for us! Gideon is even mentioned in Hebrews 11, which is a list of examples of faith.

## Did you know?

Many people would guess that the saying *pride goes before a*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following:

Sunday 9th August 6pm  
Bible talk  
***Is the Bible relevant to today?***

Sunday 16th August 6pm  
Bible talk  
***Prophecy proves the Bible true.***

Sunday 23rd August 6pm  
Bible talk  
***Jesus – Son of God, Son of Man.***

Sunday 30th August 6pm  
Bible talk  
***The Bible's answer to environmental concerns.***

Sunday 6th Sept 2:30pm  
Bible talk and Sunday School prize giving

We also hold a Bible study class most Wednesday evenings at 7:45pm. Please see our website for further details.



*fall* comes from the Bible and they would be correct – sort of. The actual quote is ***"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."*** <sup>g</sup> It goes on to say, ***"Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."*** <sup>h</sup>

## Is there a solution to the Middle East problem?

Politician after politician has tried to solve the issues which cause tension and fighting in the Middle East. Is there a solution? Our booklet of the month 'Whose Land?' explains the Bible's view



on this issue. To find out more you can read the booklet via the blog on our website or text 07788 636919 to request a free copy.

***"This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her."***

<sup>a</sup> Luke 21 v 10 <sup>b</sup> v 11

<sup>c</sup> Luke 17 v 26 <sup>d</sup> v 28 <sup>e</sup> v 30 <sup>f</sup> v 33

<sup>g</sup> Proverbs 16 v 18 <sup>h</sup> v 19