



Here we go again. Another week, another blank sheet of paper, another "opportunity" to write stuff. But what stuff??

Maybe current events. That's like watching a three-ring circus, isn't it? Here are a few subjects swirling around these days.

Kamala Harris. What is there to say? Ha-hahahahaha. Giggle. Hahaha. Except beware. She's a hard-core Leftist/Communist far worse than Bernie Sanders, and will be involved with, and probably taking orders from the detestable fellow leftist, Barak Obama.

Joe Biden. He seems to be "gone with the wind". Thank God! But then who is this guy that looks like him making occasional appearances? Have they groomed a look-alike? Has the real Joe Biden passed on without our knowing it? What kind of deal did they make to force the wife, Jill Biden, to finally let Joe step down? Talk about greed for power and influence! Talk about elder abuse!

Donald Trump. Like many of you, I wish President Trump would express himself differently, without sounding braggadocious. But then, so many of the politicians who sound more polished would never have accomplished what President Trump did. And they wouldn't be able to withstand all of the slings and arrows and downright lies aimed at him, not to mention threats on his life, one of which almost succeeded. Maybe God is saying, "What does it take to please you people? You ask for help to save this nation, and I send you President Trump, who accomplishes many big things in spite of terrible opposition, and still you aren't satisfied." It reminds me of the old joke that I heard again recently:

It had been raining for days and days, and a great flood had come over the land. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house.

As the waters rose higher and higher, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, the poor man drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he

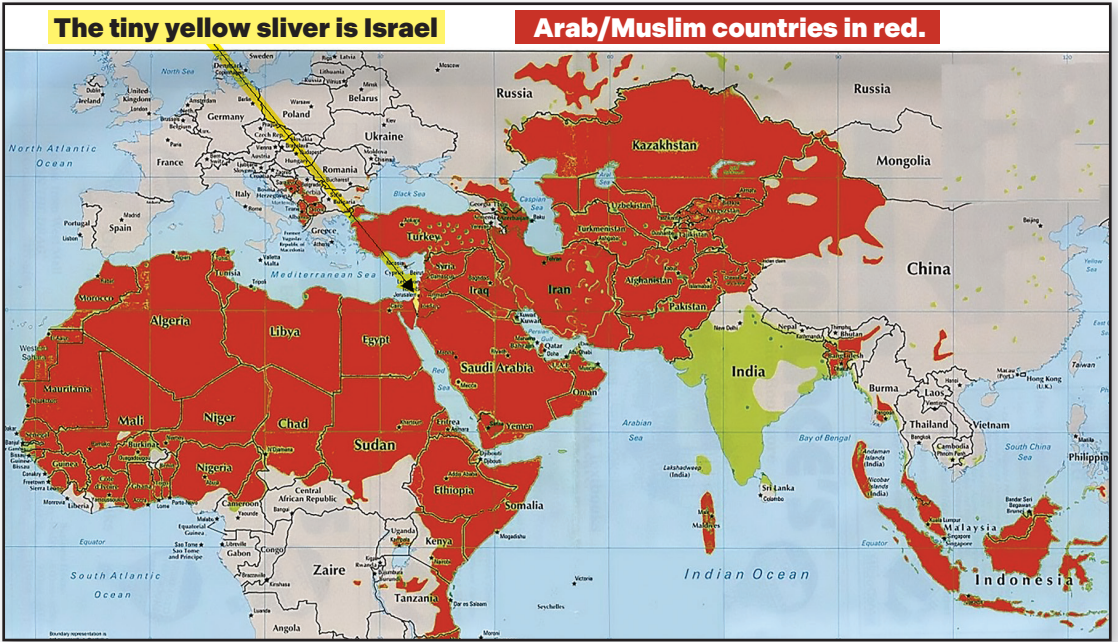
said, "I had faith in you... I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

Israel and the Middle East. As I write this, probably about 2 weeks before you see it, Israel is preparing to deal with major attack on them by Iran, Hezbollah, and their lovely buddies, in retaliation for the assassinations of top guys in the terrorist organization Hamas and Hezbollah. One of the assassinations took place in Tehran, Iran's capital, right under their noses, which is highly embarrassing to them. Someone or ones had placed a bomb in a guest house where this guy was known to stay, and a couple of weeks later he came to stay there, and then - BOOM! Who planted the bomb? Everyone assumes Israel did it, but they are not claiming responsibility for this one, as they normally do.

The situation there is highly explosive, with the players on both sides of the impending war lining up every day more and more like the Bible predicts, or so the Bible prophecy experts tell us.

There is no question that the overall picture does look like what we've come to expect will happen in the End Times. Both in our own country, where we are in a death spiral and have become a laughingstock to the world, and on the world stage itself, where "wars and rumors of wars" (Matthew 24:6-8) rage without an end in sight.

A person can choose to ridicule the belief



in the End Times, or that person can see the handwriting on the wall and turn to God our Father as the only hope for happiness and peace both in this terribly broken and fallen world and in the eternal future.

Closer to home, our last Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) meeting on Monday, July 29, was packed with reports from our elected representatives or their field assistants.

We were happy to host a bunch of the people who try their best to carry out what we ask of them, and how do they know what we want of them? By attending the LVEDA meeting, which you could also attend and express your desires and complaints freely to them.

Present at this meeting were County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, who also chaired the meeting at Chuck Bell's request; SB County Sheriff Shannon Dicus, the top guy in that department; Assemblyman Tom Lackey; and State Senator Rosalicia Ochoa Bogh. Also Congressman Obernolte's representative Hayden Bartz; the Code Enforcement guys for our area; Octavius Scott representing

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State Senator Grove; Superintendent Peter Livingston of our school district; and Ryan Orr, who will soon bring a wonderful health van to Lucerne Valley.

What other tiny desert town "In the Middle of Everywhere" gets this kind of attention from the government politicians and worker bees, resulting in good things happening, like the near-eradication of the marijuana farms in our area? We are especially blessed by God in this town for the good spirit of those in whose area of responsibility we live.

With all that hurricane stuff flying all around us, containing major threats to our lives and livelihoods, it's best to focus on those people who are directly helping us as we watch whatever that hurricane will bring.

Thank You, Father, that we live here in the middle of everywhere.

Linda Gammel

*The new tagline for our town done by the LV Chamber of Commerce. Thank you, Angie Miller.

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