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Eschatology Camp Meetin' June 6, 7, 8

& "COMING ON THE CLOUDS"

By Wallace Bradberry

Editor's note: Here is a great opportunity to learn more about preterist eschatology from outstanding students of fulfilled prophecy in a setting of unforgettable beauty. Wallace Bradberry has sent these details and, at my invitation, an article titled. "Coming On The Clouds." The high priest would live to see Jesus coming on the clouds! Enjoy. Cecil Hook

SPEAKERS: Don Preston, Ardmore, OK
William Bell, Memphis, TN
John Anderson, Sparta, NC
Jack Scott, Kalispell, MT

Topics will be announced later.

WHERE: Tempel Hills Baptist Camp 28 miles South & East of Livingston, MT in the mountains, & surrounded by Forest Service land, North of Yellowstone Park (P.S. The Baptists are not sponsoring this retreat. We are just using their facility.)

COST: \$100 per person for the two days. We will start Friday afternoon June 6th and go through Sunday after lunch. This price includes ROOM & BOARD! (six meals & a bed for two nights.)

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“COMING ON THE CLOUDS”

Though the Old Covenant Scriptures were originally written in the Hebrew tongue, with a little Aramaic thrown in in the book of Daniel, there was an inherent language that makes for deeper study for us moderns to understand. The Hebrew people, however, understood it quite well. It is referred to as "apocalyptic" language. Understanding this helps us to further understand the Bible. The Bible is full of apocalyptic language.

One example is in Matt.26:63-64. After His arrest, Jesus was charged under oath by the High Priest to tell if He indeed was the Christ. *"Yes, it is as you say,"* Jesus replied. *"But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

The reason the High Priest tore his clothes and accused Him of blasphemy is because he understood the apocalyptic inference. He knew from his knowledge of the OC Scriptures that God was pictured many times as coming or riding on the clouds (Isa 19:1; Dan 7:13f; Ps.104:3 et.al.). God appeared to Israel at Mt. Sinai in a cloud He led them in the wilderness in a cloud. He was known as coming in judgment on several nations as "riding on a cloud." This, of course was not physically so, but symbolically, spiritually. God did not saddle the cloud and ride off to conquer Egypt, or other nations the way a soldier rides a horse. The people who wrote about the event and the people to whom it was written to knew what it meant. Coming in the clouds was a symbol of Deity. Jesus was identifying Himself with the "Mighty One" (God) in saying that He would come on the clouds of heaven.

And this is what angered the High Priest. Since he didn't believe that Jesus was the Messiah, he had no other choice but to believe Jesus uttered blasphemy. He understood the language but he didn't believe in Jesus. We may claim to believe in Jesus, but do we understand the language? If we don't, we may be confused and mistaken.

Blessings & kindness. Wallace R. Bradberry

(Cecil Hook; May 2003) []