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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in His name. I hope you all are well and enjoying good services. Of late, I have preached on the Second Coming quite often. Sometimes it seems I have covered the ground well enough. Then, some Old Testament scripture will jump out and claim my attention. Especially as we watch events unfolding in the Near East. Of course, we should not study current events over the word of God. Jesus said, "when you see these things come to pass, you know that the end is near."

The danger is two fold. First in allowing ourselves to ignore current events and secondly, to get so taken up in current events we miss the connection between them and as they relate to the end times.

For instance, in the twelfth chapter of Zechariah, Jerusalem is the focus point. It will be under attack from all sides just before the Lord comes. Jerusalem will be partially invaded by cruel people. There is no doubt the stage is set.

This gives me a sense of urgency. There seems to be fewer people being saved and so many saved people that don't seem to be concerned about witnessing to all the Lord may bring our way.

There is another matter that is of great concern and that is our nations' involvement in the Near East. I pray the Lord will bring our service men back soon. However, the Lord seems to be using our nations to change that political arrangement over there.

My hip operation has proven to be a tremendous success. I have no more pain. I no longer use a walker but must still use a cane. I am very grateful to the Lord for providing such a good recovery. The doctors are excellent but the bottom line is the love, interest and prayers of the Lord's people that bring about this result. It makes me feel like I am a member of a very large family of Christians. Which, of course, is true for all of us.

I also discovered that a long time in bed means, "hospital time makes for good praying time".

I am back to preaching three times a week. The Lord is giving me liberty and I enjoy it very much.

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Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

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