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Dear Brethren and Co-Workers with Christ,

I am writing this time from London. Today I had a luncheon and meeting with our ministers in southern and central England. I will speak to the combined churches in this area the day after tomorrow, and then we fly on to Cairo.

There I have a private meeting set up with President Anwar Sadat on next Tuesday, and on Monday night I will speak before a group of about 400 Egyptian leaders in government and education including wives. Then on to Jerusalem again where I have another meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, besides many other meetings with officials in government and universities. I hope to inspect again the major archaeological project we are participating in immediately south of the Temple wall extending to the adjacent City of David.

When the living Christ returns to earth with supreme power and glory to restore the Government of God and to rule all nations of the earth, He will sit on the throne of the ancient King David. That throne is not in the Temple but in the palace in the City of David adjacent to the Temple. Some 50 feet of rubble, debris and dirt had piled up and settled over the point of that ancient throne during the past 2500 years. Our excavations are clearing off all that piled-up debris. Already we have cleared a considerable area of it, and now we are getting to the very area of that ancient throne.

A large contingent of Ambassador College students was sent to Jerusalem to work on this project during the past summer. Could we be preparing the way, the physical location, as well as the Gospel carried worldwide, for Christ's imminent and glorious coming as KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS over all nations?

Jesus Himself said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne [in Jerusalem], even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Rev. 3:21).

I wonder -- how many of us are counted worthy to sit there?

Meanwhile world conditions continue leading to the grand-smash climax of the prophesied GREAT TRIBULATION (Matt. 24:21-22), which shall be cut short by "THE DAY OF THE LORD" when Christ will supernaturally intervene just before His coming into Power and Glory.

The nations all over the world are upset, with wars and near wars, which continually seek the overthrow of the governments in many nations. The war between Iraq and Iran continues; world nerves tense, watching to see whether the Soviet Union takes advantage of the situation to bite off still another nation or two in their determined quest to ultimately rule over all nations.

I will know in a day or two whether Mr. Rader and I get to visit the present top man in Poland. We did have an invitation, but the recent labor uprising changed the government leadership. We will know before leaving Cairo whether we may still pay a visit there. Otherwise we shall fly on home from Jerusalem.

These are terrifying days -- far more so than most people realize. We draw daily nearer to the end of this age. Time is growing shorter daily. The Bible warns us the time is just ahead when NO MAN CAN WORK -- in the Lord's Work. We must sacrifice now as never before for this Work that we may FINISH the Work that Christ has called us to do. Pray as never before, for this Work. Truly through His servant and Apostle, the Living Christ THANKS YOU for your generous part. Thank you for continually praying for me personally.

With much love, in Jesus' name,

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