

News!

There is very little good news in the media these days. We are reminded on a daily basis of the enormous problems facing the world. There is the war in Syria with the sickening images of death, destruction and the resulting refugee crisis.



There is the ever-increasing threat of terrorism in the world. There is an obscene gap between the rich and the poor, often due to corruption. Tonnes of food are wasted every day while millions starve. Many countries are facing political unrest and there is the never-ending arms race, more diplomatically known as “defence”. We are constantly reminded of climate change caused by industrialisation and the consequent pollution of our atmosphere. Many species of wildlife are in danger of extinction due to man’s destruction of their habitat. There is increasing financial instability and mental health problems are growing, as is dependence on alcohol and drugs.

Good News!

Are you tired of hearing all this bad news? Don’t despair! This magazine is devoted to presenting the Bible answer to all these problems. The Bible shows us that God’s promises are always

kept and we can trust in His solution for the future. For example:

He will bring justice to the poor of the people; he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor (Psalm 72:4).

This is exactly what our world needs. Zechariah and Isaiah tell us about God’s appointed king, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the peace of his reign:

He shall speak peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth (Zechariah 9:10).

The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever (Isaiah 32:17).

Jesus himself promised the answer:

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near (Luke 21:27, 28).

Yes, all these difficulties which seem insoluble now, will be solved. It will not be by mankind, but by God. He has promised to send the Lord Jesus back to the earth to deal with all these problems, to establish God’s righteousness and its resulting peace.

That is why we call this magazine *Glad Tidings* or “Good News”.

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