

FROM OUR PASTOR

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Warm Sabbath Greetings to Everyone!

Water is essential for life. Water is mentioned 460 times in the Bible. Water symbolizes cleanliness, health, restoration, forgiveness, blessing from God, God's Holy Spirit, and many other things in the scriptures. Clean, pure, water is a great blessing and needed for health. But the world is having a water crisis. Many nations and people in the underdeveloped world are chronically short of good water, and new reports reveal that the water in many cities and developed nations is seriously contaminated.

Naturalnews.com reported this week: "Harvard University scientists just published the results of an enormous scientific investigation that finds millions of Americans are exposed to deadly chemicals in the water supply. The study is described in this Harvard University announcement and says that researchers found toxic chemicals in the water supplies of 33 states."

We are still hearing news about the lead contamination affecting thousands of residents of Flint, Michigan, but that is likely only one of many cities with lead and chemical residues in the public drinking water.

Natural News Journal conducted a study nationwide for water quality assessment earlier this year which analyzed hundreds of water samples via ICP-MS instrumentation. Their study showed that 6.7% of the U.S. water supply is contaminated with toxic heavy metals that exceed allowable EPA limits. Chemicals and toxic metals daily run off from fertilizer and fields into water supplies across the country. Out here in the West we assume that the water from the snow-capped mountains is pure. However, those of us who spend time in the forests have seen first-hand the spraying of 2-4D and, glyphosate in the mountains by timber owners. A certain amount of that runs off into your water supplies.

Almost all public water in the U.S. has added to it the chemicals fluoride and chlorine. Many health experts openly question this practice since both have been shown in many studies to be toxic to the human body in large amounts. As one example, Robert Carlton, Ph.D., former EPA scientist stated in 1992. "Fluoridation is the greatest case of scientific fraud of this century." Similar statements have been made concerning adding chlorine to our drinking water.

For the first time in history, expected life-spans in the U.S. are on the decline (Wall Street Journal, April 20, 2016). If the stats are correct, this generation will die sooner than the previous one. Why is this? We are all familiar with the national epidemic of obesity, the rise of drug and alcohol use and the insane amounts of refined sugar and processed oils consumed in the average American diet. But could contaminated water also be part of the cause?

God intended water to be a blessing, and to recycle in phases over and over. The prophet Isaiah told of this cycle centuries before scientists acknowledged it: "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud. That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater..." Isaiah 55:10.

As part of the coming plagues on the earth, water will become bitter and even poisonous. As the angel told John when he was on Patmos Island: "The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters become wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter." Revelation 8:11.

While the event obviously is a supernatural plague from God, men are gradually doing this to our populations with each passing year. One of the great areas that will need to be cleaned up-healed-by Jesus Christ when He returns will be the land, sea, and air, especially the world's water.

Fortunately, that healing is going to happen. God's angel revealed to John that a river of healing waters will go forth into the earth during the coming Kingdom of God. "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb... for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:1.

The entire creation groans waiting for that day of healing (Romans 8:22). In the meantime, do all you can to drink the purest water available.

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