

# NOTICE, NOTICED, NOTICES

God gave a seven-day warning that a flood was coming which would destroy the entire world. It didn't come out of nowhere with no advance **notice**.

- **Genesis 7:4:** "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth."

God **notices** when cities become exceedingly wicked.

- **Genesis 19:13:** "For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it."

There are times when God rescues people by showing them things that were always there, but that they didn't **notice**.

- **Genesis 21:15, 19:** "And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ... And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink."

When Abraham went into the distance to sacrifice his son Isaac, Isaac **noticed** they hadn't brought a lamb for the burnt offering.

- **Genesis 22:7:** "And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the

lamb for a burnt offering?"

Jacob took so much livestock from Laban that Laban's children **noticed**.

- **Genesis 31:1:** "And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory."

Jacob told Rachel and Leah that he **noticed** that their father Laban didn't favor him as he did previously.

- **Genesis 31:5:** "And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me."

Joseph **noticed** that the baker and the butler (who Pharaoh had cast into prison) were more sad than they had been previously.

- **Genesis 40:6-7:** "And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?"

When Joseph and those who were with him mourned the death of Jacob at the threshingfloor of Atad, the Canaanites **noticed**.

- **Genesis 50:11:** "And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad,

they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan."

At Horeb, Moses **noticed** that a bush was burning but yet it wasn't consumed by the fire.

- **Exodus 3:2-3:** "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

There are times when God gives people advance **notice** of His judgments.

- **Exodus 10:4:** "Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:"

It seems that God didn't give Pharaoh advance **notice** that the plague of darkness was coming.

- **Exodus 10:21:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt."

The people of Jericho **noticed** that the Israelites had sent spies to their city.

- **Joshua 2:2:** "And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country."

When Joshua moved the Israelites into the valley that was by the city of Ai, the king of Ai **noticed**. (What the king didn't notice was that it was actually a trap.)

- **Joshua 8:14:** "And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city."

Boaz **noticed** Ruth gleaning in his field.

- **Ruth 2:5:** "Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?"

Ruth was amazed that Boaz took any **notice** of her at all (since she was a Moabite and not a Jew).

- **Ruth 2:10:** "Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

The reason Boaz **noticed** Ruth was because she sacrificed everything to remain with Naomi and serve her. She gave up her family and her country to support her mother-in-law.

- **Ruth 2:11:** "And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of

thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore."

Naomi told Ruth to **notice** where Boaz lied down that night (so that she could approach him and ask him to marry her).

- **Ruth 3:4:** "And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do."

When the elders of Israel **noticed** that Samuel had come to visit them, they trembled. (They knew Saul hated Samuel.)

- **1 Samuel 16:4:** "And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?"

When David went to Saul's camp at night, no one **noticed** that he had come.

- **1 Samuel 26:7:** "So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him."

When the Philistines prepared to go to war against Israel, their princes **noticed** that some Hebrews were part of their army. (This was David and his men, who had fled to the territory of the Philistines to hide from Saul.)

- **1 Samuel 29:3:** "Then said the princes of the Philistines,

What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?"

The Israelites **noticed** that after Abner was murdered, David swore an oath to fast until the sun went down.

- **2 Samuel 3:33, 35-36:** "And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? ... And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people."

David said that instead of stopping Shimei from cursing and throwing rocks at his servants, he was going to do nothing and hope that God would **notice** what Shimei was doing. (This was an abdication of David's responsibility as king to protect his people from harm, and to punish the wicked for their evil deeds).

- **2 Samuel 16:5-6, 11-12:** "And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ... And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may

this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him. It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day."

When the servants of Benhadad heard Ahab say that Benhadad was his brother, they **noticed**. (They interpreted this as a sign that Ahab was going to spare him.)

- **1 Kings 20:32-33:** "So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother. Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot."

The watchman of Jezreel **noticed** that the messenger reached Jehu but hadn't returned. (This is because Jehu was coming to assassinate the king.)

- **2 Kings 9:18:** "So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again."

The king **noticed** that Nehemiah was sad.

- **Nehemiah 2:2:** "Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is

nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,"

Haman hadn't **noticed** that Mordecai didn't show him respect. He only found out when the king's servants told him.

- **Esther 3:2-4:** "And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew."

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David asked God to put all his tears into His bottle. (It seems David was asking God to **notice** his sorrow and care about it.)

- **Psalm 56:8:** "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?"

The righteous take **notice** of the poor:

- **Proverbs 29:7:** "The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it."

Hell will **notice** when the king of Babylon comes. (This seems to be a reference to the devil being cast down and judged.)

- **Isaiah 14:4, 9, 12:** "That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! ... Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ... How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

When the king of Assyria took people captive, the people who lived in the islands would **notice** (and be afraid).

- **Isaiah 20:4, 6:** "So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ... And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered

from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?"

God gave the inhabitants of Hazor advanced **notice** that Nebuchadnezzar was plotting against them (so they could flee).

- **Jeremiah 49:30:** "Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you."

It seems King Darius didn't **notice** that Daniel wasn't part of the group that was asking him to forbid worshiping anyone other than him.

- **Daniel 6:6:** "Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever."

God gave the kingdom of Israel advance **notice** that judgment was coming. It shouldn't have taken them by surprise.

- **Hosea 10:1, 4:** "Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. ... They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field."

God **noticed** that Amaziah commanded His prophet Amos to not prophesy against Israel. (This greatly angered Him.)

- **Amos 7:12, 16-17:** "Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: ... Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land."

God **notices** those who oppress His people (and He holds them accountable for it).

- **Obadiah 1:11-14:** "In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity; Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress."
- **Zephaniah 2:8:** "I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they

have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border."

It seems that only the wise men **noticed** the star that marked the birth of the Messiah. The Jews don't seem to have been aware of it.

- **Matthew 2:1-2:** "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

God **notices** the way we treat others.

- **Matthew 7:2:** "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Peter **noticed** the fig tree which Jesus had cursed had dried up.

- **Mark 11:21:** "And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away."

Even though the poor widow gave a very small amount of money to the temple, God **noticed** it (and cared about it).

- **Mark 12:44:** "For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

- **Luke 21:3:** "And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:"

The conversation Zacharias had with the angel took a long time. People **noticed** that he was delayed coming out of the temple.

- **Luke 1:11-12, 21:** "And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ... And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple."

The multitude that was outside the temple **noticed** that Zacharias couldn't speak. (They also realized that he had seen some sort of vision.)

- **Luke 1:22:** "And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless."

When Joseph and Mary left Jerusalem to return home, they didn't **notice** that Jesus wasn't with them until they had traveled a day's journey away from Jerusalem.

- **Luke 2:44:** "But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance."

Jesus **noticed** that the woman who washed His feet honored

Him far more than Simon the Pharisee did.

- **Luke 7:44:** "And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head."

When the mother and brothers of Jesus came to see Him, people **noticed** that they couldn't reach Him because of the size of the crowd.

- **Luke 8:20:** "And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee."

The disciples of Jesus **noticed** that the winds and the sea obeyed Him.

- **Luke 8:25:** "And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him."

Jesus didn't travel to the Samaritan village (on His way to Jerusalem) without **notice**. Before He went there He sent messengers to prepare for His arrival.

- **Luke 9:52:** "And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him."

We must be ready to serve the Lord at a moment's **notice**.

- **Luke 12:35-36:** "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

If we start something but don't finish it, people will **notice**.

- **Luke 14:30:** "Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

When the two disciples set the colt loose (so they could bring it to Jesus for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem), its owners **noticed**.

- **Luke 19:33:** "And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?"

When Jesus rode the colt down from the mount of Olives, the multitude **noticed** (and praised God).

- **Luke 19:37:** "And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;"

Pilate **noticed** that the chief priests claimed the ministry of Jesus started in Galilee.

- **Luke 23:5-6:** "And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean."

The chief priests were offended that the title on the cross of Jesus said "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews". (It seems they **noticed** that it was an acrostic for the holy name of God, and was proclaiming that Jesus was God Himself.)

- **John 19:21:** "Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews."

Angels can keep themselves from being **noticed** (or seen).

- **Acts 12:7-10:** "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him."

The day after the angel freed Peter from prison, the soldiers **noticed** that Peter was gone. (It cause an uproar.)

- **Acts 12:18:** "Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter."

When the seven days were almost at an end, some Jews from Asia **noticed** that Paul was in the temple. (In other words, it took almost a week for them to notice his presence.)

- **Acts 21:27:** "And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,"

Paul was concerned that unless he gave the Corinthian church advance **notice** of his upcoming visit, when he showed up with people from Macedonia they wouldn't be ready to receive them and meet their needs.

- **2 Corinthians 9:3-4:** "Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting."

We need to pay attention to other people's lives so that we **notice** if someone is overtaken in a fault. (This is so we can help them overcome it.)

- **Galatians 6:1:** "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

We have a responsibility to **notice** what's going on in the lives of others. (This is so we can help them.)

- **Galatians 6:2:** "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so

fulfil the law of Christ."

Mankind is very small. We're so small that we have nothing that would merit God's attention. It's an act of great mercy and love that He **notices** or regards us at all.

- **Hebrews 2:6:** "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?"

God has **noticed** the wicked lives of the wealthy, and He knows the wicked things they did to obtain their wealth. One day God will hold them accountable.

- **James 5:1, 5:** "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. ... Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."