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I have this thing about lions. In the Word of God two lions square off in a battle for supremacy, though the imagery is applied ten times more to the Lord than to Satan. Whether imaging the devil or the Lord, the lion is tenacious, valiant, strong, fierce, devouring, and forceful, with an ability and bent toward devouring the enemies of those under his domain. The Word often mentions the teeth of lions and spans the young lion of strength and conquest to the grand, great old lion—wise, heroic, battle-tested, ruling.

Satan may be the roaring lion seeking whom he may devour and rip apart, but the Messiah is the Great Lion of the tribe of Judah who fiercely defends His own. This Great Lion also roars and shows Himself stronger than His devouring contender for the crown. A conquering lion, after all, knows from experience that once his prey is caught, consuming the prey comes only as an afterthought.

Numbers 24.9 “He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion; who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesses you, and cursed is he that curses you.” Balak, the king of Moab, didn’t like these words of Balaam. Balak wanted destruction. But Balaam had to speak the words of God. He could not effectively curse what God has blessed. Judah is the lion’s whelp (Gen. 49.9, 10) and the scepter will not depart from Judah. Jesus is the Lion of Judah, strong, sovereign, divine in justice and judgment, and triumphant. So what stirs the great lion?

For the Lion of Judah will roar. The Lord will roar as a lion. A roar will come out of Zion, astonishing enemies. In Joel, for example, the locusts consuming the land like an army, locusts described as strong and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and with the cheek teeth of a great lion, these locusts warn about the coming day of the Lord. Just as the plague of locusts in Moses’ time mocked Egypt, so this locust invasion rebukes God’s people who have forgotten the Source of their prosperity. These “fangs of a lioness” represent the Lord jealous for His land and His people. He is after repentance, a returning unto Him and alignment with His will and ways.

As then, so now...the people of God should be weeping and fasting and crying out to the Lord. Unparalleled judgment should cause us to wake up. Armies of insects—locusts—should remind us that locusts become like lions when armed with a divine commission. (Joel 1)

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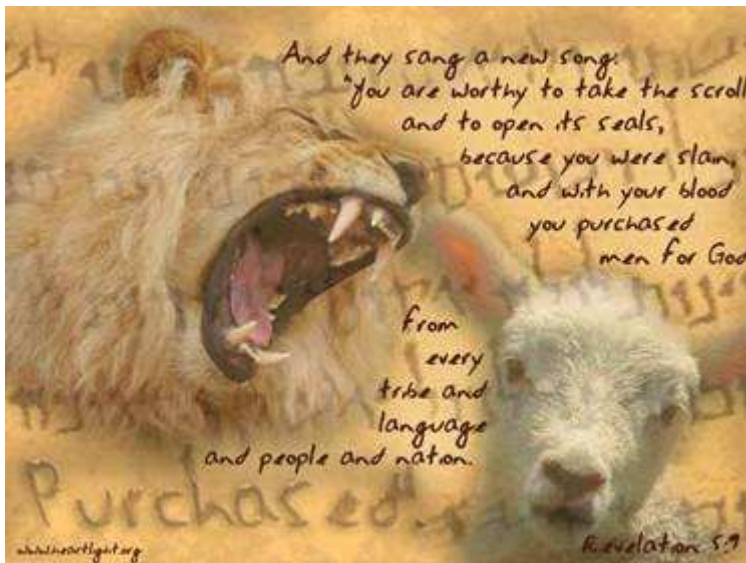
A roar coming out of Zion (Amos 1.2; 3.8; Joel 3.16; Jer. 25.30) is God's Voice thundering of a day, terrible to some, joyful to others; vengeance to some, grace to others. (Ps 18.13, Hab. 3.10, 11) God takes away the comforts (Rev. 9.8). He is after a holy people living in relationship with their holy God.

Rend your heart. Weep between the porch and the altar. Say, "Spare Your People, O LORD, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, "Where is their God?" (Joel 2.17) Then the Lord will pity.

The Lord will restore the years the locusts have eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, God's great army which He sent. (Joel 2.25)

Call upon the Name of the Lord. (Joel 2.32) Learn from the lesson of the locust invasion. God will judge the nations. There will be those who escape.

The LORD roars from Zion and utters His Voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth tremble; but the LORD is a refuge for His people. And a stronghold to the sons of Israel. (Joel 3.16)



Jerusalem will be holy. And strangers will pass through it no more as God avenges His own for the violence against the children of Judah. (Joel 3.17ff) The Lion of Judah reigns in triumph. Never forget it!

Craighouse is a place where the LORD is a refuge for His people. At Craighouse we have been greatly blessed with a growing banner ministry thanks to Marie Stenmark. In fact I was greatly surprised a few weeks back when Marie presented MCM with a banner of the Lion of Judah reigning over the world. The background of this banner is blue. Marie definitely heard the Holy Spirit in supplying this banner, both as to its design and as to MCM's apostolic commission and anointing.

The anointing **Friday nights** is exciting and God gets all the glory for the healings, deliverance, salvations, and prophetic ministry happening. Be there! **7:30 p.m. "Who is Jesus Christ?"** led by Dr. Mary Craig is followed by exalted worship and ministry. This summer we are praying weekly for those who come, for income sources, leading of the Holy Spirit, and per your prayer requests.

Saturday, June 6th, 6:00 p.m., join us for our Saturday Summer Social—food, fellowship, and free prizes at our Christian fun version of Bingo (no gambling).

June 10-17 Wanda Barlow, Marcia Murray, and I go to **Iceland and Greenland** for our next mission trip. David and

Betty Patten will also travel to Iceland the end of this month to cross into the Arctic Circle. This mission involves more than the people groups in the region; it involves the planet. Iceland is the land of fire and ice. Geologic and weather conditions there affect the whole planet, the animals and the oceans. We go to release the glory of the Lord to cover the Earth and to release the prophetic word given for the region.

We've also added a **Saturday night social time—Kinetic Koinonia** with Steve Craig on bass. This will give time for Christian fellowship with worshipful music. 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday June 20th.

Our next **Barnabas Project Distribution** will be Saturday June 27th 10:00 a.m. until everything is gone, to be held at Worldwide Christian Center, 450 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach, FL. We're still collecting! We need children's clothing, toys, school supplies, household items, linens, clothing, etc. Items can be brought to Craighouse. Be a Barnabas and provide encouragement and hope to needy people in the South Florida area with us.

Regular schedule:



Sundays, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Grace!

Rev. Jim Craig, Senior Pastor

Communion served first Sunday of the month

Sunday, June 7, commissioning for MCM mission to Iceland and Greenland.



Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

“3.16: A Devotional Survey of the Bible”

A teaching on the whole counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation.

This month we begin covering Song of Solomon and the Major Prophets

With Dr. Mary Craig



Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

“Who Is Jesus Christ?”

The Truth that sets people free!

Worship & Ministry of Holy Spirit in activating gifts,
anointing, healing, & deliverance follow Bible study

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June 28-July 5 Iceland/Arctic Circle
David & Betty Patten



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Have any items to donate? Bring them to Craighouse before June 20th!



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