

THE YEAR AHEAD, DEUT. 11:10-12

INTRODUCTION: "TEMPS FUGIT."

COMPARISON OF THE YEAR BEFORE US WITH THE LAND BEFORE
THE ISRAELITES.

I. ITS INFINITE VARIETY, V.10

1. NOT LIKE THE LAND OF EGYPT.
2. NATURAL RAIN, NOT HUMAN IRRIGATION

3. A LAND OF HILLS AND VALLEYS, V.11

4. TIME'S TERRITORIES ARE DIFFERENT, V.10.

II. ITS CHALLENGING POSSIBILITIES, V.11

1. WHAT OUGHT YOU TO DO THIS YEAR?

- A. GOALS FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
- B. GOALS FOR YOUR FAMILY
- C. GOALS FOR YOUR CHURCH
- D. GOALS FOR YOUR WORK.

2. BY GOD'S GRACE AND HELP YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO.

III. ITS DIVINE SECURITY

1. GOD CARES FOR HIS LAND

"BLESSED WITH VICTORY AND PEACE, MAY THE HEAVEN-RESCUED LAND
PRAISE THE POWER THAT HATH MADE AND PRESERVED US A NATION."

"AMERICA FIRST, NOT ONLY IN THINGS MATERIAL,
BUT IN THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.

NOT MERELY IN SCIENCE, INVENTION, MOTORS, SKYSCRAPERS,
BUT ALSO IN IDEALS, PRINCIPLES, CHARACTER.
NOT MERELY IN THE CALM ASSERTION OF RIGHTS,
BUT IN THE GLAD ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES."

BRING ME MEN TO MATCH MY MOUNTAINS,
BRING ME MEN TO MATCH MY PLAINS,
MY PRAIRIES, MY FORESTS, MY VALLEYS.

BRING ME MEN TO MATCH MY RIVERS,
CONTINENT CLEAVERS, FLOWING FREE,
MEN OF OCEANIC IMPULSE,

MEN WHOSE MORAL CURRENTS SWEEP
TOWARDS THE WIDE-ENFOLDING OCEAN
OF AN UNDISCOVERED DEEP;
MEN WHO FEEL THE STRONG PULSATION,
OF THE CENTRAL SEA, AND THEN
TIME THEIR CURRENTS TO ITS EARTH THROB—
BRING ME MEN!

2. GOD CARES FOR THIS YEAR

3. GOD'S EYES ARE UPON YOUR LIFE.

4. THE CONDITION OF BLESSING

- A. OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS, V.13
- B. LOVE HIM, V.13
- C. SERVE HIM, V.13
- D. TAKE HEED AGAINST SELF DECEPTION, V.16

TRAVELLER'S PRAYER

FOR THE TRAVELLER WHO TRUSTS THE LORD OF THE ENCIRCLING YEARS,
IT WILL BE A JOURNEY GUIDED AND GUARDED BY INFINITE WISDOM AND LOVE
WE MAY FALTER, RETREAT, AND WEAKEN; TO FAIL THE LORD TO
HE WILL NEVER FAIL NOR GROW WEARY.

WE MUST

1. SHUT THE DOOR ON YESTERDAY'S FAILURES, YESTERDAY'S FEARS,
AND ON YESTERDAY'S SINS. EZEK. 44:2

2. OPEN THE DOOR FOR A NEW LEASE ON LIFE, REV. 3:8,20.

- A. FORGIVENESS
- B. FELLOWSHIP

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