

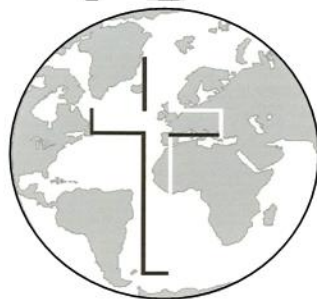
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PERILOUS TIMES

Twice, in the Greek New Testament, we find a word spelled in English, "**Chalepos**" and pronounced with an initial K as in Kalepos.

The first time is found in the Gospel of Matthew, where we read, "Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!": He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and waves obey him."

When he arrived at the other side of the region of the Gadarenes, two demon possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were **so violent, (Chalepos)** that no one could pass that way. What do you want with us, Son of God? They shouted "You come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs were feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go", so they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region. (Matthew 8:23-34).

Here in Matthew's account, demon possessed men are called **so violent** and in other translation **fierce**. This is a translation of the Greek word **Chalepos**, meaning violent. It is coupled with a modifier, "**exceeding fierce**". This term suggests more than violence, reaching even to the level of uncontrolled, raging and brutal insanity. Chalepos also carries the meaning of ferocity or viciousness indicating uncivilized behavior ranging all the way to savagery.

The second time the word Chalepos is used is in the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, we read, "But mark this: There will be **perilous (Chapelos)** times in the last days. (in other translation "**terrible times**)." People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desire, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth-men of depraved minds, who as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone." (2nd Timothy 3:1-9).

Here is the second use of **Chalepos**, its application is plain and simple, It sets the tone for a prophecy given by Paul in his final letter to Timothy, just before his death. It was written in a cold Roman cell, winter was coming, Paul had been convicted by Cesar, confined as the leader of an illegal Religion. Here we find the Greek word **Chalepos**, translated this time as **perilous**. As used in Matthew,

WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH YOUR MONEY?



This past November, United People in Christ celebrated its 15th Birthday, helping our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

Since its inception in 1998, and as of December 31, 2013, your donations have totaled \$433,660.07, of which we have distributed \$406,828.27 to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ living in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We continue to spend less than 10% of your donations on administrative operations. Your donations for the year ending December 31, 2013 totaled \$41,740.00.

At this time, I want to thank the United People in Christ board members who continue to donate their time, money and talent to help me through the years. I want to give, however, special thanks to YOU, each and everyone of you who donated money through the years helping us to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. I want to thank a very special couple, **Esther and Jonathan Phelps**, who continue to donate \$1,000.00 per month to UPIC and have done so faithfully for many years. May the Lord Bless them both and their family and give them all his abundance.

THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS IN 2013 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

EGYPT:		
Via Bishop Tadros for the poor & needy Christians of Port Saaid		\$2,000.00
Via Coptic Care		2,000.00
Via H.O.P.E.		4,000.00
Roads to Success		1,000.00
Coptic Orphans		500.00
Archangel Michael Coptic Care		<u>500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$10,000.00
IRAQ:		
Via St. Peter & Paul Good Samaritan Relief Fund (Father Edward Hanna)		\$2,000.00
Via St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Bishop Ibrahim Ibrahim)		<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,000.00
ISRAEL:		
Via House of Grace, Haifa		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,000.00
LEBANON:		
Convent of our Lady of Kaftoon		\$1,000.00
House of the Elders		<u>3,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,000.00
PALESTINE: (WEST BANK)		
Via Bethlehem Association		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,000.00
SYRIA:		
Via International Christian Outreach Fund Relief		\$23,400.00
	TOTAL	\$23,400.00

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2013—\$44,400.00

UNITED PEOPLE IN CHRIST, INC.

2014 Spring



TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

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I am deeply grateful for all of our friends who helped support our cause last year.

The 2013 UPIC picnic generated \$4,690.00 and the October dinner generated \$6,385.00!

If you need a copy of our financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2013, please stop by our office to pick one up or call us to mail or fax one to you.

I am indebted to Janet Williamson for the Preparation and editing of this newsletter.

You can now read this UPIC newsletter and our previous newsletters by visiting our website at: Unitedpeopleinchrist.org

If your address has changed, if you would like us to correct the spelling of your name, if you would like us to mail our free newsletter to any of your relatives or friends, if you are receiving more than one copy of this newsletter at the same address, or you want us to remove your name from our mailing list, please call us, write us or send a note by fax. We thank you and ask the Lord to bless you always.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014 1:30 P.M. SANLANDO PARK, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

TICKET ORDER FORM: Name: _____
Address: _____

Number of Adult Tickets: _____ @ \$15.00 ea. \$ _____ (\$20.00 at gate)

Number of Child Tickets: _____ @ \$ 8.00 ea. \$ _____ (\$10.00 at gate)

Gift to UPIC Mission \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Send TOTAL amount to United People in Christ at 789 Douglas Avenue, Suite 137, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Tickets will be mailed to your address above. ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 25, 2014.**

We have a special need: If you have any items that you could donate for our raffles, **please check this box** () and we will contact you. All donations are tax deductible. **UPIC** thanks those who have already donated such items as wine sets, gift certificates, paintings and other treasures. For further information call Dr. Habib at 407-862-0107.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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It described the action of men possessed by demons, they were out of their minds, uncontrollable and so violent and here in Paul's word of prophecy to Timothy, we find exactly the same meaning. This time, however, it was not merely applied to two men on the eastern shore of the Sea of Gallilee, but to the entire world. Paul envisions the world of the last days he sees that it is characterized by the same insanity.

The past 2,000 years have brought a cascade of narcissistic, vain, sick, blasphemous, criminal individuals to leadership in every country of the world, and though the last three or four centuries have brought enlightenment to the west, darkness is quickly closing in upon the last vestige of Christian influence. The world is currently going mad in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Venezuela, Central Africa, Congo and Crimea. But the ultimate insanity is taking place in the Middle East and in what is described as the "Arab Spring" starting in early 2011 in Tunisia and spreading later on to Egypt, Yamen, Bahrain, Libya, Syria Iraq and recently to Lebanon. What they call an Arabic Spring some call Arabic Winter, Arabic Fall, Arabic Freeze or Arabic destruction, but the best description in my opinion is Arabic Insanity, manifested by killing, destruction and stealing, and will be followed soon by famine and pestilence.

Out of 350 million Muslims Arabs, only 4% are Christian Arabs and of course they have been enjoying the Arab Spring the most. They destroyed their homes and businesses, stole their money, burned their Churches, broke their crosses, kidnapped their children, raped their women, forced them to leave their homes and if they stayed, pay the alms (religion tax). Many Christian towns and cities emptied completely of their Christian inhabitants, such as Maloolo, Sadad and recently Yabrod and Kasab.

This Arabic Spring is just a season for dividing each country apart, poisoning relations, killing as many civilians as possible, and spreading destruction, violence, hatred and racism. It is a season of beheading, opening chest cavities, eating hearts and livers and digging the dead out of their graves. If this is not insanity, I do not know what insanity is.

In our Christmas 2013 newsletter, I reported on the progress of Democracy in Syria, now allow me to report briefly on what the "Arabic Spring" has done over the past three years to Syria and to the Christians of Syria. The whole country is in ruins, out of 22 million Syrian, 11 million are now refugees, 5 million of them out of Syria, 6 million are displaced inside of the country itself; 5 million of the refugees are children, 3 million of them are suffering from severe mental/or psychiatric disorders. As for the Syrian Christians, five hundred thousand of them left the country (25% of the Christian population), thirty thousand killed, 30 thousand kidnapped or missing, two Bishops, several Priests and 13 Nuns kidnapped (the Nuns were released in March after paying ransom and freeing 150 women prisoners), 95 Churches destroyed. The last two in Yabrod, one from the 3rd, second from the 4th century, 25 towns emptied from their Christian inhabitants, including Maloolo, the only town on the face of the earth where its people still speak the language of Christ, Sadad mentioned in the book of Numbers and the Book of Ezekial and Kasab, the only Christian Armenian city in the Middle East. The best yet is the re-institution of the Jessia (religion tax) on the Christians of Alrakka, 17 grams of gold per person, per year, to keep their Faith or put to death by beheading.

I do believe that we are living in the beginning of the perilous times of the last days, prophesized by Paul in his second letter to Timothy, it is times of persecution, destruction, killing, stealing, brutality, violence and hatred, but do not be afraid and, you do need to remember what I cited from the Gospel of Matthew in the beginning of this writing, when the disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us, we are going to drown" and what was his reply, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid. He rebuked the winds and waves and it was completely calm." Do not be afraid. He is in control.

Wishing each and everyone of you a joyous and happy 2014 Resurrection!

Amid Habib, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY IN SYRIA, IRAQ AND EGYPT ARE NOT ONLY ENDURING PERSECUTION, BUT ALSO VERY HARD AND HARSH ECONOMICAL TIMES. THIS EASTER SEASON, I AM ASKING YOU TO HELP US IN HELPING THEM BY SENDING YOUR GENEROUS TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS IN THE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

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UPIC Picnic and Annual Banquet

The Spring UPIC Picnic

will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.
at Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs, Florida.
Please mark your calendar.

The Fall UPIC Banquet

will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
The location will be announced later.
Please mark your calendar.

All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds will go to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Habib's office at 407-862-0107.