

“Here Be Giants”

An interesting map is on display in the British Museum in London. It's an old mariner's chart, drawn in 1525, outlining the North American coastline and adjacent waters.

The cartographer made some intriguing notations on areas of the map that represented regions not yet explored. He wrote: “Here be giants,” “Here be fiery scorpions,” and “Here be dragons.”

Eventually, the map came into the possession of Sir John Franklin, a British explorer in the early 1800s. Scratching out the fearful inscriptions, he wrote these words across the map: **“Here Is God.”**

Do we today sometimes respond to “the unknown” like that ancient mariner? As we pass through difficult and frightening situations, we may feel as though we are being threatened by the “giants” of fear, the “scorpions” of pain, or the “dragons” of discouragement.

But as God's children, we can find great comfort and courage in knowing that wherever we go and in whatever situation we may find ourselves, God is with us.

Wherever we are, we can joyfully exclaim, **“Here Is God!”**

--Beecher Hunter