SEQUENCE OF THE MILLENNIUM

— - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

<u>This is the time when perfect righteousness and justice is introduced to a world that has been under the</u> <u>bondage of sin from it's beginning</u>. It <u>is the time of liberation of all things created</u>. A day known only to the Lord, the day God becomes known to all mankind.

<u>The Battle of Armageddon is over, the enemy has been conquered and Satan has been bound and sealed out of reach of mankind on earth</u>. <u>Satan's influence in the affairs of man has been suspended</u>. <u>The day of rest has come and will soon be fully established</u>. <u>The Lord is ready to take His rightful place on the throne of His Kingdom</u>.

As the Lord begins setting up His Kingdom, <u>there is a lot of work to be done</u>. <u>The earth must be cleaned up, all</u> <u>offensive programs must be changed, all offensive personnel must be replaced in the governments of the earth</u>. <u>All</u> wickedness and evil must be rewarded and removed if there is to be universal peace. *All this work is before Him*.

- THE KING COMES TO HIS TEMPLE -

Behold I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And <u>the Lord, whom you seek, shall</u> <u>suddenly come to His temple</u>, <u>even the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight</u>. Behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? He is like a refiners fire and like fuller's soap. He shall sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them like gold and like silver that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years. <u>I will come near you for judgment</u>. <u>I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against perjurers, against those who take advantage of wage earners and widows and the fatherless, and against those who turn away the alien from his right, and those who do not fear Me, says the Lord of hosts</u>. Malachi 3:1-5

- Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye shall see Him including those who pierced Him. And <u>all the peoples of the earth shall mourn because of Him</u>. So shall it be! Amen. Revelation 1:7
- THE LORD SHALL ROAR FROM ZION, AND UTTER HIS VOICE FROM JERUSALEM. The heavens and earth shall shake. But the Lord shall be a refuge for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

SO YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, DWELLING IN ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN. THEN JERUSALEM SHALL BE HOLY, and never again shall strangers pass through her. Joel 3:16-17

☆ THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM. Habakkuk 2:20

- HIS WORK IS BEFORE OF HIM -

You who bring good tidings to Zion, get up into the high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, "BEHOLD YOUR GOD!" Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand and His arm shall rule for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and HIS WORK BEFORE HIM. He will feed His flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and He shall gently lead those who are with young. Isaiah 40:9-11

Behold the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: Say to the daughter of Zion, Your salvation is coming. Behold, His reward is with Him, and <u>HIS WORK BEFORE HIM</u>. And they shall call them the Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord. And you shall be called, `Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.' Isaiah 62:11-12

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

<u>The Judgment Seat of Christ</u> is the first order of business for the Kingdom of God, when Jesus comes, bringing His rewards with Him, it will not be for the Saints alone, but <u>for both the good and the bad</u>. Everyone will receive their just and right reward for what they had done while in their mortal body, <u>ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS</u>. <u>The Saints</u> will be assigned their place in the Kingdom of God; the wicked, their place in eternal torment where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- ✤ We must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ so every one may receive his reward for the things he did while in his body whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Why do you judge your brother? Why do you despise your brother? We shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:10-12

TIME TO JUDGE THE DEAD AND - REWARD THE PROPHETS & SAINTS -

- The twenty four elders, who sat before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God saying: "WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO IS, AND WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR GREAT POWER AND REIGNED.
 THE NATIONS WERE ANGRY AND YOUR WRATH HAS COME, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD THAT THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED; AND THAT YOU SHOULD GIVE REWARDS TO YOUR SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, TO THE SAINTS AND TO THOSE WHO FEAR YOUR NAME, SMALL AND GREAT, AND THAT YOU SHOULD DESTROY THOSE WHO DESTROY THE EARTH." Revelation 11:16-18
- ✤ For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His Angels, then <u>He shall reward every man</u> <u>according to his works</u>. Matthew 16:27
- Behold! I am coming quickly, and <u>my reward is with me, to give to every man according to his works</u>. Revelation 22:12
- For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man shall also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38
- ✤ Whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in the glory of His Father, and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26

- EARTH PURGED OF ALL THAT OFFENDS GOD -PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Forgiveness is based on repentance, with the blood of the innocent covering the sin of the guilty. This is the theme of the Bible from cover to cover.

However, when the time comes to purge the earth, the time of repentance is past. It will be too late to avail yourself of the grace and mercy God offered through Jesus. Consider your latter end and make your decision now to take advantage of God's provision while it is still available.

The first order of business, **when Jesus is seated on the throne of His Glory**, is to **purge the earth of all that** <u>offends God</u> (this is the fulfillment of Malachi 3:18). Here we truly discern between the righteous and the wicked, between the one who serves God and the one who does not serve Him. <u>At this time</u>, <u>all those who had put off their</u> <u>decision to follow God will find it is now</u> <u>TOO LATE</u>. The time of grace has now ended and the time of accountability has come. Oh to be found faithful!

It is written of Satan, embodied in the Antichrist:

But <u>the Judgment (court) shall sit and they shall take away his dominion, to consume it, and destroy it</u> <u>until the end</u>. Daniel 7:26

This concludes the dominion of the Antichrist, where his kingdom is forever destroyed. There will be no more rebellion until the end when Satan is released the last time to call the last mortals to make a decision for or against God.

To demonstrate the severity of the purge that takes place at the Judgment Seat of Christ, the prophets said, "Who will survive the day of His coming?"

- **Who will survive the day of his coming**?
- ♦ Who will stand when he appears?
- **For he is like a refiner's fire, and like a fuller's soap**.
- ♦ <u>He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver</u>.
- ♦ He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them like gold and like silver.
- ♦ <u>He is coming for judgment, He will be a swift witness against the wicked</u>.

Summary of Malachi 3:1-5

- Behold! The day is coming that shall burn like an oven. <u>All the proud, yes and all that do wickedly, shall be</u>
 <u>stubble</u>. <u>The day that comes shall burn them up</u>, says the Lord of hosts, it shall leave them neither root nor branch. Malachi 4:1
- For the terrible one is brought to naught, the scorner is consumed, and all who delight in evil are cut off;
 who with a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him that upholds justice in the gate, and push aside the innocent with false testimony. Isaiah 29:20-21
- The Lord says, <u>wait upon Me until the day that I rise up to the prey</u>. <u>My determination is to gather the</u> <u>nations that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them My indignation, even all My fierce anger</u>. All the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy. Then I will give to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the Name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. Zephaniah 3:8-9
- In that day, you sons of Jacob, shall return to Israel, and discern the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between the ones that serve God and the ones that do not serve God. Malachi 3:18

THE SOUL THAT SINS SHALL DIE

God's warning has always been to call us to repentance so that we might live, and that good advise holds true until the day of Judgment at the Judgment Seat of Christ. At that time it will be too late to repent because it will be the day of accountability judgment and reward.

The Word of the Lord came to me again saying, "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, says the Lord God, you shall no longer have occasion to use this proverb in Israel. <u>Behold, all souls are Mine</u>. The soul of the father and also the soul of the son is Mine, <u>THE SOUL THAT</u> <u>SINS IS THE ONE WHO SHALL DIE</u>.

But **IF A MAN IS JUST AND DOES WHAT IS LAWFUL AND RIGHT**; if he has not eaten on the mountains, nor raised his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiled his neighbor's wife, nor approached a woman during her menstrual period; if he has not oppressed anyone, but has returned to the debtor what he had taken in pledge for a loan, if he has robbed no one by violence, but has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with clothing; if he has not charged interest on what he lends nor taken any increase, if he has abstained his hand from iniquity, if he has executed true judgment between man and man; if he has walked in My statutes and has kept My judgments faithfully so that he deals truly; he is just, **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE**, says the Lord God.

If he begets <u>A SON WHO IS A ROBBER, A SHEDDER OF BLOOD, WHO DOES ACCORDING TO</u> <u>ANY OF THESE EVIL THINGS AND DOES NONE OF THOSE DUTIES</u>, but has eaten on the mountains, has defiled his neighbor's wife; if he has oppressed the poor and needy, has robbed by violence, has not restored the pledge, has raised his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination, if he has charged interest or has taken increase, shall he then live? He shall not live. He has done all of these abominations, <u>HE SHALL SURELY DIE</u>, and <u>HIS BLOOD SHALL BE UPON HIM</u>.

"However if, he begets A SON WHO SEES ALL THE SINS WHICH HIS FATHER HAS DONE, AND

CONSIDERS BUT DOES NOT DO ACCORDINGLY and has not eaten on the mountains, has not raised his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbors wife, has not oppressed anyone, has not withheld a pledge, has not robbed by violence, but has given his bread to the hungry and covered the naked with clothing; he has restrained his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, he has executed My judgments, he has walked in My statutes. **HE SHALL NOT DIE FOR THE INIOUITY OF HIS**

FATHER, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE.

<u>As for his father</u>, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, <u>BEHOLD, HE SHALL DIE FOR HIS INIQUITY</u>.

Yet you say, Why does the son not bear the guilt of the father? <u>Since the son has done what is lawful and</u> right, and has kept all My statutes and done them, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE.

<u>THE SOUL THAT SINS, IS THE SOUL THAT SHALL DIE</u>. The son shall not bear the sin of the father, nor shall the father bear the sin of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

But if a wicked man will turn from all his sins that he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, HE SHALL NOT DIE. None of the transgressions he has committed shall be remembered against him. BECAUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT HE HAS DONE, HE SHALL LIVE.

DO I HAVE ANY PLEASURE AT ALL THAT THE WICKED SHOULD DIE, says the Lord God, AND NOT THAT HE SHOULD RETURN FROM HIS WAYS AND LIVE?

But **when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity**, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of the righteous things that he has done shall be remembered. **BECAUSE OF THE INIQUITY THAT HE HAS DONE, AND BECAUSE OF THE SIN WHICH HE HAS COMMITTED, BECAUSE OF THEM HE SHALL DIE**.

Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair and just. Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not that My way is fair, and your ways are unfair?

<u>When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it; it is because of the iniquity he has committed that he shall die</u>.

Again, when a <u>wicked man turns from the wickedness that he committed, and does what is lawful and</u> <u>right, he shall save his soul alive</u>. <u>Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions that he</u> <u>has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die</u>.

Yet the House of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not fair. O house of Israel, are not My ways fair, and are not your ways unfair? Therefore, <u>I will judge you, O House of Israel, everyone according to his ways</u>, says the Lord God.

REPENT, and turn from all your transgressions so iniquity will not be your ruin.Cast all thetransgressions which you have committed away from yourselves, and make yourselves a new heart and a newspirit. FOR WHY SHOULD YOU DIE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL? I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEDEATH OF ONE WHO DIES, SAYS THE LORD GOD.THEREFORE, TURN YOURSELVES(REPENT) AND LIVE!!!Ezekiel 18:1-32

 Say to them: <u>AS I LIVE</u>, says the Lord God, <u>I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE</u> <u>WICKED, BUT RATHER THAT THE WICKED TURN FROM THEIR WAYS AND LIVE</u>. <u>TURN!</u> <u>TURN FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS!</u> <u>FOR WHY SHOULD YOU DIE, O House of Israel</u>?

Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: <u>The righteousness of the righteous man</u> shall not save him in the day of his transgression (when he sins); as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he repents (turns from his wickedness). Nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.

When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, then trusting in his own righteousness he commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.

Again, when I say to the wicked, you shall surely die, if he turns from his sin and does that which is lawful and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back that which he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live and shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him since he has done what is lawful and right, he shall surely live.

Yet the children of your people say, the way of the Lord is not fair. But as for them, it is their way that is not fair!

WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS TURNS FROM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND COMMITS INIQUITY, HE SHALL DIE BECAUSE OF IT. BUT IF THE WICKED SHALL TURN FROM HIS WICKEDNESS AND SHALL DO THAT WHICH IS LAWFUL AND RIGHT, HE SHALL LIVE BECAUSE OF IT. Yet you say, the way of the Lord is not fair. O House of Israel, I WILL JUDGE EVERY ONE OF YOU ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WAYS. Ezekiel 33:11-20

TRANSGRESSORS AND SINNERS

Therefore, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: "Ah, I will appease Myself on My adversaries and I will avenge Myself on My enemies. <u>I WILL TURN MY HAND UPON YOU, AND TOTALLY PURGE AWAY YOUR DROSS, AND TAKE AWAY ALL YOUR TIN (IMPURITIES).</u>

I will restore your judges, as it was at the first, and your counselors, as it was at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called "the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City." Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness.

TRANSGRESSORS AND SINNERS SHALL BE DESTROYED TOGETHER, AND THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE LORD SHALL BE CONSUMED. You shall be ashamed of the terebinths (sacred oak trees) that you have desired. And you shall be ashamed because of the gardens which you have chosen. For you shall be like an oak tree whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water. The strong shall be like tinder, and his work like a spark. Both will burn together, and no one shall quench them. Isaiah 1:24-31

THE SLAIN OF THE LORD WILL BE MANY

The hand of the Lord shall be revealed to His servants, and His indignation to His enemies. For behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword the Lord will plead with all flesh, and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

Those who sanctify and purify themselves, to go into the gardens, following after one in the midst, eating the flesh of swine, of the abomination (the reptile) and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says the Lord. For I know their works and their thoughts.

The time shall come that I shall gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them. <u>Those among them who escape</u> I will send to the nations, to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow; and to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And <u>they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles</u>. Isaiah 66:14b-19

VALLEY OF DECISION

☆ Let the nations be wakened and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. For there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come on down, for the winepress is full, the vats overflow, their wickedness is great. <u>Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, for the Day of the Lord is near in the</u> valley of decision. Joel 3:12-14

REBELS PURGED OUT FROM AMONG YOU

As I live, says the Lord God, Surely I will reign over you with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

With a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered. And, <u>I will bring you into the wilderness of the</u> <u>peoples</u>. <u>There I will enter into judgment with you face to face</u>. Just like I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, thus I will plead My case with you, says the Lord God. <u>I will</u> <u>make you pass under the rod and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant</u>.

I WILL PURGE OUT FROM AMONG YOU THOSE WHO REBEL AND THOSE WHO

TRANSGRESS AGAINST ME. I will bring them out of the country where they sojourn, but THEY SHALL NOT ENTER THE LAND OF ISRAEL. THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD. Ezekiel 20:33-38

JUDGMENT BEGINS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

God instructed the angels, those sent to purge Jerusalem, to "Begin at My sanctuary" (Ezekiel 9:6c). Then in his letter, Peter confirms this concept:

For the time has come that judgment must begin at the House of God. If it first begins with us, what shall be the end of them that do not obey the gospel of God? If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? 1 Peter 4:17-18

JOHN THE BAPTIST ALSO SPOKE OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that comes after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. <u>His fan is in His hand, and He shall thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the storehouse</u>. <u>He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire</u>." Matthew 3:11-12 (also see Luke 3:16-17)
- The ax is already at the root of the trees. Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Luke 3:9 (also see Matthew 3:10)

JESUS, HIS TEACHINGS & PARABLES

***** SHEEP AND GOATS

WHEN THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME IN HIS GLORY, and all the holy angels with Him, then HE SHALL SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and HE WILL SEPARATE THEM (the people) ONE FROM ANOTHER, LIKE A SHEPHERD SEPARATES HIS SHEEP FROM THE GOATS. He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on His left.

<u>Then the King shall say to those on His right, COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER,</u> <u>INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD</u>. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.

Then the righteous will answer Him saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry and fed You, or thirsty and gave You drink? When did we see You a stranger and took You in, or naked and clothed You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to You?

And the King will answer and say to them, Truly, I say to you, to the same extent as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

Then He shall say to those on His left, DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO ARE CURSED, INTO

EVERLASTING FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.

Then they also will answer Him saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?

Then He will answer them saying, truly, I say to you, to the same extent as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.

AND THESE WILL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE. Matthew 25:31-46

The **<u>parables of the Kingdom of Heaven</u>** harmonize with the <u>Millennial Reign</u> in all their descriptions, especially when the explanation is given in the scriptures by the Lord Jesus Himself.

✤ PARABLE OF THE TARES

Another parable He put forth to them saying:

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares (weeds) among the wheat and went his way. But when the plants had sprouted and formed heads, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where then did the tares come from?

He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Do you want us then to go and gather them up? He said to them, No, lest while you gather up the tares you might also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and <u>at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather together</u> the tares first and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:24-30

PARABLE OF THE TARES EXPLAINED

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. Answering, He said to them,

- > THE ONE WHO SOWS THE GOOD SEED IS THE SON OF MAN.
- > THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.
- > THE GOOD SEED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM.
- > THE TARES ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE.
- > THE ENEMY THAT SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL.
- > THE HARVEST IS THE END OF THE WORLD.
- > AND THE REAPERS ARE THE ANGELS.

Therefore, just as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, <u>IT SHALL BE THE SAME AT THE END</u> <u>OF THIS WORLD</u>. <u>THE SON OF MAN SHALL SEND FORTH HIS ANGELS, AND THEY SHALL</u> <u>GATHER OUT OF HIS KINGDOM ALL THINGS THAT OFFEND, AND ALL THOSE THAT</u>

PRACTICE INIQUITY, AND SHALL CAST THEM INTO A FURNACE OF FIRE. THERE SHALL BE WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

THEN THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. He that has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 13:36-43

When Jesus says "<u>He that has ears to hear, let him hear'' He is speaking to the wise who seek understanding</u>, allowing the wicked to ignore the teaching.

"None of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10

For <u>the Kingdom of Heaven is like</u> a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered to them his goods. To one he gave <u>five talents</u>, to another <u>two</u>, to another <u>one</u>, each received according to his own ability; and immediately he went on his journey.

He who had received the <u>five talents</u> went and traded with them, and he gained another five talents. Likewise he who had received <u>two</u>, he also gained another two talents. But he who had received <u>one</u> talent went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. The man who had received <u>five talents</u> came and brought another five talents also saying, Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Look, I have gained five talents more besides them.

His lord said to him, <u>Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will</u> make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

He also who had received <u>two talents</u> came and said, Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Look, I have gained two talents more besides them.

His lord said to him, <u>Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will</u> <u>make you ruler over many things</u>. <u>Enter into the joy of your lord</u>.

Then he who had received the <u>one talent</u> came and said, Lord, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.

But his lord answered and said to him, <u>You wicked and lazy servant</u>. You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. Therefore, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

Take the talent from him, and give it to the one who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance. But from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

<u>Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness</u>. <u>There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth</u>.</u> Matthew 25:14-30

✤ THE FAITHFUL SERVANT AND THE WICKED SERVANT

"Who then is the <u>faithful and wise servant</u>, whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them their food in due season? <u>Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing</u>." <u>Truly, I say</u> to you that He will make him ruler over all his goods.

But if <u>that evil servant</u> shall say in his heart, "<u>My Lord is delaying his coming," and begins to beat his</u> <u>fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards</u>, the Lord of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and <u>appoint him his</u> <u>portion with the hypocrites</u>. <u>There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth</u>. Matthew 24:45-51

Let your loins be ready and your lights burning. And you yourselves, <u>be like men that wait for their Lord</u>
 <u>when He will return from the wedding</u>; that when He comes and knocks, they may open to Him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord shall find watching when He comes. Certainly, I say to you that He shall gird Himself and cause them to sit down to eat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants.

But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Then Peter said to Him, Lord, do you speak this parable only to us, or does it apply to all people?

The Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over His house hold, to give them their portion of food at the right time? <u>Blessed is that servant whom his Lord shall find so</u> doing when He comes. Truly, I say to you that He will make him ruler over all that He has.

But **if that servant shall say in his heart, My Lord is delaying His coming,' and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink and be drunken**, the Lord of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for Him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and **appoint him his portion with the unbelievers**.

That servant who knew his Lord's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. However, he who did not know, but committed things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For whoever is given much, from him much shall be required, and whoever has been entrusted with much, from him they will ask the more. Luke 12:35-48

PARABLE OF THE NET CAST INTO THE SEA

Again, the <u>kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea</u>, and gathered every kind of fish. When it was full, they drew it to shore; and they sat down and placed the good fish into vessels, but they <u>threw the bad fish away</u>. Matthew 13:47-48

✤ PARABLE OF THE NET CAST INTO THE SEA EXPLAINED

IT SHALL BE THE SAME AT THE END OF THE WORLD, THE ANGELS SHALL COME FORTH AND SEPARATE THE WICKED FROM AMONG THE JUST, AND SHALL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE. THERE SHALL BE WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. Matthew 13:49-50

TWO WAYS - WIDE & NARROW -

Enter in through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the way is broad (and easy) that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in through it. But <u>the gate is narrow and the way is difficult that leads to life, and</u> <u>there are few who find it</u>.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men harvest grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore **YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS**.

NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD', SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT ONLY HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and in Your Name cast out demons, and in Your Name done many miracles?" Then I will declare to them, I NEVER KNEW YOU, DEPART FROM ME, YOU THAT PERFORM INIQUITY (LAWLESSNESS, WICKEDNESS, SIN, EVIL). Matthew 7:13-23

✤ ARE THERE FEW THAT WILL BE SAVED?

Someone asked him, "Lord, are there few that will be saved?" He said to them, "Endeavor to enter in at the narrow gate, for I tell you, many will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you will be standing outside and begin to knock at the door, saying Lord, Lord, open to us; He will say to you, I don't know you or where you come from: Then you will begin saying, We ate and drank in your presence, and you have taught in our streets.

But he will say, I tell you I do not know who you are or where you come from, **DEPART FROM ME ALL** <u>YOU WORKERS OF INIQUITY</u>.

THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH, WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM, AND ISAAC, AND JACOB, AND ALL THE PROPHETS, IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND YOU YOURSELVES THRUST OUT.

<u>They shall come from the east, the west, the north, and the south and shall sit down in the kingdom of</u> God.

Behold! There are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last." Luke 13:23-30

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET * ONE WITHOUT THE WEDDING GARMENT

 Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said, "<u>The kingdom of heaven is like</u> a certain <u>king</u> <u>who made a marriage (marriage feast) for his son</u>. He sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants saying, Tell those that were invited, "<u>Behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oven and fattened cattle are killed, and all things are ready</u>.

<u>Come to the wedding</u>." But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

When the king heard about it, he was enraged. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Then he said to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways and everyone you find, invite to the wedding. So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together everyone they found, both bad and good. And the wedding was filled with guests.

When the king came in to see the guests, <u>he saw a man was there who was not wearing a wedding garment</u>. So he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:1-14

✤ NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

The fact remains, **the wages of sin is death**. The one who sins will die. This cannot be changed, it is a law set by God Almighty. However, in His great love and mercy, God has provided the remedy that becomes available to the sinner based on his decision to repent. The death of an acceptable substitute is sufficient to satisfy the death requirement. Doing what man cannot do, God Himself provided the acceptable substitute in the person of Jesus. The seriousness of the death penalty shows the importance of a persons attitude and choices. The bond between Repentance and Grace is shown in Peter's message to the people in the Temple:

- Repent therefore, and turn to God, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19
- We mention you with pride among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure. <u>This is true evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be</u> <u>counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer</u>. 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5
- It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation to those who trouble you, and to give rest with us to you who are troubled, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance upon those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 THEY SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER on the day when He comes, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
 Thessalonians 1:6-10
- Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these men saying, "<u>BEHOLD, THE LORD IS</u>
 <u>COMING WITH TEN THOUSANDS OF HIS SAINTS TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT ON ALL</u>, and to convict all who are ungodly among them of all the ungodly deeds that they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh words which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. Jude 1:14-15
- Judge nothing before the time, <u>until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will expose and make discernible the thoughts and motives of the heart</u>. Then every man shall receive praise from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5
- I charge you therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, <u>Who shall judge the living and the dead, AT</u> <u>HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM</u>. 2 Timothy 4:1

TWO-THIRDS OF ISRAEL WILL BE CUT OFF AND DIE

In that day a fountain shall be opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

In that day, says the Lord of Hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land and they shall never more be remembered. I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirits from the land. If anyone still prophesies after that, his father and mother who brought him into the world will say to him, "You shall not live, because you speak lies in the name of the Lord." And his own father and mother who brought him into the world, shall put him to death when he prophesies.

<u>In that day</u>, every prophet shall be ashamed of the vision he had when he prophesied. He shall not wear a prophet's garment of coarse hair to deceive. He shall say, "I am not a prophet, I am a farmer, I have been a tiller of the soil from my youth."

Someone will say to Him, "What are these wounds in your hands (on your body)?" Then He will answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the man who is My companion, says the Lord of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. [see Matthew 26:31 and Mark 14:27] Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

It shall come to pass in all the land, says the Lord, that <u>two thirds in it shall be cut off and die, and one third</u> <u>in it shall survive</u>.

<u>I will bring the one third through the fire, I will refine them like silver is refined, and I will test them like gold is tested</u>.

They will call on My Name, and I will answer them. I will say, "These are My people." And they shall say, "The Lord is our God." Zechariah 13:1-9

FATE OF FALSE PROPHETS

☆ My heart is broken within me because of the prophets. All my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine because of the Lord, and because of His holy words.

Because the land is full of adulterers, the land mourns under the curse. The pleasant pastures of the wilderness are dried up.

<u>The prophets follow an evil course and they misuse their power</u>. For <u>both prophet and priest are</u> profane. Yes, I have seen their wickedness in My house, says the Lord.

Therefore, their way shall be like slippery ways in the darkness to them. They shall be driven on and fall in them. For <u>I will bring disaster upon them</u>, it will be the year of their punishment, says the Lord.

I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria. <u>They prophesied by Baal and caused My people, Israel, to</u> <u>err</u>. <u>I have also seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem</u>. <u>They commit adultery and walk in lies</u>. <u>They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness</u>. To Me they are all of them Sodom, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah.

Therefore, thus says the Lord of Hosts <u>concerning the prophets</u>: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood and make them drink the water of gall. Because profaneness has gone out into all the land from the prophets of Jerusalem.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They are deceiving you with false hopes. They tell visions out of their own hearts, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

<u>They still say to them that despise me, The Lord has said you shall have peace</u>. <u>And to everyone that</u> walks after the imagination of his own heart, they say, No evil shall come upon you."

<u>Who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has heard and perceived His word?</u> <u>Who has marked His</u> <u>Word and heard it</u>?

Behold a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury, a grievous whirlwind: It shall fall violently upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return until He has accomplished, and until He has performed the thoughts of His heart: **In the latter days you will consider it perfectly**.

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

IF THEY HAD STOOD IN MY COUNSEL, AND HAD CAUSED MY PEOPLE TO HEAR MY WORDS, THEY SHOULD HAVE TURNED THEM FROM THEIR EVIL WAYS, AND FROM THE EVIL OF THEIR DOINGS.

Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places so I cannot see him, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth, says the Lord.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My Name saying, "I have dreamed."

How long shall this continue in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? They are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. They think they will make My people forget My Name by their dreams which they all tell each other, just like their fathers forgot My Name in preference of Baal.

The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream, and <u>he that has My Word, let him speak My Word</u> <u>faithfully</u>. What is the chaff to the wheat? says the Lord. Is not My Word like a fire? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Therefore says the Lord, **Behold I am against the prophets who steal My words from one another**.

The Lord says, Behold, I am against the prophets that use their tongues and say, "He says."

The Lord says, <u>Behold, I am against those that prophecy false dreams and tell them, and cause my people</u> to err by their lies, and by their lightness. Yet, I did not send them nor command them. Therefore, they shall not profit this people at all, says the Lord. So when this people, or the prophet, or a priest shall ask you saying, "What is the burden of the Lord?" You shall then say to them, "What is the burden? I will cast you off," says the Lord. As for the prophet and priest and the people that say, "The burden of the Lord!" I will even punish that man and his household.

This is what you shall say to one another, to friend or relative, "What has the Lord answered?" and "What has the Lord spoken?"

But the burden of the Lord you shall mention no more. For every man's own word shall be his own burden for you have perverted the words of the Living God, the Lord of Hosts, our God.

This is what you shall say to the prophet, "What has the Lord answered you?" And, "What has the Lord spoken?"

But since you say, "The burden of the Lord." Therefore, thus says the Lord: Because you say this word, "The burden of the Lord," and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, "The burden of the Lord!" Therefore

behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers. I will cast you out of My presence, and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, a perpetual shame that shall not be forgotten. Jeremiah 23:9-40

A MAN'S PRIORITIES DETERMINE HIS REWARD

- Then Jesus said to His disciples: If any man desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever struggles to save his life shall lose it, And whoever is willing to lose his life for My sake, shall find it. What profit is it for a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His Angels, then He shall reward every man according to his works. Matthew 16:24-27
- Then He said to them all: If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever struggles to save his life will lose it, but whoever is willing to lose his life for My sake, will save it.

What advantage is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or cast away? <u>For</u> <u>whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him also the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in</u> <u>His own glory, and in the glory of His Father, and of the holy angels</u>. Luke 9:23-26

TEMPTATIONS MUST COME TO TEST US ALL

- ✤ Woe to the world because of offenses (things that influence people to sin)! For it is necessary for offenses to come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes. Matthew 18:7
- Then Jesus said to His disciples: <u>It is impossible for no offenses to come, but woe to him through whom they come</u>! It would be better for him if a mill stone were hung around his neck, and he were cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones (cause one of these little ones to sin). Luke 17:1-2

EVERYONE WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS

Therefore, you are without excuse, O man, whoever you are who pass judgment on someone else. In the thing for which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you do the same things yourself that you judge the other for. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to the truth against them that commit such things.

Do you think, O man, you who judge others that do such things and yet you do the same things yourself, do you think you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and long-suffering not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

But <u>after your hard and impenitent heart, you treasure up wrath for yourself against the day of wrath</u> <u>and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, Who will give to every man according to his deeds</u>. Romans 2:3-6

ISRAEL WILL BE PURGED

The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness has seized the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? Isaiah 33:14

☆ A pronouncement: <u>The Word of the Lord against Israel</u>. The Lord, Who stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him says, Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the surrounding people round about, when all the nations of the earth shall be in the siege, both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

In that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, I will smite every horse with panic, and his rider with madness, says the Lord. I will watch over the house of Judah, but I will smite every horse of the nations with blindness.

And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength (responsibility) because Lord of Hosts is their God.

In that day I shall make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in

a sheaf; they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

The Lord shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

In that day the Lord shall defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In that day, he that is feeble among them shall be like David; and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord going before them. It shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication. <u>Then they will look on Me whom they have pierced</u>. <u>They will mourn for Him as one mourns</u> for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

[The Tanakh (the Jewish Bible) translates this verse as: "<u>They shall lament to Me about those who are</u> slain, wailing over them as over a favorite son and showing bitter grief as over a first-born." This

translation agrees with the following verses as well as the quote found in Revelation 1:7, Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen]. (NKJ)

In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddon (Megiddo, Armageddon). The land shall mourn, every family apart by itself. The family of the house of David apart by itself, and their wives apart by themselves. The family of the house of Nathan apart by itself, and their wives apart by themselves. The family of the house of Levi apart by itself, and their wives apart by itself. All the families that remain, every family apart by itself, and their wives apart by themselves. Zechariah 12:1-14

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save. Nor is His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But <u>your</u> iniquities have separated you from your God. Your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity. Your lips speak lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. No one calls for justice, nor do any plead for truth. They trust in empty triviality and speak lies. They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity (evil). They hatch adders' eggs and weave spider webs. He that eats their eggs dies; and from the eggs that are crushed, vipers are hatched. Their webs shall not become garments, nor shall they cover themselves with their works. Their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they rush to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity. Wasting and destruction are in their paths. They have not known the way of peace, and there is no justice in their paths. They have made themselves crooked paths. Whoever goes their way shall not know peace.

Therefore, justice is far from us and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but find only darkness! We look For brightness, but we walk in obscurity! We grope for the wall like the blind, we grope as if we had no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night. Among those who are full of life and vigor, we are like dead men in desolate places. We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves.

We look for justice, but there is none. We look for salvation, but it is far from us; for our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. Our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them. In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away. For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails to be considered, and the one who departs from evil to do right, makes himself a prey.

The Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man that was willing to stand for truth and righteousness, and He was appalled that there was no one to intercede. Therefore, His own arm brought salvation for Him. And His own righteousness sustained Him. He (the Lord) put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head. He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

<u>He will repay fury to His adversaries, and recompense to His enemies according to their deeds</u>. Accordingly, <u>He will fully repay to the coastlands (islands, distant lands) for what they have done</u>. <u>So they shall fear the Name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun</u>.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, says the Lord. This is My covenant with them, says the Lord, 'My Spirit that is upon you and My words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth nor from the mouth of your seed's seed from this time on and for ever,' says the Lord. Isaiah 59:1-21

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST REWARDS

- ✤ We must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ so every one may receive his reward for the things he did while in his body whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10
- ♥ Why do you judge your brother? Why do you despise your brother? We shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:10-12

REWARDS FOR THE WICKED

- EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION {2 Thessalonians 1:6-10}
- UNQUENCHABLE FIRE {Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17}
- FIRE THAT NO MAN CAN QUENCH {Isaiah 1:28-31}
- **FLAMES OF FIRE** {Isaiah 66:14b-19}
- EVERLASTING BURNINGS, DEVOURING FIRE {Isaiah 33:14}
- FURNACE OF FIRE; THERE SHALL BE WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH {Matthew 13:36-43 and 13:47-50}
- Section 20:20-21 Section 20:20-21
- SHALL DIE {Ezekiel 18:1-32 and Ezekiel 33:11-20}
- A PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES; THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH {Matthew 24:48-51}
- A PORTION WITH THE UNBELIEVERS {Luke 12:35-48}
- EVERLASTING FIRE, PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS; and EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT {Matt. 25:31-46}
- EVERLASTING REPROACH, PERPETUAL SHAME {Jeremiah 23:9-40}
- THROWN INTO THE FIRE {Luke 3:9 and Matthew 7:13-23}

OUTER DARKNESS, THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.
{Matthew 22:1-14 and 25:14-30}

DEPART FROM ME ALL YOU WORKERS OF INIQUITY. THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH, WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM, AND ISAAC, AND JACOB, AND ALL THE PROPHETS, IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND YOU YOURSELVES THRUST OUT. {Luke 13:22-30 & Matthew 7:13-23}

REWARDS FOR THE SAINTS

SINS AND LAWLESS ACTS WILL BE REMEMBERED NO MORE

- Who is a God like you, that pardons iniquity, and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His <u>heritage</u>? God will not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue (cover) our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19
- For by one offering Jesus has perfected forever those who are sanctified. The Holy Spirit also is a witness to us, as He said before, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them. And, <u>Their sins and their iniquities I will</u> remember no more." Hebrews 10:14-17 (see also Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 8:7-12)
- No longer shall every man teach his neighbor or his brother saying, `Know the Lord,' because they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:34

WE SHALL BE LIKE JESUS

Beloved, we are now the children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

✤ From now on there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not only to me, but also to all them that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8

CROWN OF GLORY

When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that does not fade away.
 1 Peter 5:4

CROWN OF LIFE

- Fear none of the things that you shall suffer! Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, to test you, and you shall have tribulation ten days. <u>Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life</u>. Revelation 2:10
- Blessed is the man that endures temptation, for when he has stood the test, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12
- Behold, I am coming soon. Hold fast to what you have that no man may take your crown. Revelation 3:11

INHERIT THE KINGDOM

- ✤ For this reason, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29
- Then the King shall say to those on His right hand, <u>Come you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom that</u> was prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25:34
- John, to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and was, and is to come; and from the Seven Spirits that are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.
 To Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and <u>has made us to be kings and</u> priests to God His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:4-6
- ✤ Now when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the LAMB, each of them having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "YOU ARE WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK, AND TO OPEN ITS SEALS, BECAUSE YOU WERE SLAIN AND BY YOUR BLOOD YOU HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD OUT OF

EVERY KINDRED AND TONGUE AND PEOPLE AND NATION, AND <u>YOU HAVE MADE US KINGS</u> AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD; AND WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH." Revelation 5:8-10

AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS

To him that overcomes and does my works to the end, I will give power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron and break them to pieces like pottery. Just as I have received authority from My Father, I will also give him the MORNING STAR. Revelation 2:26-28

REST

Seeing that it is a righteous thing with God to give tribulation to those who trouble you, and to give <u>rest</u> with us, to you who are troubled, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.
 2 Thessalonians 1:7

CROWN OF REJOICING, GLORY, AND JOY

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Isn't it you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.
 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

ABUNDANCE

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and <u>he will have abundance</u>. But from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. Matthew 25:29

<u>LIFE</u>

Truly indeed, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself; and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth; they that have done good, to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation (judgment and condemnation). John 5:25-29

GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

But we are always compelled to thank God for you, brothers who are loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God has chosen you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, <u>that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus</u>
 <u>Christ</u>. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

NEW HEARTS, NEW MINDS, AND CLEAN RECORDS

For by one offering Jesus has perfected forever those who are sanctified. The Holy Spirit also is a witness to us, as He said before, this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, <u>I will put My</u> laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them. Their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more. Hebrews 10:14-17

CONFIDENCE

 Now little children, remain in Him, so when He appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before <u>Him at His coming</u>. 1 John 2:28

WE SHALL SEE GOD WITH OUR EYES

I know that my redeemer lives, and in the last days He shall stand upon the earth. After my skin (this mortal body) is destroyed, still <u>in my flesh I shall see God</u>. <u>I myself shall see God</u>, and my own eyes shall behold <u>Him, it will be myself who will see Him, and not someone else</u>. How my heart yearns within me! Job 19:25-27 (also 1 Corinthians 13:12 below)

PERFECT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

For now we see through a glass dimly, but <u>then face to face</u>. Now I know in part, but <u>then I shall know just as</u>
 <u>I also am known</u>. 1 Corinthians 13:12

RIGHT TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

ዮ To him that overcomes, I will grant the right to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Revelation 2:7b

HIDDEN MANNA - WHITE STONE - NEW NAME

To him that overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna for him to eat. I will also give him a white ዮ stone with a new name written on it, which no one knows except the one that receives it. Revelation 2:17b

WALK WITH JESUS DRESSED IN WHITE AND ETERNAL SECURITY

You have a few people in Sardis who have not defiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. He that overcomes shall be clothed in white garments. I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life. But, I will acknowledge his name before my Father and His angels. Revelation 3:4-5

DECEIVERS ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S LOVE FOR US

ዮ I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who lie by saying they are Jews, but they are not; indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Revelation 3:9

KEPT FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL

ዮ Because you have obeyed My command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Revelation 3:10

MADE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD

I am coming soon. Hold fast to what you have, so no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will ዮ make a PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD. He shall go out no more. Revelation 3:11-12a

<u>A NEW NAME</u> I will write on him <u>THE NAME OF MY GOD, and THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, THE NEW</u> ዮ JERUSALEM, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; And I will write on him MY NEW NAME. Revelation 3:12b

SAVED FROM THE SECOND DEATH

He that overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death. Revelation 2:11b ዮ

THE RIGHT TO SIT WITH JESUS ON HIS THRONE

ዮ To him that overcomes, I will grant the right to sit with Me on My throne, the same as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. Revelation 3:21

MERCY - PARDON - JOY - PEACE

☆ Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to heaven, but they water the earth, making it bring forth and bud so that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. That is how My Word shall be that goes forth out of My mouth. It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish whatever I please, and it shall prosper in the thing to which I sent it.

For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The cypress tree shall come up instead of the thorn, and the myrtle tree shall come up instead of the briar. And it shall be for a name to the Lord, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Isaiah 55:6-13

A PLACE - JOY - ACCEPTANCE - AN EVERLASTING NAME

The Lord says, Keep justice, and do what is right, for My salvation is coming near, and My righteousness will soon be revealed. Blessed is the man that does this and the son of man that takes hold of it, who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

Do not let the son of the foreigner, who has joined himself to the Lord speak saying, The Lord has utterly separated me from His people. Do not let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

For this is what the Lord says to the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant: I will give them <u>a place</u> and <u>a name</u> better than that of sons and of daughters in My house and within My walls. I will give them <u>an everlasting name</u> that shall not be cut off.

Also the sons of foreigners that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, everyone that keeps the Sabbath does not profane it, and takes hold of My covenant. I will bring them to My holy mountain, and make them **joyful** in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be **accepted** on My altar. For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

The Lord God that gathers the outcasts of Israel says, Yet I will gather others to Israel besides those that are already gathered to Him. Isaiah 56:1-8

ACCEPTANCE

☆ You shall guide me with your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Psalm 73:24

POSSESSION - INHERITANCE - PEACE and HEALING

☆ He that puts his trust in Me as his refuge shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain.

It shall be said, Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people. Thus says the High and Lofty One, He Who lives forever, Whose Name is Holy, I live in the high and a holy place with him who is of a repentant and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the repentant.

I will not compete forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint and be consumed before Me, and the souls of men that I have created.

I was enraged by the sin of his greed. I was angry and punished him. I hid myself in anger, and he went on rebelliously in the ways of his willful heart.

I have seen his ways, but I will <u>heal</u> him. I will <u>guide</u> him and <u>restore comfort</u> to him and to those who mourn for him. I will create <u>praise</u> on the lips of men. <u>Peace</u>, to those far away and to those who are near, says the Lord, and I will <u>heal</u> them. Isaiah 57:13b-19

GOD'S SPIRIT AND WORDS REMAIN FOREVER IN THE REDEEMED

"The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from their transgressions," declares the Lord.
 "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord. "<u>My Spirit</u> that is on you, and <u>My Words</u> that I have put in your mouth, <u>shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever</u>," says the Lord. Isaiah 59:20-21

SAINTS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD AND ANGELS

Do any of you, having a matter against another, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things pertaining to this life? 1 Corinthians 6:1-3

BASIS OF JUDGMENT

REJECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent out the twelve and commanded them, saying: Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans. But rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your purses. Do not take a bag for your journey, nor extra tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs. For the workman is worthy of his support.

Whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you leave that city of town. When you go into a home, greet it. If the home is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. <u>Certainly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the</u> <u>day of judgment than for that city</u>. Matthew 10:5-15

Whoever hears you, hears Me. <u>Whoever spurns you, spurns Me; and whoever spurns Me, spurns Him who</u> <u>sent Me</u>. Luke 10:16

UNFORGIVABLE SIN

Then a blind and dumb man who was demon possessed, was brought to Jesus and He healed him, so that the blind and dumb man both spoke and saw. All the people were amazed and said, Can this be the Son of David? When the Pharisees heard it they said, This fellow cast out demons only by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.

But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then shall his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

How can one enter a strong man's house and carry off his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will ransack his house.

He that is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, <u>BUT THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY</u> <u>SPIRIT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN</u>. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him. <u>BUT WHOEVER SPEAKS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN</u> <u>HIM, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD NOR IN THE WORLD TO COME</u>.

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt, for a tree is known by its fruit. Matthew 12:22-33

✤ Whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him, but <u>anyone who speaks</u> <u>irreverently against the Holy Spirit, shall not be forgiven</u>. Luke 12:10

EVERY WORD SPOKEN

You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man brings forth good things out of the good treasure of his heart, and an evil man brings forth evil things out of the evil treasure of his heart.

But I say to you that on the day of judgment men will give account for <u>every idle word that they have</u> <u>spoken</u>. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned. Matthew 12:34-37

CONFESSION OR DENIAL OF JESUS BEFORE MEN

 Also I say to you, <u>whoever confesses (acknowledges) Me before men, the Son of Man will also confess him</u> <u>before the angels of God</u>. <u>But whoever denies Me before men, shall be denied before the angels of God</u>. Luke 12:8-9

THE WORDS SPOKEN BY JESUS

Then Jesus cried out and said, He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me. And he that sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come into the world as a light, that whoever believes in Me should not live in darkness.

I do not judge anyone who hears My words and does not believe, for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <u>That which judges him who rejects Me, and does not receive My words is this, the word</u> that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command of what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak is just as the Father has told Me to speak. John 12:44-50

ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS {Isaiah 59:1-21, Malachi 3:1-5, 3:18, Romans 2:3-6, Ezekiel 18:1-32, 33:11-20, and Matthew 13:47-50, 25:31-46}

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SAINTS {2 Thessalonians 1:6-10}

UNGODLINESS AND HARSH WORDS AGAINST GOD {Jude 1:14-15}

WHATEVER OFFENDS GOD {Matthew 13:36-43}

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING {Daniel 12:10}

REBELLION AGAINST CHRIST {Ezekiel 20:33-38}

STEWARDSHIP CONCERNING THINGS GOD GAVE YOU {Matthew 25:14-30}

FALSE PROPHETS JUDGED {Jeremiah 23:9-40, Matthew 7:13-23}

FAILURE TO PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT {Matthew 3:10, 7:13-23, Luke 3:9}

FAILURE TO ENDURE TO THE END {Matthew 24:45-51, Luke 12:35-48}

IDOLATERS {Isaiah 1:28-31}

REFUSAL OF INVITATION {Matthew 22:1-14}

SCORNFULNESS AND DELIGHT IN EVIL {Isaiah 29:20-21}

THOUGHTS AND MOTIVES OF THE HEART {1 Corinthians 4:5}

PRIORITIES {Matthew 16:24-27}

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GOSPEL {Luke 9:23-26}

BELIEVING SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE (Matthew 26:54, 56, Mark 14:49, Luke 18:31, 24:25-27, 44, John 5:39-40, 46-47)

CAUSING ANOTHER TO SIN {Matthew 18:7, Luke 17:1-2}

WITNESSES

☆ For the stone shall cry out from the wall, and the beam shall answer it. Habakkuk 2:11

God does not need people to tell Him what has happened, but He can call on any inanimate object to give the report. What we do in this life is not hidden, even when we are alone. <u>God knows and can call anything He wishes to witness</u> **against us**. **Everything of all God's creation is alive, even the walls and timbers of our houses**. Jesus claimed the same ability of inanimate objects when He said:

"I tell you that, if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:39-40

FALL OF NATIONS

*⇔***AMMON**

The envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not annoy Ephraim. But, they shall swoop down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west. Together they shall plunder the people to the east, they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab. And <u>the</u> **people of Ammon shall obey them**.

The Lord will utterly destroy (dry up) the tongue of the Egyptian sea (the west fork of the Red Sea). With His mighty wind, He will shake His fist over the Euphrates River and break it up into seven streams, so that men can cross over dry-shod.

There shall be a highway from Assyria for the remnant of His people that shall be left, like there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt. Isaiah 11:13-16

ASHKELON

The burden of the Word of the Lord is against Hadrach, and it shall rest upon Damascus when the eyes of man and all the tribes of Israel are on the Lord. It is also against Hamath, which borders on it, and against Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. Tyre built herself a stronghold, heaped up silver like the dust, and fine gold like the mire of the streets.

Behold, the Lord will cast her out. He will destroy her power in the sea, and she will be devoured by fire. Ashkelon shall see it and fear. Gaza also shall be very sorrowful. And so will Ekron, for her hopes and expectations shall be put to shame. The king shall perish from Gaza, and **Ashkelon shall not be inhabited**.

A mongrel race shall settle in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. I will take away the blood out of his mouth, and the abominations from between his teeth. But <u>the remnant who survives, shall belong to</u> <u>our God</u>, and shall be like a leader in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites. Zechariah 9:1-7

本 ASSYRIA

There shall be upon every high mountain and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

The light of the moon will be as bright as the light of the sun; and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, <u>in the day that the Lord binds up the bruise of His people and heals the</u> stroke of their wound.

Behold, the Lord Himself comes from afar, burning with His anger, and His burden is heavy. His lips are full of anger, and His tongue is like a devouring fire. His breath is like an overflowing stream that reaches up to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity. And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart like when one goes in procession with a flute to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel.

The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall display the descent of His arm coming down with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, with tempest, and with hailstones.

<u>ASSYRIA</u> who struck with a rod, <u>will be beaten down by the Voice of the Lord</u>. In every place where the staff of punishment shall pass, which the Lord shall lay on him, it shall be with the sound of tambourines and harps, and in battles of shaking He will fight against them with the blows of His arm.

Tophet (Hell) was prepared of old. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made it deep and large, it is supplied with an abundance of fire and wood. The breath of the Lord kindles it like a stream of brimstone. Isaiah 30:25-33

Then the ASSYRIAN shall fall by the sword, not the sword of a mighty man, a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be put under forced labor. His stronghold shall fall in fear, and his princes shall desert the standard in fear and panic, says the Lord, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem. Isaiah 31:8-9

‡ EGYPT

Egypt shall be a desolation (see Joel 3:19)

\$ ESAU (Edom, Teman, Idumea);

Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, because of the violence they have committed against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. Joel 3:19

The vision of Obadiah: We have heard a message from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations saving, Rise up, and let us go up against her for battle.

This is what the Lord God says concerning Edom: Behold, I will make you small among the nations, you shall be greatly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock,

whose habitation is high. You who say in your heart, Who will be able to bring me down to the ground? Though you raise yourself up like the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I

will bring you down, declares the Lord.

How you are cut off! If thieves came to you, if robbers by night, would they not steal till they had enough? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some grapes for gleaning?

How the things of Esau are searched through! How his hidden treasures are sought out! All your allies shall force you to the border. The men that were at peace with you shall deceive you and overpower you. They that eat your bread shall lay a trap for you, but you shall not detect it.

The Lord says, In that day, will I not destroy the wise men from Edom, and men of understanding from the mountains of Esau? Your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed to the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. Because of your violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.

On the day that you stood aloof on the other side, the day that strangers carried his forces away captive, when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

You should not have gloated over your brother in the day of his captivity. Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction. Nor should you have spoken proudly in their day of distress. You should not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity. Indeed, you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity. You should not have stood at the crossway to cut off those of them that escaped. You should not have betrayed and handed over their survivors in their day of distress.

For the day of the Lord is near for all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you. Your deeds shall return upon your own head. For as you drank on My holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually. Yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

But there shall be deliverance on Mount Zion, and there shall be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, but the house of Esau shall be stubble. They shall ignite them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken.

The people of the south (the Negev) shall possess the mountains of Esau, and the inhabitants of the lowlands shall possess the land of the Philistines. They shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria. Benjamin shall possess Gilead. The exiles of this host of the children of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath. The exiles from Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the South (Negev). Then deliverers shall come to Mount Zion to judge and govern the mountains of Esau, and THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THE LORD'S. Obadiah 1:1-21

I see Him, but not now, I behold Him, but not near. A star shall come out of Jacob. A scepter shall rise out of Israel and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult (of Sheth). And Edom shall be a conquered possession. Seir shall also be a conquered possession, but Israel shall do valiantly. A ruler shall come out of Jacob who shall have dominion, and shall destroy the remnant of the city. Numbers 24:17-19

For My sword shall be bathed (shall drink its fill) in heaven. [see War in Heaven, Revelation 12:7-10] It shall come down in judgment on Edom (Idumea), and on the people of My curse. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is covered with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah (the capital of Edom), and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. The wild oxen shall come down with them, and the young bulls with the great bulls. Their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust saturated with fatness. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

The streams of **<u>Edom</u>** shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day. Its smoke shall ascend forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste, and no one shall pass through it forever and ever.

But the cormorant, pelican, bittern, and porcupine shall possess Edom, also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it. And <u>God shall stretch out over Edom the measuring line of confusion and the plummet stones of</u> <u>emptiness</u>. <u>They shall call Edom's nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing</u>.

Thorns shall come up in the **palaces of Edom**, nettles and brambles in its fortresses. It shall be a habitation of dragons, and jackals, a courtyard for ostriches and owls. The wild beasts of the desert and wildcats shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, the jackals, hyenas, wolves, and howling creatures. The wild goats, goat demons, and satyrs shall bleat to their companions. Also the night creatures, screech owls, and lilith shall rest there, and find a place of rest. There the arrow snake, owl, and great owl shall make her nest and lay eggs and hatch them, and gather her young under her the shadow of her wings. There also shall the hawks, falcons, kites, buzzards, and vultures be gathered, every one with her mate.

Search in the book of the Lord, and read. Not one of these shall fail or be missing. Not one shall lack her mate. For the mouth of the Lord has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them. He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever. From generation to generation they shall dwell there. Isaiah 34:5-17

本 MOAB

A scepter shall rise out of Israel, and <u>shall smite the corners of Moab</u>, and destroy all the sons of tumult (of Sheth). [see Numbers 24:17-19]

In that day it shall be said, "Behold, this is Our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord, we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His Salvation." For on this mountain the hand of the Lord shall rest, and <u>Moab shall be trampled down under Him</u>, like straw is trampled down for the dung hill (manure pile). And He shall spread out His hands in their midst (homeland) as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim. He shall bring down their pride along with the spoils of their hands. He will bring down the high fortifications of your walls, and lay them low, and bring them down to the ground, even down to the dust. Isaiah 25:9-12

ϕ **PHILISTINES**

They shall swoop down on the shoulder of the **Philistines** toward the west. [see Isaiah 11:13-16]

***** TYRE, AND SIDON (ZIDON), AND ALL THE COASTS OF PHILISTIA

[see Joel 3:1-21]

ALL NATIONS

<u>Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty, and makes it waste</u>, turns it upside down (changes its surface), and scatters abroad its inhabitants.

It shall be the same with the priests as with the people, with the master as with the servant, with the mistress as with the maid, with the seller as with the buyer, with the lender as with the borrower, with the creditor, as with the debtor. <u>The land (the earth) shall be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for the Lord has spoken this word</u>.

The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and withers away. The haughty people of the <u>earth languish</u>. Also the earth is defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth and they that dwell in it are desolate. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

The new wine fails, the vine languishes, all the merry- hearted sigh. The mirth of the tambourine is stilled, the noise of the revelers is ended, the joy of the harp ceases. They shall not drink wine with a song. Strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it.

The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up, so that no one may enter. There is a crying for wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. Desolation is left in the city, and the gate is battered and destroyed.

When it shall be like this in the earth and among the peoples, it shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, and like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing, they shall cry aloud from the sea, for the majesty of the Lord. Therefore, glorify the Lord with the lights, glorify the name of the Lord God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we have heard songs.

Glory to the righteous!

But I said, I waste away! I waste away! Woe is me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare are upon you, O inhabitants of the earth. It shall come to pass that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he that comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are open, and <u>the foundations of the earth are shaken</u>. <u>The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is torn asunder, the earth is shaken violently</u>. <u>The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut</u>. <u>Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again</u>.

It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall punish the host of heaven, in heaven; and the kings <u>of the earth, on the earth</u>. They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and they shall be shut up in the prison. <u>After many days they shall be visited (punished</u>).

Then the moon shall be confounded and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of Hosts shall reign gloriously on Mount Zion in Jerusalem and before His elders. Isaiah 24:1-23

Woe to you who destroy, though you have not been destroyed, and you who deal treacherously, though they have not dealt treacherously with you! When you have ceased destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you make an end of dealing treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you.

O Lord, be gracious to us. We have waited for You. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

At the noise of the tumult the people fled. <u>When You raise Yourself up, the nations are scattered</u>. Your plunder shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar, like the running to and fro of locusts, He shall run upon them.

THE LORD IS EXALTED, FOR HE DWELLS ON HIGH. HE HAS FILLED ZION WITH JUSTICE

<u>AND RIGHTEOUSNESS</u>. Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation. The fear of the Lord is His treasure.

Behold, their valiant ones shall cry outside, the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. The Highways lie waste, the traveling man ceases. He has broken the covenant, He has despised the cities, He regards no man. **The earth mourns and languishes**, Lebanon is ashamed and withers, Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bashan

and Carmel shake off their fruits.

Now I will rise, says the Lord. Now I will be exalted. Now I will lift Myself up.

You shall conceive chaff. You shall bring forth stubble. Your breath, like fire, shall devour you. The people shall be like the burnings of lime, like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.

You who are afar off, hear what I have done. And you who are near, acknowledge My might. <u>The sinners in</u> Zion are afraid, fearfulness has seized the hypocrites. <u>Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire</u>? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? Isaiah 33:1-14

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In that day, with His fierce, great, and strong sword, the Lord shall punish Leviathan the elusive serpent. Yes Leviathan, that twisting serpent. And <u>He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea</u>. Isaiah 27:1

***** REASON FOR FALL OF ISRAEL

For this reason You have forsaken Your people, the House of Jacob:

- 1. <u>Because they are influenced from the east</u>.
- 2. <u>They became soothsayers like the Philistines</u>.
- 3. <u>They abound in the customs of the children of aliens</u>.
- 4. Their land is full of silver and gold, there is no end of their treasures.
- 5. Their land is full of horses, there is no end to their chariots.
- 6. <u>Their land is full of idols, they worship the work of their own hands, idols that their own fingers have</u> made. The common man bows down, and the great man humbles himself.

Therefore do not forgive them. Isaiah 2:6-9