The Biblical Month of "Nissan"

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I often ask myself, do the readers understand how to pray after reading a text of prophesy. The answer is to ask the LORD how did this relates in the bible for then and how does it relate now? How would YOU have me to pray Lord?

In developing this calendar prayer guide prophets are used to bring current words from the LORD*. (See last page.) Many Christians do not have access to publications such as the Elijah List, Judaism 101, teachings from Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler and many other contributing authors which are included. 1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets (do not depreciate prophetic revelations) nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning.

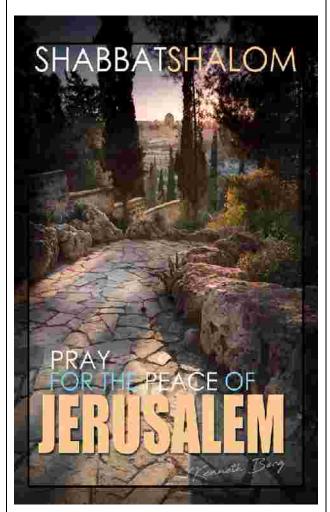
Biblical Month of Nissan, The Month of Passover

This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you. <u>Exodus 12:2</u>

The upcoming New Year begins this Saturday and is listed in the calendar as "New year for Kings *Shekalim*, Festivals, and Vows." This title for the date is a reference to the description of the beginning of the month of *Nissan* in the *Mishnah* (oral law), which lists the first of *Nissan* as one of the four new years in the Jewish calendar.

The King's Calendar tracks all the activities that took place in the First and Second Temples and which will be performed again when the Third Temple is built. This includes the Biblical feasts that are observed today, but the calendar also has many surprises, holidays and events that are only observed when a Temple stands in Jerusalem.

Last year the third temple calendar began representing the building of the Third Temple, not all of the holidays are biblical in origin. The holidays pertaining to the modern state of Israel such as Israel Independence Day and Memorial Day appear on the calendar, as does Jerusalem Day.



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It is the time that the Lamb of GOD was offered as a onetime sacrifice for the sin of all man.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the first month of the year, *Nissan* is particularly packed. The Pascal offering is supposed to be performed on the 14th of the month, along with the Fast of the First Born, which is still observed today on the day before Passover. The calendar also notes that the barley for the Omer offering is reaped on the evening of the last night of Passover.

About the Month of Nissan

<u>Nissan</u>, the first month on Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the civil calendar. The Torah calls it *chodesh ha-aviv*—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months.

On the first day of Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), two weeks before the Exodus, G-d showed Moses the crescent new moon, instructing him regarding the setting of the Jewish calendar and the mitzvah of sanctifying the new month. "This month shall be for you the head of months, the first of the months of the year" (Exodus 12:2). This ushered in the first Jewish month and commenced the lunar calendar that Jews have been following ever since. It was the first mitzvah ("commandment") given to the newly born nation of Israel, even before the exodus from Egypt.

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We observe the <u>anniversary</u> of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from our possession for this <u>week</u>, eating matzah and telling the story of the redemption to our children. By following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true spiritual freedom that our ancestors achieved.

It is mentioned in the Talmud that according to one tradition, the three patriarchs of the Jewish people—<u>Abraham</u> (1948–2123 from creation, 1813–1638 BCE), <u>Isaac</u> (2048–2228 from creation, 1713–1533 BCE) and <u>Jacob</u> (2108–2255 from creation, 1653–1506 BCE)—all were born and passed away in the month of Nissan.

<u>Awakening from Above: The Month of Nissan and Passover</u>

Nissan is called the Month of Miracles. On Pesach, Hashem displays transcendental miracles, and descends, so to speak, to take us out of our lowliness and slavery. This is called an 'awakening from above', for it is an unearned gift of kindness flowing down to us from Heaven. During the Seder, the joy of freedom that has been suppressed and hidden deep within us is released. As we sing Hallel, we reveal our joy and gratitude openly.

Sense of the Month: Speech

The 'sense' or faculty corresponding to Nissan is speech. Just as Hashem created the world with speech, so do we create our world, or at least our experience of the world, with speech. A slave is someone who has no voice, nor the power to create his or her

reality. We can only experience freedom when we can refer to ourselves as free. The word Haggadah means 'telling'. During the Seder we speak at length about our Redemption from collective and personal 'slavery'. Thus, each year we receive the ability to proclaim our freedom on higher and higher levels.

Tribe of the Month: Yehudah or Judah

Nissan is associated with the tribe of Judah, or Yehudah which means "praise" or 'to give thanks'. Judah would always be the first in battle or Judah goes first, therefore Nissan is Judah's month, the month of praise for what the LORD has done and is doing. It is the month of "Redemption and Miracles". As children of GOD we need to give thanks for the *Redemptive work of Calvary* and our FATHER'S great love for you.

It is called the time of "The New Year of Kings". Recognize what our KING did in HIS sacrifice on the cross as the LAMB of GOD that takes away the sins of the world.

The archetype of kingship, King David, is a descendant of Yehudah. Kingship also alludes to speech, for a king rules over his people through his words, which are received as commands: "...for the word of the king is his rule." The Talmud says that Nissan initiates the "New Year of Kings". It is thus a new beginning for the power of leadership, for speech, and also for expressing thanks. Because of the Redemption in this month, "...it is our duty to thank, laud praise, glorify, exalt, adore, bless, elevate, and honor the One who did all these miracles for our ancestors and for us."

Time of the Year: Spring

Nissan is the first month of Spring. When it arrives, something about the increasing light, the warmer air, and the sprouting vegetation, may enhance our feeling that life is a gift and a blessing. Deeper within this instinctual feeling is the recognition that life is given to us whether we 'deserve' it or not. This is a deep level of humility, and it brings forth a tremendous sense of gratitude. During the eight days of Pesach, as we eat matzah, the bread of humility, we should strive to internalize this idea. Life is a miraculous gift descending from above. It cannot be earned, only humbly received. According to one opinion, Nissan is when human life was created.

This Pesach season, may we experience the newness and freshness of life. May this year be a year of creativity and generosity and new beginnings. May we become leaders, humble and kind leaders, who 'skip over' the apparent ego in others. May the LORD bless us to witness the beginning of the miracle of all miracles, the Redemption of all humanity from all levels of slavery.

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HEBREW MONTH OF NISSAN

<u>Nissan</u> is a month of redemption and the month of Passover. As we gain an understanding of God's timing, we <u>learn to</u> "redeem" time.

Say this: "My blessings are not going to pass me by because I do not know the timing of them."

We know what time it is! It is time for our faith to go to work and see redemption manifest. That unredeemed stuff is about to shift. Nissan is a month of deliverance, <u>restoration</u>, revolution. It is all appropriated into our lives BY FAITH. This is a month where we <u>connect</u> our faith to our speech.

There's the "catch." But it can be as simple as speaking our thankfulness to God for our deliverance before we see it. Saying...then seeing.

- When I speak, my faith is heard.
- My words have the power to impact reality.
- The first words I speak in the morning set my day.
- My words have the capacity to bring change.

A man of God gave a word about "redemptive" prophesy manifesting this year of 5779 or 2019. It falls into the category of redemptive when it has to do with our destiny, our purpose or the purpose of a territory, business, ministry, etc. So when we talk about redemptive prophesy in the month of redemption, we release faith in a cycle of redemption as in no other timeframe. Wow.

That's a realm of covenant blessing that we must become aware of and walk in. Knowing about this incredible timing issue with God puts us in position for His blessings to overtake us.

Jesus didn't die for us to live sick and tired, almost free, just getting by and unhappy. We can break out of that with knowing and applying faith to the principles found each month in God's calendar.

Passover goes from the 14th to the 21st of the Hebrew month Nissan, and this year, that translates to sunset on April 19, 2019 until sunset on April 27, 2019. It is a celebration designed by God. It's given to increase our faith and prepare us to enter into the fullness of His blessing. When we remember God's work of redemption and declare the power of redemption in lives, something always happens. <u>Put</u> your faith on that...something always happens.

Passover or Pesach commences on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Nissan.



Note that in the Jewish calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Jews will <u>celebrate</u> Passover on the sunset of Friday, the 19th of April.

For those unfamiliar with the meaning behind the sacred holiday, Passover is a time to celebrate and honor the liberation of the Israelites from over 400 years of slavery in ancient Egypt. The Hebrew word Pasach means to jump or pass over, and the holiday's name originated from the Jewish miracle in which God passed over the house of the Israelites during the tenth plague, sparing their first born sons, according to My Jewish Learning. For the first two nights of Passover, families and friends gather to eat a special meal called a seder. As Rabbi Norman R. Patz explained to Reader's Digest, "The word 'seder' means order. The Passover meal is an ordered meal, which includes reading the haggadah, the text that tells the story of the Israelites exodus from Egypt."

In the narrative of the Exodus, the Bible tells that God helped the <u>Children of Israel</u> <u>escape</u> from their slavery in Egypt by inflicting <u>ten plagues</u> upon the ancient Egyptians before the Pharaoh would release his Israelite slaves; the tenth and worst of the plagues was the <u>death of the Egyptian first-born</u>.

The Israelites were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a slaughtered spring lamb and, upon seeing this, the spirit of the Lord knew to pass over the first-born in these homes, hence the English name of the holiday.

When the Pharaoh freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for bread dough to rise (leaven). In commemoration, for the duration of Passover no <u>leavened bread</u> is eaten, for which reason Passover is called the feast of unleavened bread in the Torah. Thus <u>matzo</u> (flat unleavened bread) is eaten during Passover and it is a tradition of the holiday.

alled the "festival [of] the <u>matzot</u>" (Hebrew: ????? ?? hag hamatzot) in the <u>Hebrew Bible</u>, the commandment to keep Passover is recorded in the <u>Book of Leviticus</u>:

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at dusk is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD; seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work. And ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days; in the seventh day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work. (Leviticus 23:5–8)

The biblical regulations for the observance of the festival require that all leavening be disposed of before the beginning of the 15th of Nissan an unblemished lamb, known as the <u>Korban Pesach</u> or "Paschal Lamb", is to be set apart on Nissan 10 and slaughtered at dusk as Nissan 14 ends in preparation for the 15th of Nissan when it will be eaten after being roasted. The literal meaning of the Hebrew is "between the two evenings". It is then to be eaten "that night", Nissan 15, roasted, without the removal of its internal organs with unleavened bread, known as <u>matzo</u>, and bitter herbs known as <u>maror</u>. Nothing of the sacrifice on which the sun rises by the morning of the 15th of Nissan may be eaten, but must be burned. The sacrifices may be performed only in a specific place prescribed by God (for Judaism, Jerusalem, and for Samaritans, Mount Gerizim).

The biblical regulations pertaining to the original Passover, at the time of the Exodus only, also include how the meal was to be eaten: "with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the <u>LORD</u>'s passover" <u>Exodus 12:11</u>.

The biblical requirements of slaying the Paschal lamb in the individual homes of the Hebrews and smearing the blood of the lamb on their doorways were celebrated in

Egypt. However, once Israel was in the wilderness and the tabernacle was in operation, a change was made in those two original requirements (<u>Deuteronomy 16:2–6</u>). Passover lambs were to be sacrificed at the door of the tabernacle and no longer in the homes of the Jews. No longer, therefore, could blood be smeared on doorways.

The biblical commandments concerning the Passover (and the Feast of Unleavened Bread) stress the importance of remembering:

- And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes" (<u>Deuteronomy 16:12</u>).
- Exodus 12:14 commands, in reference to God's sparing of the firstborn from the Tenth Plague: And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.
- Exodus 13:3 repeats the command to remember: Remember this day, in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for by strength the hand of the LORD brought you out from this place.

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Nissan 1: April 6, 2019

10 Points about The Month of Nissan

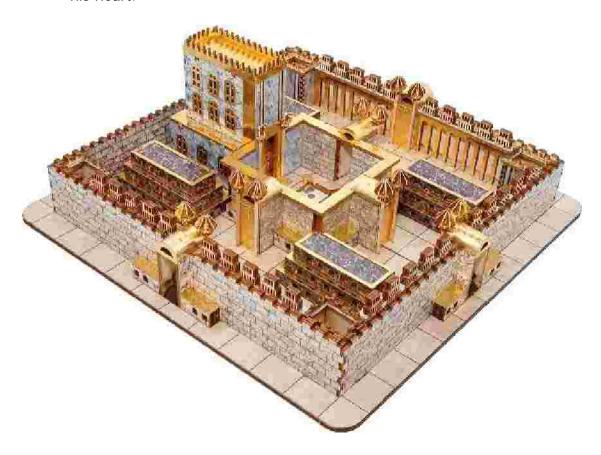
Nissan is the foundational month of our nation, when we were redeemed, and when we will be redeemed. <u>Naamah Green</u>

10 Points About The Month of Nissan

- 1. Our earlier redemptions took place in Nissan: The Maharal expounds on the importance of Nissan" "It is the month of redemption. In which we were redeemed from Egypt, Jacob received the blessings, Isaac was born and was tied up on the altar, it is the month we will be redeemed in, and it is the beginning of salvation."
- 2. The future redemption will be in Nissan: The Maharal writes in his commentary on Aggada (non-halachic Talmud passages) on Rosh Hashana that: "It's fitting that G-d renew miracles in Nissan because the month goes up to the place where redemption is (in the heavens) and so too in the future we will also be redeemed in Nissan."

- 3. The redemption of Nissan is from the (heavenly) trait of Kindness, tranquility and peace: Rabbi Mosh Chaim Luzzato also explains that the future redemption will be in Nissan and adds that this redemption will be with the trait of compassion (from G-d), with peace and tranquility. In his "Essay on Redemption" Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato writes: "And now you should know that the redemption of Israel must be in Nissan for it is a time of an outpouring of kindness (from above) as I said and that's why it will come with peace and tranquility."
- 4. Nissan's redemption will be with miracles and wonders: The Mechilta (Midrash on Exodus) brings a dispute about when will be the redemption will be. Rabbi Joshua says it will be in Nissan and Rabbi Eliezer says it will be in Tishrei (the month of Rosh Hashana). The Malbim explains the dispute: "If Israel is worthy it will come miraculously with signs and wonders and Israel is not worthy it will come with hidden miracles, <u>close</u> to natural." The Malbim clarifies that "Nissan marks the wondrous (supernatural divine) leading of the world for in this month G-d made many wondrous miracles and the future redemption will be with signs and wonders."
- 5. Nissan is auspicious to help faith take root: The Netziv writes: "The whole month is auspicious for (a person) to root the <u>foundations</u> of faith (inside him). This is the meaning in the Haggadah of "you may think (the Passover holiday should be) on the first of the month you should say the story of the redemption from Egypt."
- 6. In Nissan the Honor of G-d's kingdom is revealed: the Sfat Emet writes that when leaving Egypt the honor of G-d's kingdom was revealed to the world and that is why it looks like the renewal of the world, "Upon leaving Egypt when the honor of G-d's kingdom became apparent in the world it was really something new in the world.
- 7. God's newly chooses Israel every year in Nissan: The Sfat Emet continues and explains that every year during Nissan G-d chooses Israel as his nation. "In Nissan G-d's choosing us is aroused anew every year that g-d chooses his nation Israel... and purity comes down from heaven to the souls of Israel who desire to purify themselves."
- 8. The month of Nissan is auspicious for cleaving to G-d: The Shem MiShmuel says "The month of Nissan is a special time for Israel to cleave to G-d and that is why it is set aside for the redemption."

- 9. Nissan is the time to elevate the soul in serving G-d: He further explains that in the month of Adar before Nissan a heavenly arousal comes into the hearts of Israel even to those who were sleeping beforehand." The Shem MiShmuel adds that since Nissan is a time for renewal in serving G-d the preceding month of Adar is a preparation for it. "Nissan is a time of renewing serving G-d which needs effort of the heart, life, emotion and elevation of the soul and strengthening your hand (in good deeds). Therefore in Adar that preceded it, courage and strengthening, holy emotion and exaltedness are given into the hearts of Israel from heaven." (Shem MiShmuel Vayakhel 5679, 1919)
- 10. Nissan is the auspicious time for man to renew his divine service to G-d: A man must feel new. The Shem MiShmuel sums it up saying: From here is a lesson to man that he should understand what the moth of Nissan asks of himto renew himself in all his thoughts speech and deeds as if he is a new creation and not remember previous (mistakes) that shouldn't even be thought about in his heart."



Nissan 2: April 7, 2019

It is the month of our LORD's arrest, trial, death and resurrection! Chaplain Wade Butler

Isaiah 50:5

The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. The Lord is always looking at our hearts, listening to our words and attitudes. The question becomes are we listening, are we seeking HIM and not rebellious? As we prepare to enter into Passover and recognize the work of the CROSS we need to get our hearts aligned with HIS.

Isaiah 53:3-12 Amplified Bible

 3 He was despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows *and* <u>pain</u> and acquainted with grief; And like One from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or esteem Him.

⁴But [in fact] He has borne our grief's, And He has carried our sorrows *and* pains; Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, Struck down by God and degraded *and* humiliated [by Him]. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being *fell* on Him, And by His stripes (wounds) we are healed. ⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, We have turned, each one, to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wickedness of us all [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing] To fall on Him [instead of us].

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth [to complain or defend Himself]; Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before her shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

⁸ After oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation [His contemporaries], who [among them] concerned himself with the fact That He was cut off from the land of the living [by His death] For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke [of death] was due?

⁹ His grave was assigned with the wicked, But He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet the LORD was willing To crush Him, causing Him to suffer; If He would give Himself as a guilt offering [an atonement for sin], He shall see *His* [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong *His* days, And the will (good pleasure) of the LORD shall succeed *and* prosper in His hand.

¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He shall see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge [of what He has accomplished] the Righteous One, My Servant, shall justify the many [making them righteous—upright before God, in right standing with Him], For He shall bear [the responsibility for] their sins. ¹² Therefore, I will divide *and* give Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers], And He shall divide the spoils with the mighty, Because He [willingly] poured out His life to death, And was counted among the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore *and* took away the sin of many, And interceded [with the Father] for the transgressors.

Nissan 3: April 8, 2019

Even the books of old told of HIM..

Enoch, Chapter: 45, 46 Chaplain Wade Butler

- 1. There I beheld the Ancient of days, whose head was like white wool, and with him another, whose countenance resembled that of man. His countenance was full of grace, like that of one of the holy angels. Then I inquired of one of the angels, who went with me, and who showed me every secret thing, concerning this Son of man; who he was; whence he was; and why he accompanied the Ancient of days.
- 2. He answered and said to me, "This is the Son of man, to whom righteousness belongs; with whom righteousness has dwelt; and who will reveal all the treasures of that which is concealed: for the Lord of spirits has chosen him; and his portion has surpassed all before the Lord of spirits in everlasting uprightness".
- 3. This Son of man, whom thou beholdest, shall raise up kings and the mighty from their couches, and the powerful from their thrones; shall loosen the bridles of the powerful, and break in pieces the teeth of sinners.
- 4. He shall hurl kings from their thrones and their dominions; because they will not exalt and praise him, nor humble themselves before him, by whom their kingdoms were granted to them. The countenance likewise of the mighty shall He cast down, filling

them with confusion. Darkness shall be their habitation, and worms shall be their bed; nor from that their bed shall they hope to be again raised, because they exalted not the name of the Lord of spirits.

- 5. They shall condemn the stars of heaven, shall lift up their hands against the Most High, shall tread upon and inhabit the earth, exhibiting all their works of iniquity, even their works of iniquity. Their strength shall be in their riches, and their faith in the gods whom they have formed with their own hands. They shall deny the name of the Lord of spirits, and shall expel him from the temples, in which they assemble;
- 6. And with him the faithful, who suffer in the name of the Lord of spirits.

Nissan 4: April 9, 2019

Enoch, Chapter: 47 Chaplain Wade Butler

- 1. In that day the prayer of the holy and the righteous, and the blood of the righteous, shall ascend from the earth into the presence of the Lord of spirits.
- 2. In that day shall the holy ones assemble, who dwell above the heavens, and with united voice petition, supplicate, praise, laud, and bless the name of the Lord of spirits, on <u>account</u> of the blood of the righteous which has been shed; that the prayer of the righteous may not be intermitted before the Lord of spirits; that for them he would execute judgment; and that his patience may not endure forever.
- 3. At that time I beheld the Ancient of days, while he sat upon the throne of his glory, while the book of the living was opened in his presence, and while all the powers which were above the heavens stood around and before him.
- 4. Then were the hearts of the saints full of joy, because the consummation of righteousness was arrived, the supplication of the saints heard, and the blood of the righteous appreciated by the Lord of spirits.

Enoch, Chapter: 48

- 1. In that place I beheld a fountain of righteousness, which never failed, encircled by many springs of wisdom. Of these all the thirsty drank, and were filled with wisdom, having their habitation with the righteous, the elect, and the holy.
- 2. In that hour was this Son of man invoked before the Lord of spirits, and his name in the presence of the Ancient of days.
- 3. Before the sun and the signs were created, before the stars of heaven were formed, his name was invoked in the presence of the Lord of spirits. A <u>support</u> shall he be for the righteous and the holy to lean upon, without falling; and he shall be the light of nations.
- 4. He shall be the hope of those whose hearts are troubled. All, who dwell on earth, shall fall down and worship before him; shall bless and glorify him, and sing praises to the name of the Lord of spirits.
- 5. Therefore the Elect and the Concealed One existed in his presence, before the world was created, and forever.
- 6. In his presence he existed, and has revealed to the saints and to the righteous the wisdom of the Lord of spirits; for he has preserved the lot of the righteous, because they have hated and rejected this world of iniquity, and have detested all its works and ways, in the name of the Lord of spirits.
- 7. For in his name shall they be preserved; and his will shall be their life. In those days shall the kings of the earth and the mighty men, who have gained the world by their achievements, I become humble in countenance.
- 8. For in the day of their <u>anxiety</u> and trouble their souls shall not be saved; and they shall be in subjection to those whom I have chosen.
- 9. I will cast them like hay into the fire, and like lead into the <u>water</u>. Thus shall they burn in the presence of the righteous, and sink in the presence of the holy; nor shall a tenth part of them be found.
- 10. But in the day of their trouble, the world shall obtain tranquility.

11. In his presence shall they fall, and not be raised up again; nor shall there be any one to take them out of his hands, and to lift them up: for they have denied the Lord of spirits, and his Messiah. The name of the Lord of spirits shall be blessed.

Nissan 5: April 10, 2019

Jeremiah 30:16-17 Amplified Bible

Therefore, all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Jeremiah 31:31-36 Amplified

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Nissan 6: April 11, 2019

Enoch, 61: 1-17 Chaplain Wade Butler

- 1. Thus the Lord commanded the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who dwell on earth, saying, Open your eyes, and lift up your horns, if you are capable of comprehending the Elect One.
- 2. The Lord of spirits sat upon the throne of his glory.
- 3. And the spirit of righteousness was poured out over him.
- 4. The word of his mouth shall destroy all the sinners and all the ungodly, who shall perish at his presence.
- 5. In that day shall all the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who possess the earth, stand up, behold, and perceive, that he is sitting on the throne of his glory; that before him the saints shall be judged in righteousness;
- 6. And that nothing, which shall be spoken before him, shall be spoken in vain.
- 7. Trouble shall come upon them, as upon a woman in travail, whose labor is severe, when her child comes to the mouth of the womb, and she finds it difficult to bring forth.
- 8. One portion of them shall look upon another. They shall be astonished, and shall humble their countenance;
- 9. And trouble shall <u>seize</u> them, when they shall behold this Son of woman sitting upon the throne of his glory.
- 10. Then shall the kings, the princes, and all who possess the earth, glorify him who has dominion over all things, him who was concealed; for from the beginning the Son of man existed in secret, whom the Most High preserved in the presence of his power, and revealed to the elect.
- 11. He shall sow the congregation of the saints, and of the elect; and all the elect shall stand before him in that day.
- 12. All the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who rule over the earth, shall fall down on their faces before him, and shall worship him.

- 13. They shall <u>fix</u> their hopes on this Son of man, shall pray to him, and petition him for mercy.
- 14. Then shall the Lord of spirits hasten to expel them from his presence. Their faces shall be full of confusion, and their faces shall darkness cover. The angels shall take them to punishment, that vengeance may be inflicted on those who have oppressed his children and his elect. And they shall become an example to the saints and to his elect. Through them shall these be made joyful; for the anger of the Lord of spirits shall rest upon them.
- 15. Then the sword of the Lord of spirits shall be drunk with their blood; but the saints and elect shall be safe in that day; nor the face of the sinners and the ungodly shall they thenceforwards behold.
- 16. The Lord of spirits shall remain over them:
- 17. And with this Son of man shall they dwell, eat, lie down, and rise up, for ever and ever

Nissan 7: April 12, 2019

Genesis 1:1-5 Amplified Bible Chaplain Wade Butler

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

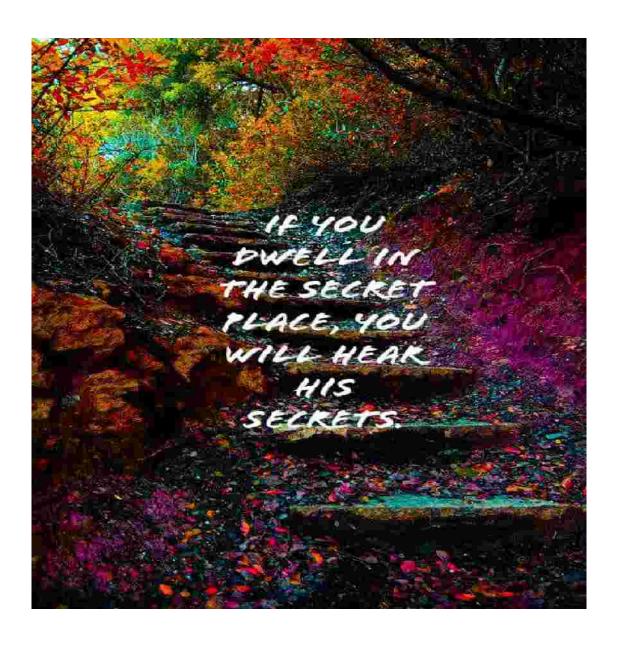
John 8:12

Jesus Is the Light of the World

Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Then the Pharisees told Him, "You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid."

Jesus replied, "Even if I do testify on My own behalf, My testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to human standards [just by what you see]. I do not judge anyone. But even if I do judge, My judgment is true and My decision is right; for I am not alone [in making it], but I and the Father who sent Me [make the same judgment].



Exodus 15:18

The LORD shall reign forever and ever. Let go and let GOD is an easy saying that too few take advantage of. He desires to reign forever in your life. The point is HE already is reigning. The question becomes, Who is reigning in your life?

John 14:23-24

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Nissan 8: April 13, 2019

Mark 11:1-14 Amplified Bible

The Triumphal Entry

11 When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a [donkey's] colt tied, which has never been ridden by anyone; untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it'; and immediately he will send it here."

⁴ So they went away [to the village] and found a colt tied outside at a gate in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some of the people who were standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They replied to them just as Jesus had directed, and they allowed them to go. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and <u>put</u> their coats on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many [of the people] spread their coats on the road [as an act of tribute and homage before a new king], and others [scattered a layer of] leafy branches which they had cut from the fields [honoring Him as Messiah]. ⁹ Those who went in front and those who were following [Him] were shouting [in joy and praise],

"Hosanna (Save, I pray)! Blessed (praised, glorified) IS He who comes IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest [heaven]!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple [enclosure]; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve [disciples], because it was already late [in the day].

¹² On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³ Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if He would find anything on it. But He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ He said to it, "No one will ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening [to what He said].

Nissan 9: April 14, 2019

Mark 11: 15-26 Amplified Bible

Jesus Drives Moneychangers from the Temple

¹⁵ Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple [grounds] and began driving out [with force] the people who were selling and buying [animals for sacrifice] in the temple area, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers [who made a profit exchanging foreign $\underline{\text{money}}$ for temple coinage] and the seats of those who were selling doves; ¹⁶ and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise or household wares through the temple [grounds, using the temple area irreverently as a shortcut].

 $^{^{17}}$ He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN." 18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this and began searching for a way to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, since the entire crowd was struck with astonishment at His teaching.

¹⁹ When evening came, Jesus and His disciples would leave the city.

²⁰ In the morning, as they were passing by, the disciples saw that the fig tree had withered away from the roots up. ²¹ And remembering, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi (Master), look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered!" ²² Jesus replied, "Have faith in God [constantly]. ²³ I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!' and does not doubt in his heart [in God's unlimited power], but believes that what he says is going to take place, it will be done for him [in accordance with God's will]. ²⁴ For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordance with God's will], believe [with confident trust]

that you have received them, and they will be given to you. ²⁵ Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him [drop the issue, let it go], so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions and wrongdoings [against Him and others]. ²⁶ [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

Jesus' Authority Questioned

²⁷ They came again to Jerusalem. And as Jesus was walking in the [courts and porches of the] temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him, ²⁸ and *began* saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?" ²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the baptism of John [the Baptist] from heaven [that is, ordained by God] or from men? Answer Me."

Nissan 10: April 15, 2019

Mark 14:1-30 Amplified Bible

Death Plot and the Anointing in Bethany

14 It was now two days before the Passover and [the festival of] Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were searching for a deceitful way to arrest Jesus and kill *Him*; ² but they were saying, "Not during the festival, for the people might riot."

³While He was in Bethany [as a guest] at the <u>home</u> of Simon the leper, and reclining *at the table*, a woman came with an alabaster vial of very costly *and* precious perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured the perfume over His head. ⁴ But there were some who were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵ For this perfume might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii [a laborer's wages for almost a year], and *the <u>money</u>* given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why are you bothering her and causing trouble? She has done a good and beautiful thing to Me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do something good

to them; but you will not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. I assure you and most solemnly say to you, wherever the good news [regarding salvation] is proclaimed throughout the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve [disciples], went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ When they heard this they were delighted, and promised to give him money. And he *began* looking for an opportune time to betray Jesus.

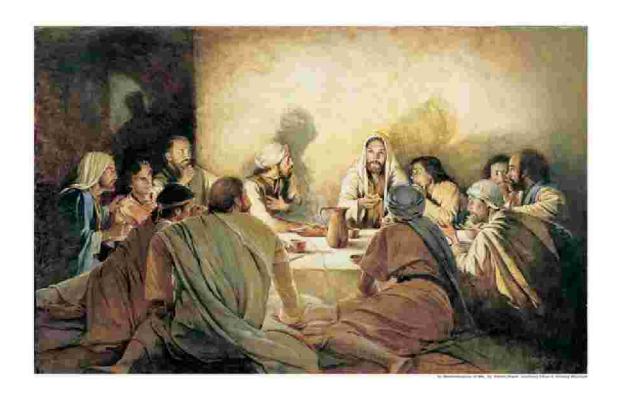
Nissan 11: April 16, 2019

Mark 15: 12-30

The Last Passover

¹² On the first day [of the festival] of Unleavened Bread, when [as was customary] they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples asked Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him; ¹⁴ and say to the owner of the *house* he enters, 'The Teacher asks, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"¹⁵ He will show you a large upstairs room, furnished and ready [with carpets and dining couches]; prepare [the supper] for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left and went to the city and found everything just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When it was evening, He came with the twelve [disciples]. ¹⁸ While they were reclining *at the table*, Jesus said, "I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹ They began to be grieved *and* deeply distressed and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?" ²⁰ And He replied, "It is one of the twelve [disciples], one who is dipping *bread* in the bowl with Me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes [to the cross] just as it is written [in Scripture] of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* good for that man if he had not been born."



The Lord's Supper

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it [giving thanks and praise], and He broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take it. This is My body." ²³ And when He had taken a cup [of wine] and ^{given} thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the [new] covenant, [My blood] which is being poured out for many [for the forgiveness of sins]. ²⁵ I assure you and most solemnly say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ After they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away [and be ashamed and be afraid to be associated with Me as disciples], because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP WILL BE SCATTERED.' ²⁸ But after I have been raised [from the dead], I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ²⁹ But Peter said to Him, "Even if they all fall away [and desert You, ashamed and afraid of being associated with You], yet I will not [do so]!" ³⁰ Jesus said to him, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you will deny [that you even know] Me three times."

Nissan 12: April 17, 2019

The trial begins!

(Christ Crucified and in the grave 1 night and 1 day in the year 29 ad)

Sundown starts Passover through Nissan 14 at Sundown)

Isaiah 50:6

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 53:3-12 King James Version (KJV)

- ³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- ⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath <u>put</u> him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall <u>bear</u> their iniquities.

¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Pat Francis: The Seven Last Words of Jesus

"And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39.

Words from a dying person can be remorseful, fearful, resentful or sad but for Jesus, His last words were deliberate, confident, and intentional:

1) "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing. Luke 23:34.

Forgiveness is an act of faith not feelings. No one deserves forgiveness. It is an opportunity for mercy because we all need mercy.

- 2) "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43.
- Jesus said this to a dying thief who was also on a cross beside him. It is never too late for God's mercy.
- 3) "Dear woman behold your son, son behold your mother." John 19:25-27. Even in the midst of His torture Jesus took care of His mother.
- 4) "Eloi, Eloi, Iama sabachthani, which means, <u>My God, my God, why have you</u> forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

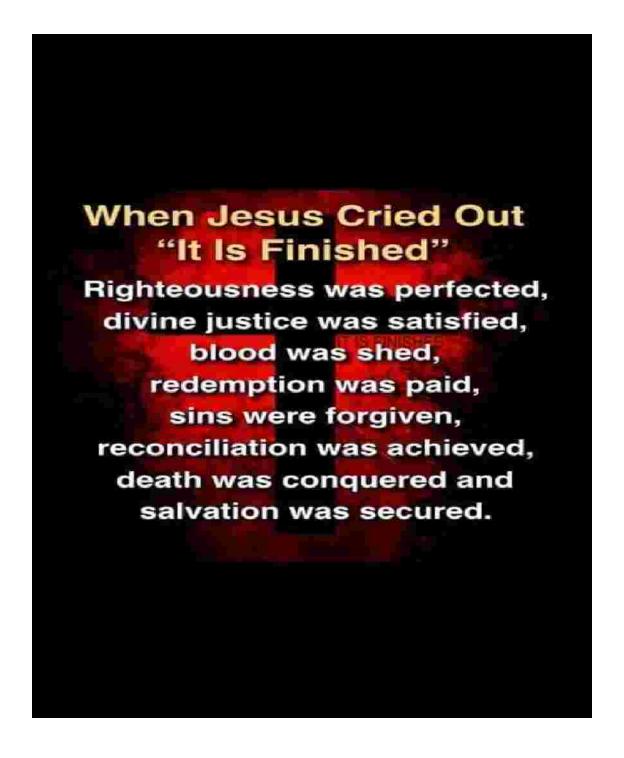
Jesus spoke in Aramaic, the language he used as a child. He went back into His childhood to appeal to His Father's heart. Jesus knows the pain of an abandoned child.

5) "I thirst." John 19:28

He who is the source of living water denied Himself to become for us the water of life.

6) "It is finished." John 19:30.

He declared his mission accomplished. Our sins were paid for in full.



7) "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46.

He gave up His life for you and all people. He rose again three days later and remains today the risen Christ, Savior, Lord, and King of Glory.

Matthew 27:51-66

And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep ^[i] in death were raised [to life]; And coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus observed the earthquake and all that was happening, they were terribly frightened and filled with awe, and said, Truly this was God's Son!

There were also numerous women there, looking on from a distance, who were of those who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. And Joseph took the body and rolled it up in a clean linen cloth used for swathing dead bodies. And laid it in his own fresh (undefiled) tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a big boulder over the door of the tomb and went away.

And Mary of Magdala and the other Mary kept sitting there opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, the day after the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate And said, Sir, we have just remembered how that vagabond Imposter said while He was still alive, After three days I will rise again.

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Nissan 13: April 18, 2019

(Christ in the grave 2nd night and 2nd day in the year 29 ad)

Timeline of events in the year 29 ad

Event	Scripture	Time	Day
Passover Meal consumed by Christ and 12	Matthew 20:20-	7-9	
disciples	29	pm	
Christ preys in the Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-46	9p-1a	
Christ Arrested in Garden of Gethsemane	John 18:1-11	1-2	
		am	
Christ Taken to Anna's House (Trial 1)	John 18:12-13	2-3	
		am	
Christ taken before Sanhedrin and Chiapas	John 18:24-27	3-4	
(Trial 2)		am	
Christ taken before Pilate, Roman Governor	John 18:28-38	5-6	
(Trial 3)		am	
Christ taken before Herod, Jewish King	Luke 23:8-12	6-7	
(Trial 4)		am	
Christ brought back to Pilate (Trial 5)	John 18:39-	7-8	
	19:11	am	
Christ stands before the people Trial 6)	Luke 23:18-25	8-9	
	Matthew 27:25	am	
Christ Flogged and Crucified at Place of the	Luke 23:26-49	9a-3p	
Skull			
Christ dies and is buried in a rich man's	Luke 23:50-56	3-5	
grave		pm	

The Laws of the Sacrifice in which Christ fulfilled all of them

Law	Scripture	Fulfilled by Christ	
Clean Animal	Genesis 8:20	Taken to Annas for trial 1	
By Appointed	1 st Samuel 2:28	Taken to Sanhedrin for trial 2	
Priest Only			
Perfect Animal	Leviticus 22:19	Taken to Pilate for Trial 3	
A Place Divinely	Duet. 12:5-6	Taken to Herod for Trial 4	
Established			
To God Alone	Exodus 22:20	Taken back to Pilate for Trial 5	
Upon an Alter	Exodus 20:24	Brought to the people for Trial	
Only		6	

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Daniel 9:26

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Nissan 14: April 19, 2019

(Christ in the grave 3rd night and 3rd day in the year 29 ad)

Question: "Where did Jesus go between His death and resurrection?"

Upon death, the Lord Jesus separated from His body and descended into Hell (at the heart of the earth) for three days and three nights. Read <u>Luke 16:19-31</u> and, if you look it up, you will find that the Greek word for Hell is "Hades." This is where the saved (Old Testament saints) and the lost (sinners) both went since the time of Abel (the first man who died) until the time of Christ's ascension to Heaven. (And, since the time of Christ's ascension Hell has been a place where all the lost souls go upon death, whereas the saved started to go home directly to Heaven upon death).

In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word used to describe the realm of the dead is <u>sheol</u>. It simply means "the place of the dead" or "the place of departed souls/spirits." The New Testament Greek equivalent of <u>sheol</u> is <u>hades</u>, which also refers to "the place of the dead." Other Scriptures in the New Testament indicate that sheol/hades is a temporary place, where souls are kept as they await the final resurrection and judgment. Revelation 20:11–15 gives a clear distinction between hades and the lake of fire. The

lake of fire is the permanent and final place of judgment for the lost. Hades, then, is a temporary place. Many people refer to both hades and the lake of fire as "hell," and this causes confusion. Jesus did not go to a place of torment after His death, but He did go to hades.

Hades was composed of Paradise or "Abraham's Bosom" (<u>Luke 16:22</u>) for the saved (Old Testament saints), and Torment for the lost (<u>Luke 6:23</u>). A gigantic gulf separated the two places, so that one could not pass over to the other side (<u>Luke 16:26</u>). This was located in the center of the Earth as <u>Matt. 12:40</u> states.

Sheol/hades was a realm with two divisions—a place of blessing and a place of judgment (Matthew 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27–31). The abodes of the saved and the lost are both generally called "hades" in the Bible. The abode of the saved is also called "Abraham's bosom" (KJV) or "Abraham's side" (NIV) in Luke 16:22 and "paradise" in Luke 23:43. The abode of the unsaved is called "hell" (KJV) or "Hades" (NIV) in Luke 16:23. The abodes of the saved and the lost are separated by a "great chasm" (Luke 16:26). When Jesus died, He went to the blessed side of sheol and, from there, took the believers with Him to heaven (Ephesians 4:8–10). The judgment side of sheol/hades has remained unchanged. All unbelieving dead go there awaiting their final judgment in the future. Did Jesus go to sheol/hades? Yes, according to Ephesians 4:8–10 and 1 Peter 3:18–20.

As Jesus neared death, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). His suffering in our place was completed. His soul/spirit went to hades (the place of the dead). Jesus did not go to "hell" or the suffering side of hades; He went to "Abraham's side" or the blessed side of hades. Jesus' suffering ended the moment He died. The payment for sin was paid. He then awaited the resurrection of His body and His return to glory in His ascension. Did Jesus go to hell? No. Did Jesus go to sheol/hades? Yes.

<u>Luke 23:43</u> tells us that this is where Christ went upon His death. "And the thief said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The Lord answered him by saying, "...Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Furthermore, the old Apostle's Creed (Traditional English Version) has these words, "...suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into HELL.." Jesus really went to Hell to taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9) and to confirmed to the Old Testament people (both to the saints and the lost) that He is indeed the promised Redeemer (Job 19:25; 1 Pet. 3:19). When Jesus arose from the dead He defeated Hell and Death and become the mighty Savior to everyone who believes in Him (Acts 2:27, 31; Heb. 2:14; John 5:24; Heb. 7:25).

At Christ's resurrection, the Bible tells us farther that "many bodies of the [Old Testament] saints" also resurrected and went out from their graves, walked again upon this earth (Matt. 27:52-53) and eventually went to Heaven together with all the saints as Jesus transferred them from Hades to Heaven (Acts 1:11; Eph. 4:8-10).

After the Lord's Resurrection, He remained on Earth for forty days, showing Himself in His resurrected body. When He ascended back to Heaven (<u>Acts 1:11</u>), He emptied the Paradise in Hades, taking all the saved (Old Testament saints) back with Him to Glory. <u>Eph. 4:8-9</u> gives the record,

"Now that he (Christ) ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth...Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he (Christ) lead captivity captive (those in Paradise to Heaven), and gave gifts unto men."

In <u>2Co. 12:2-4</u> we are told that Paradise is now in Heaven.

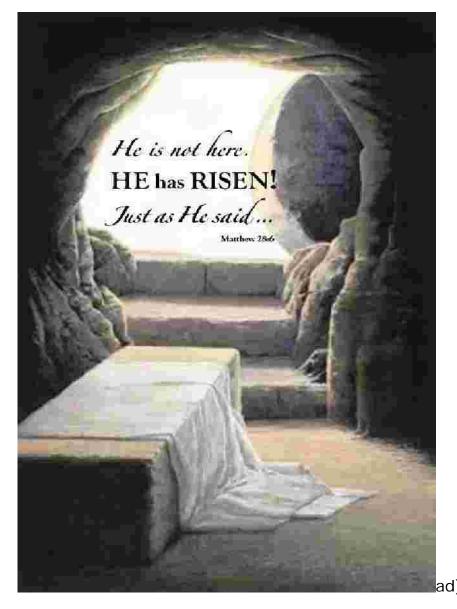
"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

In addition, let me share the answer of this question, "Why the souls of Old Testament saints did not go directly to Heaven when they died" (<u>John 3:13</u>)? The answer is this: Heaven is a place for holy and perfect people. Even they were righteous but they still needed to be perfect in the sight of God. So, they must wait for God's perfect sin offering to thoroughly cleanse them from all their sins to make them perfect, holy and complete in God's sight which is only through the substitutionary death and atoning sacrifice of Jesus in Calvary (<u>Heb. 10:10</u>, <u>14</u>). Every man who enters Heaven must be washed by the blood of Jesus (the Lamb of God) and must be clothed with His righteousness (<u>Col. 1:22</u>; <u>Rev. 1:5</u>; <u>Rom. 10:4</u>) to become holy, perfect and complete in God's sight.

Today, when a Christian dies, they go immediately to Paradise to be with the Lord in Heaven. As apostle Paul said, "we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2Co. 5:8). At death, the Christian only changes his location. Therefore, leaving his body behind, he (his soul and spirit—the real "you") enters the glories of Heaven! Indeed, for true Christians, to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil. 1:21). Hallelujah!

Nissan 15, April 20, 2019

(Christ rises after sunset, beginning of the 4th day on Saturday Evening, 29



Matthew 28:1-8 Jesus Is Risen!

Now after the Sabbath, near dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. And a great earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone [from the opening of the tomb], and sat on it.

The angel's appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards shook, paralyzed with fear [at the sight] of him and became like dead men [pale and immobile].

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said [He would]. Come! See the place where He was lying. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee [as He promised]. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell [the good news to] the disciples.

Matthew 28:9-17 Amplified Bible

⁹ And *as they went*, suddenly, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they went to Him and took hold of His feet [in homage] and worshiped Him [as the Messiah]. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me [just as I promised]."

¹¹ While they were on their way, some of the [Roman] guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² And when the chief priests had gathered with the elders and had consulted together [to develop a plan of deception], they gave a sufficient sum of money [as a bribe] to the soldiers, ¹³ and said, "You say this, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him while we were sleeping.' ¹⁴ And if the governor (Pilate) hears about it, we will calm him down and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money [they were paid for lying] and did as they were instructed; and this [fabricated] story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to the present day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted [that it was really He]. Matthew 28:18-20 Amplified Bible

¹⁸ Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."



Nissan 16: April 21, 2019

And!!! Luke 24:1-50 Amplified Bible

The Resurrection

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared [to finish anointing the body]. ² And they found the [large, circular] stone rolled back from the tomb, ³ but when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed *and* wondering about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling clothing stood near them; ⁵ and as the women were terrified and were bowing their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living One among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise [from death to life]." ⁸ And they remembered His words, ⁹ and after returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven [apostles] and to all the rest.

¹⁰ Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna [the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward] and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. ¹¹ But their report seemed to them like idle talk *and* nonsense, and they would not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping [at the small entrance] and looking in, he saw only the linen wrappings; and he went away, wondering about what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

¹³ And then, that very day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing it, Jesus Himself came up and *began* walking with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were [miraculously] prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked them, "What are you discussing with one another as you walk along?" And they stood still, looking brokenhearted. ¹⁸ One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only stranger visiting Jerusalem who is unaware of the things which have happened here in these [recent] days?"

¹⁹ He asked, "What things?" And they replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel *and* set our nation free. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²² And also some of the women among us shocked us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and they did not find His body. Then they came back, saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive! ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women had said, but they did not see Him." ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to trust and believe in everything that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and [only then to] enter His glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and [throughout] all the [writings of the] prophets, He explained *and* interpreted for them the things referring to Himself [found] in all the Scriptures.

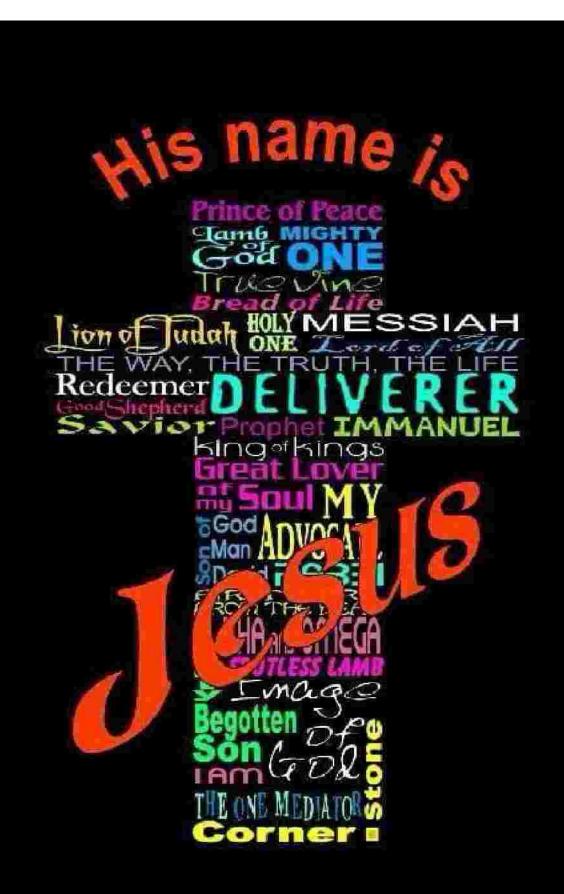
²⁸ Then they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as if He were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged Him [not to go on], saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day has just about ended." So He went inside to stay with them. ³⁰ And it happened that as He reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread

and blessed it, and breaking it, He *began* giving it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were [suddenly] opened [by God] and they [clearly] recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³² They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and opening the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up that very hour and went back to Jerusalem, and found the eleven [apostles] gathered together and those who were with them, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon [Peter]!" ³⁵ They *began* describing in detail what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread.

Other Appearances

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself [suddenly] stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." ³⁷ But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a spirit. ³⁸ And He said, "Why are you troubled, and why are doubts rising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at [the marks in] My hands and My feet, [and see] that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ After saying this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ While they still did not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He took it and ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you, everything which has been written about Me in the Law of Moses and the [writings of the] Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to [help them] understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said, "And so it is written, that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance [necessary] for forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high."



Nissan 17: April 22, 2019

Don't let the Spirit of Delay Stop Your Dreams; Cindy Jacobs

The Lord says, "My children, didn't I tell you not to let your dreams die? Some of you are stuck because you have just said, 'Well, that dream is gone.' Didn't I say there was a convergence of dreams? Didn't I say that there were prayers that you have prayed that are all coming together?"

I feel an admonition from the Lord that many of you heard what He said, but you didn't really believe it. The Lord shows me that there are many people in the body of Christ today that are heartsick. And your heart is so full of unbelief. You've gotten to a place where the spirit of unbelief has overcome you. In the name of Jesus, we bind and break the spirit of unbelief.

And the Lord says, "There's nothing too hard for Me. If you stay stuck, then it will be because you did not apply My principles."

I remember giving a word about binding the spirit of delay. I actually was on the phone the other day, waiting to get an answer from a credit card company, and I was just fidgeting, feeling so tired of waiting. And it was like the Holy Spirit touched me on the shoulder and said, "You know, you have authority over this." So I bound that spirit of delay, and I'm telling you, that agent came on right away.

Another thing like that happened to me where I was delayed on a flight. We weren't taking off, we'd actually waited on the tarmac for an hour, and it was the same thing. The Lord goes, "Now look, there's a weather problem; you can take care of that. And there's a problem going on right now with delays. So why don't you just bind, take authority over the weather where you're going to fly, and bind the spirit of delay?"

I used those tools that God had given me, and so what happened? Well, the pilot got on and said, "Oh, I want to tell you the weather patterns have changed. And we're not going to be delayed any longer; we will make up the time."

Now I want to say to you - there's that spirit of delay. It's stopping your dreams; it's stopping this convergence. So the Lord says, "I want you to be spiritually astute. I

don't want you to just let life pass you by and assume this is a natural thing when we live in two kingdoms, the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. The kingdom of darkness wants to stop your dreams, stop you from advancing, and the kingdom of light wants you to go forward; God's power wants you to go forward."

Father, we thank You, Lord that we're going to accept and we're going to believe that nothing is impossible. There is a dream convergence going on, there is restitution going on, there is favor going on. Lord, we receive it, and we receive the spiritual intelligence, that spiritual quotient that we need to have, the SQs of our life.

And the Lord says, "You have emotional quotients, you have character quotients, but I want you to come up higher in the spirit realm and understand really what is happening around you."

If you will do that, you're going to see the promises of God begin to be answered over and over. Amen, God bless you.

Your testimony for God's Glory

"For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he demotes one, and exalts another" Ps. 75:6-7.

God will promote you, display you, and make your name known for your sake and for His sake. God promoted Daniel in Babylon and he became the second most powerful man of influence because the Glory of God was seen in and through Him. His life was a testimony that proved that the God of Abraham was greater than the gods of Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar said, "To the peoples, nations and men of every language, who live in all the world: May you prosper greatly! 2. It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me." Daniel 4:1-2.

In Babylon Daniel and the Hebrew slaves suffered much persecution and sometimes torture. Daniel was viciously attacked by competitors in the workplace; persecuted for his faith; thrown into a den of lions; and his friends thrown into a furnace of roaring fire. Nevertheless, God gave His servants wisdom and honor to deal with kings and

their enemies. God's Glory preserved them in spiritual warfare and promoted them in spite all opposition. "Then the King placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men." Daniel 2:48. God is greater than all that you may be facing in your life and workplace. God will glorify you to bring Him glory on earth. Your testimony is for His glory.

Kingdom Declaration:

"I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13.

Nissan 18: April 23, 2019

IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS I WILL SING FOR JOY!!!! Lana Vawser

Recently as I woke one morning I heard the Lord whisper a Scripture reference to me that I did not recognize.

"Psalm 63:7" He whispered.

"You have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for you!" (ESV)

"Because you are my helper; I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings" (CSB)

I felt the heart of God wanting to encourage His people that HE is your helper and in more ways than ever before you are going to see this manifested in your life; <u>The powerful demonstrations of the help of the Lord.</u> You have not been left alone in your battle. You have not been left alone in the darkness. You have not been left alone in the pain. You have not been left alone in the circumstances you are facing. The Lord is demonstrating His power and His help. For HE is the helper!

"So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" - Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)

The Lord is showing Himself strong, the Lord is showing Himself as your helper. The Lord is strengthening you. He is defending you and He is protecting you.

As the Lord whispered Psalm 63:7 to me I had the strong sense of His protection. The Lord is wanting to encourage many today that have been battling fear and other things that the Lord is protecting you. He is your protector. As you lean into Him, as you trust in Him, as you rest under the shadow of His wings there is GREAT JOY that you will find. When the battle rages around, when the fears resound loudly, when the intimidation screams, when the foreboding shouts, when the giants roar, there is a place of great JOY that He is inviting you into that is found under the shadow of His wings.

His wings are protecting you, His wings are sheltering you and the noise and clamor around you is simply that, noise and clamor and it will not touch you.

There is great JOY upon you found in resting in Jesus, found in resting under His protection and under the shadow of His wings. He's got YOU and He's got THIS.

The noise and clamor that is going on in the past week is because of the new ventures before you. You are being positioned to fly and the enemy is trying to clip your wings, but his attempts will fail. As you make the Lord your God your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place (Psalm 91) you will see His wings surround you and no arrow or dart will come against you or harm you. NO weapon formed against you shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:17)

DREAMS, ENCOUNTERS AND VISIONS OF BEING HIDDEN UNDER HIS WINGS

The Lord whispered to me:

"There will be a greater increase of dreams, encounters and visions of My people being hidden under My wings and there shall they find and walk in greater PEACE than they have ever experienced."

"I am opening up deeper revelation of what it is to live under the shadow of My wings and the JOY that is found there that is not based on circumstance or people but found in ME."

"Fear has assaulted My people for SO long and the day of that foreboding, tormenting fear is ending for many. I am releasing this powerful revelation of who I am as protector and helper and the safety found in Me, the safety found in resting in Me and My love that is going to silence the enemy."

"The enemy is screaming at many: "'mourning' will continue" or "'mourning' is upon you" but the truth is there is a deeper realm of rejoicing opening up before you that is found in quiet, confident trust in Me and My protection and help".

MANY OF MY PEOPLE ARE MOVING INTO THE GREATEST BREAKTHROUGH OF PEACE THEY HAVE EVER KNOWN

I heard His whisper:

"Many of My people are moving into the greatest breakthrough of My peace that they have never known. In the revelation of the power of surrender and trust and living under the shadow of My wings and protection is going to SILENCE many inner storms within many hearts and minds. Many of My people are beginning to walk in the peace that passes all understanding that I purchased at Calvary."

DIS-EASE SILENCED AND DISEASES HEALED

A vision opened up before my eyes as I watched many in the body of Christ accepting the invitation from the Lord to enter into this deeper place of revelation of living under the shadow of His wings through their engagement with these promises of Scripture (Psalm 91, Psalm 63:7) and inviting the Holy Spirit to come and open up this revelation.

In the blossoming of this deeper revelation I watched as the Holy Spirit moved deeply within their hearts and soul and I watched DIS-EASE melt away. Generational DIS-EASE was breaking and melting away. Anxiety was melting away. Fear was melting away. Traumas and pain, melting away. Many different types of DIS-EASE was melting away and it was being removed and a decree of FINALITY was being established.

As this DIS-EASE was being healed and removed and deep peace and revelation blossoming within many as the revelation of Jesus was manifesting in deeper ways, I watched DISEASES being SUDDENLY healed. SUDDENLY diseases were being healed.

I heard the Lord say:

"I am healing FROM THE INSIDE OUT!!!"

The sense surrounded me that for many as the DIS-EASE was being healed from within, the DISEASES were falling away. There was a WHOLENESS of healing Jesus was bringing forth.

A bubbling spring of praise and joy is beginning to spring forth in many as the revelation of His protection and help is flowing forth that is leading His people into a tangible place of ECSTATIC JOY in who He is and His faithfulness.

Friends, you have NOTHING to fear! Great REJOICING is upon you found in the deeper places of revelation of who He is.

Exodus 20:1-6

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Nissan 19: April 24, 2019

"'This Time Next Year...' is What I Hear the Spirit of the Lord Saying"

Arleen Westerhof, Amsterdam, Netherlands

The Spirit of the Lord is saying that it is time for a new visitation. This time, however, new really does mean new. God is breaking things off of our lives and ministries, even things that He gave us in the past in order to prepare us for what's to come. While we honor what's been done before, in this season we cannot afford to model our lives or our ministries after what happened in the past. If we do we will miss what God is doing now. We have never been this way before.

In Genesis 18 Abraham was sitting in front of his tent during the heat of the day. All of a sudden he looked up and saw three men standing in front of him. What Abraham did next catalyzed the destiny for himself and Sarah: *He stood up and he ran to meet them*. The arrival of these men wasn't convenient and it wasn't expected. At first, he didn't even realize that it was the Lord! Abraham interrupted

what he was doing in order to host the men. His being willing to interrupt his plans resulted in the fulfillment of God's promise for the son that they had been waiting on for more than 20 years (Gen. 18:10)!

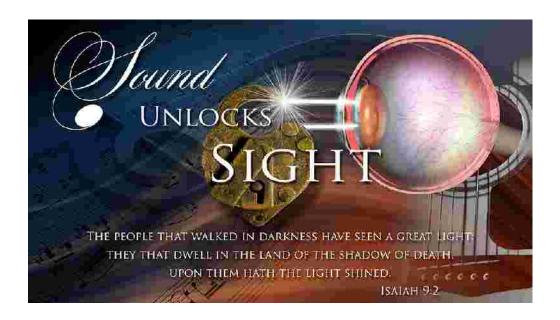
The Spirit of God is saying the same thing to us: "This time next year!" There are doors in Heaven that have never been open before in our lifetimes and these doors won't stay open for long. This is the season of "the great interruption" and we have to be prepared to act.

Those who are prepared to interrupt and adjust their own plans and schedules as God intervenes will see new doors for personal breakthrough and Kingdom advancement open.

A New Level of Authority Attached to the Proclamation of the Prophetic Word

At creation, God's Spirit hovered over the waters. Suddenly the sound of His voice burst forth: "Let there be light!" Then there was light. This season is about the power of the "sound" that God is calling us to release on the earth. As we speak and call forth what we hear in the spirit, God will release a new level of supernatural power, joined to the prophetic, so that the impossible (humanly speaking) becomes possible and manifests here on the earth.

It's time to get out our old prophetic words that have yet to be fulfilled and remind Heaven and Hell of what has been said until they come to pass.



(John Rockwell has been teaching for several months how soound is so important and how it unlocks the light of GOD"s WORD... Listen top what the phropets are saying.... Repeat the word of GOD over you and your family daily!)

A New Generation of Elijah Prophets Raised Up

2019 will also see a new generation of Elijah prophets raised up that will stand before kings and rulers and proclaim the word of the Lord. They will say, "At my word, this specific thing will happen so that you may know that there is a God in Heaven who presides over the affairs of men." God will back up the words of His prophets and will display Himself as "El Shaddai" through this new release of signs, wonders and miracles in the prophetic.

This is the year in which God says, "Ask of Me and I will give you the nations..." (Psalm 2:8).

A Shift in the Prayer Movement and Harvest

There's a shift occurring in the prayer movement as God pours out a spirit of boldness on His intercessors—contending in houses of prayer. Houses of prayer that wage war in the spirit and know how to use their authority in the courts of Heaven will be raised up to counter the increase in demonic attack against God's children.

Strategic levels of intercession will be released to run together with evangelism to see the harvest of souls come in. The Spirit of the Lord is saying: "It's harvest time!"

Revival Flying Together with Reformation

The Spirit of God is thrusting many of His people, especially the millennial generation, into the spheres of influence in society, and some of us will need to go back to school to prepare ourselves.

I hear the voice of the Lord asking, "Are you willing to lay down your life, pick up your cross, and go where He sends you, even if it's into government or business?" It's no longer business as usual, especially in business, economics and government.

Not long ago, the Lord woke me up at night and said, "Heaven is not in crisis and I have the solutions for the world's most pressing problems. My people, however, aren't asking Me for them!" God is out for nothing less than the total transformation of our societies. He's out to heal business and government in order to heal the world.

Nissan 20: - April 25

"Don't Crack! Attack and Take It All Back!" Tom Hamon, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

In this season of the third Great Awakening in the Church, the enemy's resistance is real! The enemy wants to break the back of us, the Church, and make us collapse under the pressure being applied in this generation. Political correctness, new cultural norms and social pressure are trying to reshape the very fabric of the Church to be conformed to this world instead of being the transformational force we are called to be by the renewing of our minds by God's Word (Romans 12:2).

Without the Word of God as our basis of truth, the Church is doomed to fail. The enemy wants us to crack under the pressure—crack doctrinally, morally and spiritually! The Scripture says that the enemy is like a "roaring lion" seeking out the weak to see whom he can devour. I believe that is true in this generation more than ever before. The enemy has loosed a spirit of seduction, deception and intimidation against the Church that, if we are not strong, will cause our very foundations to crumble.

Hebrews 12 says that everything that can be shaken will be, and all I have to say is that there is a whole lot of shaking going on right now! It goes on to say that only the things of the Kingdom will remain and stand. I believe it is the job of the apostolic and prophetic to lay true foundations in the Church (Ephesians 2:20) so that the Church in this generation will withstand the heat and pressure that is coming against it today. Without that, I'm afraid the Church is destined to lapse into apostasy rather than awakening and revival.

In 1 Samuel 30, we see the story of David at Ziklag. We know that David had been on a long journey to fulfill his prophesied destiny of kingship. And if David had given up then, all of his sacrifices up to that point would have been for

"God cares about your comfort, but not at the expense of your destiny."

nothing. At Ziklag, the Amalekites attacked and robbed David and David's men, taking everything that was precious in their lives.

The Amalekite spirit is indicative of a viscous, violent spirit of robbery. The enemy's attack was not a direct one, to kill David, but rather an indirect one, to hurt and take what he most cared about. The plan was to make him crack and give up on his destiny. The pressure grew greater. Even David's loyal men, out of

their grief, began to turn on David and blame him. *They even contemplated killing him!* These were desperate times and David had a <u>decision</u> to make: would he give in to what was happening in hopelessness, despair or would he attack back? David did the wise thing and inquired of the Lord. The answer was clear and emphatic: pursue, overtake, attack, take back and recover all! I believe this is the same answer that the Lord is decreeing to the Church today: "Attack your lack and don't look back!"

Don't Lose Your Confidence

What is the enemy trying to steal from you today? Here are a few things that I prophetically see. He desperately wants to steal your confidence. David's confidence in himself, his men and God, was shaken by what had taken place. He had been through so much in his life and became disheartened. The enemy wants to shake your confidence. You must be bold and believe for the great things God has promised you.

Don't Lose Your Peace, the Presence of God and God's Purpose!

The enemy attacked David's family and those who were in covenant with him in order to confuse David and hit him where it hurt. When something like that happens to us, it can cause us to react emotionally, but David was able to calm himself and seek God and receive the word he needed to hear in order to continue to advance toward his destiny. The enemy wants to rattle your cage and get you off your game but don't let him. Scripture declares, "The God of peace will soon crush satan underneath your feet..." (Romans 16:20). We pursue the Lord first so that we can pursue our enemy with confidence and take back all that he has stolen! God's peace will allow you to hear His voice and guide you to victory.

Don't Lose Your Hope!

Hopelessness is a direct attack against the nature of God. When resources are stolen and we feel powerless to see change, we can sink down into a state of hopelessness. The enemy wants to rob our hope of seeing things change or regaining our possessions. He wants to rob our hope for our family, or our purpose and power. But we must not give into the hopelessness the enemy is promoting to us and understand that Christ in us is the very hope of glory and the

banner of victory to bring the change God wants. We must not shrink back in despair, but rise up in hope and faith to attack and take it all back.

Don't Turn Back!

Scripture instructs us to advance forward in our calling and to be more like Jesus. It exhorts us not to turn back to our old life or the rudimentary ways of this world. The enemy's strategy is multifaceted, but I believe one of his most insidious attacks involves the Church turning back at the very time we are called to advance. I'm reminded of the children of Israel's call out of captivity and on to the Promise Land; at the crucial moment of their journey they retreated instead of moving forward into the promise, and God was not pleased. All they had worked for was forfeited at the Jordon River. But why? We know they spied out the land and perceived themselves to be like grasshoppers in the sight of the giants of the land and chose not to go in. They even chose a leader to take them back to Egypt. *Can you imagine?*

The New Testament describes it this way, "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.' For who, having heard, rebelled?" (Hebrews 3:14-16). Then it goes on to describe how they came out of Egypt. All but two of them knew of God's disappointment and anger because of their unbelief. It was a breach of promise. How could that happen? How could they not believe the God who had delivered, blessed them and destroyed their enemies? How could they have lived in so much disbelief that it brought them to the point of rebelling against His Word and promise and lost out on their prophesied destiny? Where did all this start? How and why did they harden their hearts in unbelief?

The Golden Calves of the Modern Church in America

In the passage in Acts 7:39, we get a clue. Stephen is preaching to God's people and reminds them of what happened on Mount Sinai. Moses was on the mountain, standing in the glory of God and receiving His commandments to His people. At the same time, the people of Israel were lamenting the loss of all the pleasures of Egypt. They felt abandoned by God and Moses and decided to turn back to the gods they had served back in Egypt. Out of a need for comfort and security they made an idol, brought sacrifices to it and reveled in what their own hands had made. God turned away from them and gave them over to the worship

of the sun, moon and stars and the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rephan. I believe these gods refer to the worship of creation and bowing down to evolution, abortion, perversion, witchcraft and antichrist. I also believe that there are four very powerful "golden calves" or "sacred cows" in the Church today that want to keep us out of God's promised destiny in this season.

Convenience, Comfortability and Entertainment

In the last days, people will have itching ears to hear what they want and not endure sound doctrine. Instead, they will seek out teachers to tell them what they want to hear. God cares about your comfort, but not at the expense of your destiny. He will offend your flesh, put you in a wilderness experience, crucify your self-life and put you in a trial, all to perfect you and make you more like Him. Unfortunately, too many people in the Church have decided that they would rather be comfortable back in Egypt than to become an army called to possess the Promised Land.

Convenience has replaced commitment and comfortability has replaced being conformed to the image of Christ. Entertainment has replaced worship and sacrifice. Tolerance—being non-offensive and all-encompassing—has replaced preaching the truth with conviction and repentance. Let's not bow down to the idol of convenience or go back to Egypt and captivity only to face God's judgment.

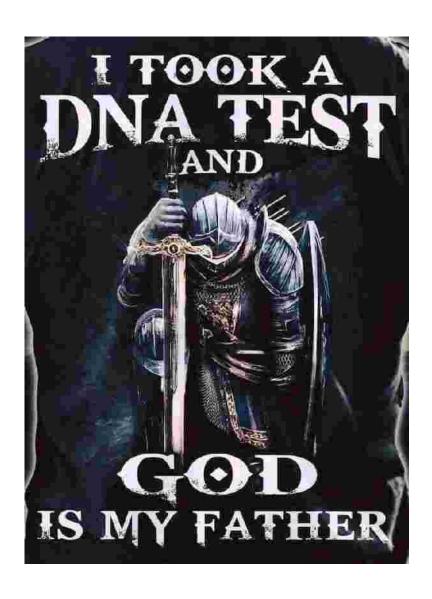
Compromise to the Current Culture

Some have bowed down, becoming more like the world, in the name of being relevant. Grace is an amazing thing, but Jude 1:4 warns us not to allow men to "...turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." As a Christian, can you deny that Jesus is the only true God and way to Heaven? How could that happen—that people would use grace as an excuse to sin or live like the world? Paul has said that God forbid that would happen.

The law of grace is not a lower standard but a higher one in God. It not only deals with your actions but your heart motivation as well. For example, the New Testament tells us to not just avoid committing adultery, but don't even lust with your eyes! Jude and 2 Peter warns Believers saying to remember what happened to the angels who were in Heaven and then fell and are being held in chains of darkness in Hell. Remember the children of Israel who God destroyed? Remember Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed because of their

immorality, sexual sin and perversion? Remember Noah's generation and the judgment that happened to them?

We are warned of false teaching and false teachers, "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning" (2 Peter 2:20). So many are preaching liberty in their foul language, their promiscuity, their partying, their perversion and their lifestyles, but God's warnings are clear: Don't compromise with the world. Don't become a friend of the world and compromise your faith, your godly standards and your relationship with God. Let's not bow down to the golden calf of compromise!



Cowardice

What was the problem with the children of Israel? They lost their courage and retreated, deciding to play it safe. God was saying, "Just believe Me. Be strong and of good courage. Fight and I'll fight with you and for you." A passive, fearful,

"The answer was clear and emphatic: pursue, overtake, attack, take back and recover all!"

unbelieving mentality had gripped the people of God. They decided and declared that they were not able to possess the land that God had promised. In contrast, God was looking for champions and those who would fight for His cause and His Kingdom. He was looking for those who would face the giants and shout at the walled cities until they fell. He was looking for a fearless generation that would not be afraid, intimidated, disheartened or dismayed but would courageously take the battle to the enemy to accomplish God's vision on the earth. The enemy, through a spirit of intimidation, wants to make a coward of the Church. It's not time to back down. It is time to turn around, attack back and possess the land of promise!

Complacency and the Cares of This Life

God once said to me, "A man with passion will overcome any obstacle to achieve his goals, but a man without passion will allow any obstacle to overcome him and stop him in the journey toward his destiny." Matthew 24:12, tells us, "...the love of many shall wax cold." They will lose their first love. God said to me, "Apathy leads to atrophy and will ultimately lead to apostasy." That's a big part of the enemy's strategy against the Church today.

If the enemy can't stop us, then he'll just distract us with all the concerns of life. He'll get us so caught up in the mundane day-to-day that we stop dreaming and discovering. He'll try to cause the hard things to harden our hearts and dominate our passion. He'll try and turn our eyes to escapism and entertainment or deaden our dreams with the drudgery of everyday pressure to just survive. Dead religion and ritual will want to supplant a passionate pursuing of God's plan for our lives. This can become a golden calf that diverts or depresses our energy for Heaven's purposes.

Get on Track and Take It All Back!

Lastly, God is saying, "Do whatever it takes to get yourself back on track with your destiny and My purpose for the Church." Don't bow down to any idols that

will take you back to the captivity of Egypt and keep you out of your prophetic promise!

If you're hurt— seek help. Seek God and let Him heal your heart. It's time to get over it and get on with it.

If you're hard—humble yourself. Let grace flow and soften your heart. Seek God.

If you're distracted—focus, commit and get your life back on track with God.

If you're compromising—read the Word with an open mind. Confess your sin and repent. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you, convict you and help you change.

If you're facing something impossible—rise up in faith. Lift up the sword of the Spirit. Fight, shout your doubts out and cast the enemy out.

If you feel hopeless—allow God to re-ignite His vision in your life. Remember your hope is in God.

If you feel powerless—choose to use your weapons and your authority in Christ. Don't retreat to get out of the heat! Remember God's got your back! Don't crack. Take it all back! It's a time to rise up with the spirit of David at your Ziklag and pursue, overtake, attack and take it all back!

Nissan 21:- April 26

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT OF RESURRECTION!!! THE RESURRECTION POWER OF JESUS IS COMING UPON YOU!!!! by Lana Vawser

Recently I have had a strong sense of the 'resurrection power of Jesus' burning within me. That every battle, every storm, every hardship, every trial has come out of nowhere and attempted to pull many of God's people under.

There has been an assignment against many of God's people sent by the enemy to bring about a death to vision, to passion, to forward momentum, to the breakthrough that God is bringing upon His people.

The enemy has come hard against many of God's people, but God is demonstrating that He is greater within His people than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

In the midst of the acceleration of God, the enemy has also accelerated in his attacks to attempt to hinder God's people from what God is leading them into.

The Lord has been showing me over and over that that the enemy has thought he has won in so many ways by how he has come against God's people with these onslaughts. Many have felt like they have lost their breath in the battle. Many have felt like have died in the battle, but the truth is, the Lord has been working IN the battle and what is dying are the things in the heart and the soul that are NOT of God and in line with His Word and His truth.

So the very death the enemy is attempting to bring to vision, to passion, to purpose, to forward momentum, to the increase and breakthrough God is bringing is being turned on its head as the Lord turns what the enemy meant for harm, for the good of God's people.

There has been a 'dying' process for many in these battles and many have stared 'death' in the face, feeling like they wouldn't survive the battle, but then SUDDENLY comes the RESURRECTION POWER of Jesus to bring His people back to life and stronger than ever before.

There is an ACCELERATION OF RESURRECTION upon many of God's people right now. Many of you have been in battle after battle and many of you feel like in many ways there has been a death that has taken place within you in weariness, in wounding, in dreaming with God, in faith for the promises He has for you, but the Lord showed me that there is an ACCELERATION of RESURRECTION upon you NOW in Jesus name.

The resurrection anointing is coming in many of you that is going to cause LIFE to abound within you like never before and you will RISE AGAIN. You will no longer feel like you are drowning, but you will RISE AGAIN in STRENGTH and RESURRECTION.

There is an AWAKENING taking place in the RESURRECTION that will see you move in the freedom, the strength of the Holy Spirit, the healing and the restoration of God like never before.

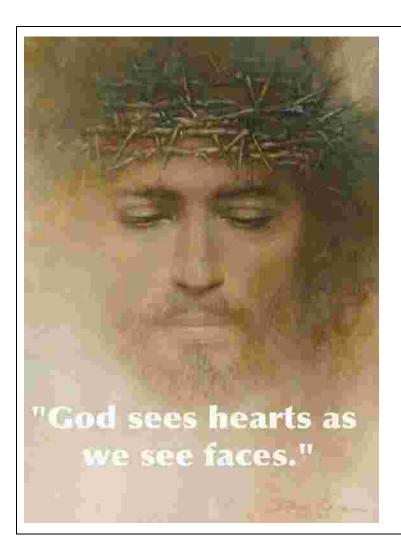
You are being resurrected by His power like never before but WITHOUT the landing pads that the enemy has found to come and torment many of you and cause you to fall and to face continual cycles of battles that have brought about a death to many things within you and feeling like you are suffocating and not walking in victory.

There is a MAJOR victory upon God's people individually right now. The Lord is about to do DISPLAY His resurrection power like you have NEVER seen before.

You have stared death in the face in many ways in this season and the enemy thought he could hinder you, your vision, your mission and stop your forward momentum in this season of acceleration but NOW the acceleration and strength of the Holy Spirit that is being infused in you in the resurrection power of Jesus invading your life, you will accelerate into life, healing, strength, freedom, breakthrough and forward momentum like NEVER before.

Your VICTORY in Christ is about to be displayed LOUDLY in its MANIFESTATION!

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT OF RESURRECTION!!! THE RESURRECTION POWER OF JESUS IS COMING UPON YOU!!!!



"Jesus bore the Cross to free us personally. He proved His endless worth to rule over spheres of authority by laying down His life for those He rules.

Many of us are going to experience soaring with Holy Spirit in this season. A baptism of cleansing is first required."

Nissan 22: – April 27

"You Are Being Summoned! Arise and Take Your Mountain!" Jon Hamill, Washington, DC

One morning during a baptism revival in Brunswick, GA, I had a very lucid dream which I'm still pondering. Prophetically, the dream conveyed two aspects of arising to secure God's Kingdom on your mountain.

In the dream, Jolene and I were sleeping in a room of an old factory building which was being transformed into an apostolic ministry center. It was a ground-up renovation. There was so much work to accomplish! And the neighborhood was dangerous. Mentors and friends were sleeping in other rooms nearby.

I made my way down a darkened hall for a midnight restroom break. Seeking to get some light in the hall, I found a bank of light switches connected to lights for the entire wing of the factory. The chart which accompanied the switches was faded and confusing. Choosing the wrong switch could bring a rude awakening to our sleeping colleagues! Not a good idea. So I chose to make my way to the restroom in the dim light available.

Cleansing and Arising by the Spirit

The restroom was large, and looked like it had already been renovated. A window by a mirror was open. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew through. When the wind hit me I began to arise—to literally float up toward the ceiling! I found in the weightlessness I could maneuver around. Easy but awkward, with lots of starts and stops. In the dream I was moving vertically above the floor, but shifted horizontally to kind of fly. Then I began to descend.

Astute dream interpreters among us know that bathrooms often represent *cleansing*. I believe it is significant that as the cleansing process culminated, I began to arise! Many of us are going to experience soaring with Holy Spirit in this season. A baptism of cleansing is first required. Can I just say—it's worth it!

The Mountain Sojourner

When my feet touched the floor, I thought about exploring outside of the factory and found myself immediately outside in the courtyard. Above the factory was a small

mountain. On top of the mountain was a very large, old structure which I knew was tied to government and the security of our nation. Like the factory, it seemed to be under renovation. A few of the many <u>windows</u> on the building were lit.

From my vantage point, I could make out a statue near the structure, just below the crest of the hill. Lit with floodlights, the statue was actually the brightest subject in my dream, but it was too far away to make out. As I strained to see, almost immediately I was "there," hovering like a bird, parallel with the illuminated statue so I could really get a good look.

The statue was made of high-quality marble. It depicted a muscled man in a robe, strained under the unimaginable weight being borne on His shoulder. He was clearly agonized, yet His sculpted face projected fierce strength and resolve to bring His summit journey to victory.

You probably guessed the subject of this sculpture; the Sojourner, illuminated against the darkened mountain, was Jesus Christ, carrying His Cross.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

In a flash I was back inside the building, looking at the statue of Jesus ascending the summit of the mountain. I looked behind me. Another window, too high up to see out of, caught my attention. Blue and red lights were projecting through the window onto a wall. They were flashing rhythmically, visual echoes showing apparent police activity nearby.

I then made my way back to my bride, tucked myself in, and awoke.

3 Keys to the Dream

Fascinating, right? The dream seemed so real. It was vivid but visually very dark, which I guess is to be expected when conveying a midnight ascension and a factory under renovation. Revelation came quickly, especially regarding cleansing and soaring. But details within the rest of the dream were honestly puzzling. My <u>processing</u> skills were of little use. Over the past few weeks I have really leaned into the Holy Spirit for revelation. Here are some keys.

1. The mountain. The mountain near the factory seemed so ominous. Was it an actual geographic location? Did it represent a "high place"? Spiritual mapping theories raced through my mind. Then the Spirit of the Lord demystified the meaning: The Mountain actually represents the mountain of government.

In a midnight hour, we, as the Body of Christ, are being summoned to the summit!

2. The factory and the government structure. It's important to note both the factory and the governmental structure were both under renovation at the same time. Both were dark. Both needed an extreme makeover, and the Lord is moving to accomplish both renovations simultaneously.

A factory produces products engineered to be exactly the same in quality, quantity and structure. A factory refurbished into an apostolic center is called to bring forth the <u>unique gifts</u> and graces God has entrusted to each person. Not made into man's image, but His.

The good news is that a few of the lights in the building were on, even at midnight, when the factory lights of the apostolic center were out. *God is saying something here!*

3. The statue. Above all else, I was puzzled by the illuminated statue of Jesus carrying His Cross just below the governmental structure on the summit. Why was it there? What event did it commemorate? A statue... Did it represent idolatry? A religious spirit? Why was it the brightest subject of my entire dream? More pondering, more processing, more prayer. Then suddenly I knew. When the revelation from the Lord came, the conspiratorial complexities I had been considering actually proved embarrassing. I was the one in the dark.

OK, are you ready for the revelation? It's deep. Genuinely. The statue of Christ carrying His Cross actually represented... Jesus carrying His Cross.

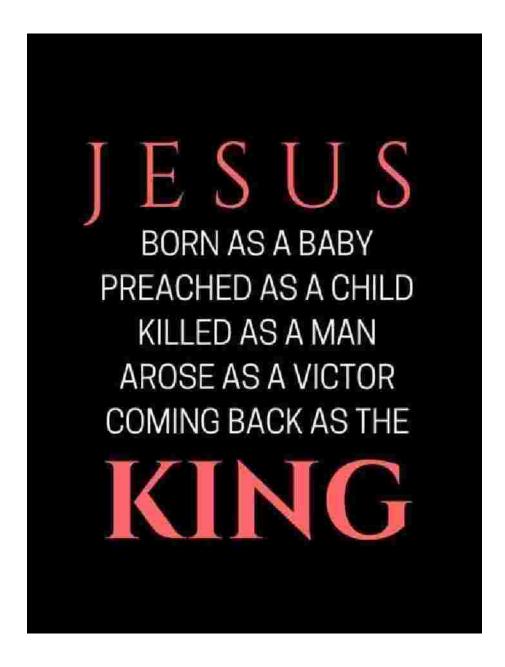
Remember Isaiah's admonition? The government is on His shoulders. Jesus bore the Cross to free us personally. He proved His endless worth to rule over spheres of authority by laying down His life for those He rules.

No Cross, No Crown!

I heard the Spirit of God say immediately, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:27). It was immediately clear that embracing the Cross was God's mandate for Believers to ascend the summit and "conquer" the mountain of government. This pertains both to Believers in government and those who pray for government.

Remember, the Cross is the ultimate representation of the government on His shoulders. This revelation is by no means new. In fact, 338 years ago, when Founding Father William Penn founded Pennsylvania, he articulated two overarching

principles: First, no King but Jesus. Second, no cross, no crown. Only those willing to lay down their lives to serve their constituents are worthy of receiving the crown of governmental rulership. Let's all take this advice to heart!



Beloved, this is honestly not talked about much, but it's time to get back to focusing on Jesus, following Jesus and becoming a disciple of Jesus. We need to be walking in His footsteps; growing in resolve and, above all, integrity.

Two Facets of Arising

Finally, I want you to see that there are two facets of arising conveyed through this dream. Both facets are being emphasized at the same time for this season.

The first facet is learning to move supernaturally by His Spirit. The invitation to soar is predicated on responding to His call to a fresh cleansing by His Spirit. Your invitation awaits!

The second facet of arising is your summons to the summit. This is so exciting. Jesus redeemed mankind through His covenant on the mountain, and we are called to see His covenant established on the summits of our spheres.

That being said, please don't leave the Cross behind. Carrying the Cross—not being religious, but simply laying down your life in love for God and others—is not an option. That's a real temptation the closer we get to the summit, especially when it comes to self-promotion, etc. I've discovered the hard way that my rhetoric is a poor substitute for my character. Let's instead let our light genuinely shine.

Beloved, there's a mountain to conquer. You are being summoned to the summit, to establish His covenant on the mountain! The Cross is your key. NOW THEREFORE ARISE.

Nissan 23: April 28

Hebrews 10:30-31

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Pat Francis: Your testimony for God's Glory

"For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he demotes one, and exalts another" Ps. 75:6-7.

God will promote you, display you, and make your name known for your sake and for His sake. God promoted Daniel in Babylon and he became the second most powerful man of influence because the Glory of God was seen in and through Him. His life was a testimony that proved that the God of Abraham was greater than the gods of Babylon.

King Nebuchadnezzar said, "To the peoples, nations and men of every language, who live in all the world: May you prosper greatly! 2. It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me." Daniel 4:1-2.

In Babylon Daniel and the Hebrew slaves suffered much persecution and sometimes torture. Daniel was viciously attacked by competitors in the workplace; persecuted for his faith; thrown into a den of lions; and his friends thrown into a furnace of roaring fire. Nevertheless, God gave His servants wisdom and honor to deal with kings and their enemies. God's Glory preserved them in spiritual warfare and promoted them in spite all opposition. "Then the King placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men." Daniel 2:48. God is greater than all that you may be facing in your life and workplace. God will glorify you to bring Him glory on earth. Your testimony is for His glory.

Kingdom Declaration:

"I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13.

Nissan 24: April 29

1 Peter 3: 8-20

⁸ Finally, all of you be like-minded [united in spirit], sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted [courteous and compassionate toward each other as members of one household], and humble in spirit; ⁹ and never return evil for evil or insult for insult [avoid scolding, berating, and any kind of abuse], but on the contrary, give a blessing [pray for one another's well-being, contentment, and protection]; for you have been called for this very purpose, that you might inherit a blessing [from God that brings well-being, happiness, and protection]. ¹⁰ For, "The ONE WHO WANTS TO ENJOY LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS [good—whether apparent or not], MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FREE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILE (treachery, deceit).

¹¹ "HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM WICKEDNESS AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT.
HE MUST SEARCH FOR PEACE [with God, with self, with others] AND PURSUE IT EAGERLY [actively—not merely desiring it].

¹² "For the eyes of the Lord are [looking favorably] upon the righteous (the

upright), And HIS EARS ARE ATTENTIVE TO THEIR PRAYER (eager to answer), But the FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO PRACTICE EVIL."

¹³ Now who is there to hurt you if you become enthusiastic for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness [though it is not certain that you will], you are still blessed [happy, to be admired and favored by God].

Do not be afraid of their intimidating threats, nor be troubled or disturbed [by their opposition]. ¹⁵ But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord. Always be ready to give a [logical] defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope and confident assurance [elicited by faith] that is within you, yet [do it] with gentleness and respect. ¹⁶ And see to it that your conscience is entirely clear, so that every time you are slandered or falsely accused, those who attack or disparage your good behavior in Christ will be shamed [by their own words]. ¹⁷ For it is better that you suffer [unjustly] for doing what is right, if that should be God's will, than [to suffer justly] for doing wrong. ¹⁸ For indeed Christ died for sins once for all, the Just and Righteous for the unjust and unrighteous [the Innocent for the guilty] so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit; ¹⁹ in which He also went and preached to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the great patience of God was waiting in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons [Noah's family], were brought safely through the water.

Nissan 25: April 30

Jude Amplified Bible

The Warnings of History to the Ungodly

To those who are the called (God's chosen ones, the elect), dearly loved by God the Father, and kept [secure and set apart] for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you [filling your heart with the spiritual well-being and serenity experienced by those who walk closely with God].

¹ Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, [writes this letter],

³ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I was compelled to write to you [urgently] appealing that you fight strenuously for [the

defense of] the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith that is the sum of Christian belief that was given verbally to believers]. For certain people have crept in unnoticed [just as if they were sneaking in by a side door]. They are ungodly persons whose condemnation was predicted long ago, for they distort the grace of our God into decadence *and* immoral freedom [viewing it as an opportunity to do whatever they want], and deny *and* disown our only <u>Master</u> and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I want to remind you, although you are fully informed once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe [who refused to trust and obey and rely on Him]. ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own designated place of power, but abandoned their proper dwelling place, [these] He has kept in eternal chains under [the thick gloom of utter] darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent cities, since they in the same way as these *angels* indulged in gross immoral freedom *and* unnatural vice and sensual perversity. They are exhibited [in plain sight] as an example in undergoing the punishment of everlasting fire.

⁸ Nevertheless in the same way, these dreamers [who are dreaming that God will not punish them] also defile the body, and reject [legitimate] authority, and revile *and* mock angelic majesties. ⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil (Satan), and arguing about the body of Moses, did not dare bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these men sneer at anything which they do not understand; and whatever they do know by [mere] instinct, like unreasoning *and* irrational beasts—by these things they are destroyed. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone the [defiant] way of Cain, and for profit they have run headlong into the <u>error</u> of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of [mutinous] Korah. ¹² These men are hidden reefs [elements of great danger to others] in your love feasts when they feast together with you without fear, looking after [only] themselves; [they are like] clouds without <u>water</u>, swept along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted *and* lifeless; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, flinging up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of deep darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ It was about these people that Enoch, in the seventh *generation* from Adam, prophesied, when he said, "Look, the Lord came with myriads of His holy ones ¹⁵ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly deeds they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh *and* cruel things ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." ¹⁶ These *people* are [habitual] murmurers, griping *and*

complaining, following after their own desires [controlled by passion]; they speak arrogantly, [pretending admiration and] flattering people to *gain an* advantage.

Keep Yourselves in the Love of God

¹⁷ But as for you, beloved, remember the [prophetic] words spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They used to say to you, "In the last days there will be scoffers, following after their own ungodly passions." ¹⁹ These are the ones who are [agitators] causing divisions—worldly-minded [secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual—unsaved], devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], pray in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ and keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously *and* looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ [which will bring you] to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy but with fear, loathing even the clothing spotted *and* polluted by their shameless immoral freedom.

 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling or falling into sin, and to present you unblemished [blameless and faultless] in the presence of His glory with triumphant joy and unspeakable delight, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

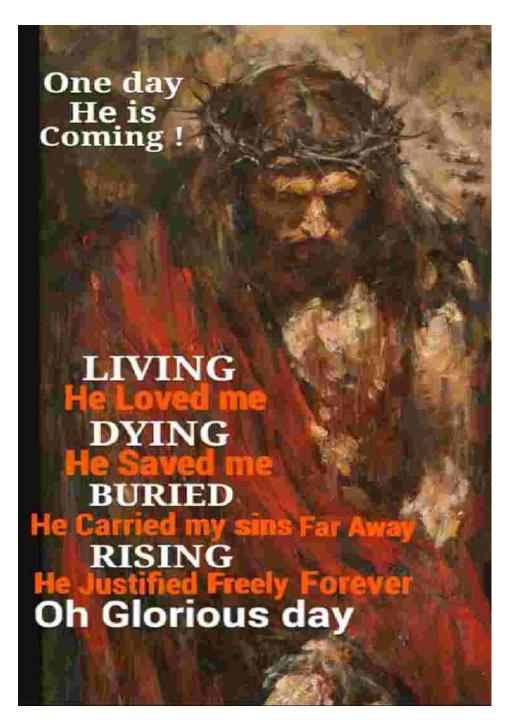
Nissan 26: May, 1, 2019

Revelation 5:6-8

And there between the throne (with the four living creatures) and among the elders I saw a Lamb (Christ) standing, [bearing scars and wounds] as though it had been slain, with seven horns (complete power) and with seven eyes (complete knowledge), which are the seven Spirits of God who have been sent [on duty] into all the earth.

And He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb (Christ), each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of fragrant incense, which are the prayers of the saints (God's people).

⁹ And they sang a new song [of glorious redemption], saying, "Worthy and deserving are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ "You have made them to be a kingdom [of royal subjects] and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth."



Angels Exalt the Lamb

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and [the voice] of the living creatures and the elders; and they numbered myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands (innumerable), ¹² saying in a loud voice,

"Worthy and deserving is the Lamb that was sacrificed to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³ And I heard every created thing that is in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in Hades, the realm of the dead] or on the sea, and everything that is in them, saying [together],

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb (Christ), be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

¹⁴ And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped [Him who lives forever and ever].

Nissan 27: May 2, 2019

Revelation 7:13-14

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

THE TRUMPET by BILL BURNS:

You belong to Me, and I have equipped you to live in victory. However, you must choose to live in victory. You must choose to fight the good fight in faith! I have designed you to be one who, by your faith, overcomes adversity. 1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.

SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND by MARSHA BURNS:

Go beyond what you have come to know about Me, says the Lord. Let Me out of the box of your own construct, the box that you developed that only considers what I will

do for you. I want you to expand your mind and heart to understand divine relationship and your purpose not only on the earth, but for eternity. Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Nissan 28: May 3, 2019

Revelation 14:1-5

And I looked, and, Io, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Angel with the Gospel

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, with an eternal gospel to preach to the inhabitants of the earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people; ⁷ and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God [with awe and reverence], and give Him glory [and honor and praise in worship], because the hour of His judgment has come; [with all your heart] worship Him who created the heaven and the earth, the sea and the springs of <u>water</u>."

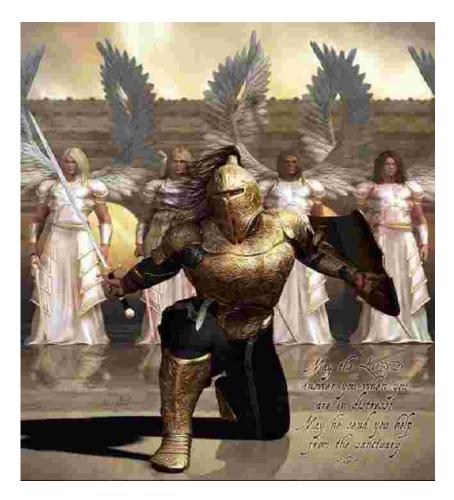
Doom for Proud Babylon

⁸ Then another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her immorality [corrupting them with idolatry]."

Doom for Worshipers of the Beast

⁹ Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "Whoever worships the beast and his image and receives the mark [of the beast] on his forehead

or on his hand, ¹⁰ he too will [have to] drink of the wine of the wrath of God, mixed undiluted into the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone (flaming sulfur) in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb (Christ). ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night—those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." ¹² Here is [encouragement for] the steadfast endurance of the saints (God's people), those who *habitually* keep God's commandments and their faith in Jesus.



¹³ Then I heard [the distinct words of] a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes, [blessed indeed]," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest and have relief from their labors, for their deeds do follow them."

The Reapers

¹⁴ Again I looked, and this is what I saw: a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was One like the Son of Man, with a crown of gold on His head and a sharp sickle [of swift judgment] in His hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to Him who was sitting upon the cloud, "Put in Your sickle and reap [at once], for the hour to reap [in judgment] has arrived, because the earth's harvest is fully ripened." ¹⁶ So He who was sitting on the cloud cast His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped (judged).

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple (sanctuary) in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came from the altar, the one who has power over fire; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and reap the clusters of grapes from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe [for judgment]." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and threw the grapes into the great wine press of the wrath *and* indignation of God [as judgment of the rebellious world]. ²⁰ And *the grapes in* the wine press were trampled *and* crushed outside the city, and blood poured from the wine press, *reaching* up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of ^[d]sixteen hundred stadia.

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Will Israeli Elections Bring Back the Real Passover Sacrifice?

Is this the beginning of the end?

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz March 25, 2019

They shall eat the flesh that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs. <u>Exodus 12:8 (The Israel BibleTM)</u>



An altar is made ready for the Paschal Lamb at the Sanhedrin reenactment of the Korban Pesach (Passover sacrifice). (Credit: Adam Propp)

One <u>week</u> after the Israeli elections this month, a reenactment of the Passover Temple service will be held. Hidden in the elections is a Temple Mount agenda that may determine whether the ceremony will be a reenactment or an actual service that will return the most important element of the Jewish Temple.

On Monday, April 15th, the Sanhedrin will be overseeing a spectacular full-dress reenactment of the Passover offering, the most important sacrifice an individual brings to the Temple. The ceremony will be held at the Davidson Center adjacent to the Temple Mount.

When the Temple stood, all of the Jewish people came to Jerusalem and organized into groups to <u>celebrate</u> the Passover seder. Each group sent a representative to the Temple to bring a lamb which would be ritually prepared by the priests and its blood sprinkled on the altar. The lamb would then be taken <u>home</u> to be cooked and eaten. The ritual was so important that any Jew who did not perform it was sentenced to *karet* (being cut off from the Jewish people).

Passover sacrifice reenactment (Credit: Adam Propp)

The <u>reenactment</u> will be performed by Kohanim (Jewish men descended from Aaron the priest) wearing the Biblically mandated garb and using utensils that were prepared for

use in the Third Temple. Silver trumpets will be played as they were in the Temple. The organizers have arranged the proper permits to allow for a lamb to be slaughtered and cooked on site. The meat will be distributed to the public.

It is important to note that the Israel elections will take place on April 9, just six days before the reenactment and ten days before the eve of Passover when, if the government would permit, the actual Passover sacrifice would be performed.

"The Passover sacrifice can only be offered in one place; on the Temple Mount," Rabbi Weiss told Breaking Israel News. "It does not require an actual Temple structure but it does require an altar that is built to adhere to the Biblical requirements. This altar we have and it can be transported and lowered into place in a matter of a few hours."

The Sanhedrin recently performed an intense study concerning the current status of the Passover offering and concluded that at this juncture, one sacrifice made at the Temple Mount brought in the name of the entire Jewish people would suffice.

"This is an essential element of Judaism," Rabbi Weiss said. "There is nothing that can stand in its place and we are forbidden from doing it in any other location."

"The Temple Mount is the most important site to Judaism, the unification of Jerusalem in 1967 the culmination of the founding of the State of Israel," Weiss pointed out. "Jerusalem, specifically the Temple Mount, is the focal point of any negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel. It is astounding that no Israeli politicians except for Feiglin are willing to take a stand for it."

Weiss emphasized that the Sanhedrin is not specifically endorsing Feiglin's candidacy.

The Temple Mount became the focus of international concern one month ago when <u>Palestinians rioted</u> on the Temple Mount, breaking into an area adjacent to <u>Sha'ar HaRachamim</u> (<u>Gate of Mercy, also known as the Golden Gate</u>). They spontaneously declared it to be a mosque, the fourth established on the Temple Mount since Israel conquered the site. Israeli and international law require equality of religions at holy sites which should allow for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount but the Israeli police cite <u>security</u> concerns to prohibit this.

"The Temple Mount is not only central to Judaism but it is a political stumbling block that every Israeli leader should be relating to," Weiss said. "Perhaps seeing an image of the height of the Temple service, the Passover offering, will remind Israel, its leaders, and the world, that they need to relate to the Temple as one of the central issues of our time."

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2 Timothy 3, Chaplain Wade Butler

This know also, that in the last days perilous <u>times</u> shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ...

Perilous Times Matt 23: 15-28

¹⁵ "So when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION [the appalling sacrilege that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains [for refuge]. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things that are in his house [because there will not be enough time]. ¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. ¹⁹ And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

²⁰ Pray that your <u>flight</u> [from persecution and suffering] will not be in winter or on a Sabbath [when Jewish laws prohibit travel]. ²¹ For ^{at} that time there will be a great tribulation (pressure, distress, oppression), such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will [again]. ²² And if those days [of tribulation] had not been cut short, no human life would be saved; but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

²³ Then if anyone says to you [during the great tribulation], 'Look! Here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and they will provide great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones). ²⁵ Listen carefully, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out there, or, 'Look! He is in the inner

rooms [of a house],' do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming [in glory] of the Son of Man [everyone will see Him clearly]. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the ^vultures will flock together.

The Glorious Return

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT PROVIDE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ And at that time the sign of the Son of Man [coming in His glory] will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth [and especially Israel] will mourn [regretting their rebellion and rejection of the Messiah], and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [in brilliance and splendor]. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet and they will gather together His elect (God's chosen ones) from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Revelation 22:7-8

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Revelation 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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