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CHAPTER 18

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. ²And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. ³For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts of immorality* with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

⁴I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; ⁵for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. ⁷To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT AS A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.' ⁸For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

⁹"And the kings of the earth, who committed *acts of immorality* and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

¹¹"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more—¹²cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind of* citron wood and every article of ivory and every article *made* from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, ¹³and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and

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fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes* of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives.¹⁴ The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them.¹⁵ The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶ saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; ¹⁷ for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, ¹⁸ and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *city* is like the great city?' ¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' ²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."

²¹ Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. ²² And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; ²³ and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

(Revelation 18: 1-24 NASB)

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Mystery Babylon's effects are most evident when the throne of the dragon sets in the kingdom of the beast. Within her realm of influence, alcohol and drugs divide families and destroy lives.

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Political profiteers exchange cash for human souls, victimizing all races, genders, and ethnicities. Violence, bloodshed, and cruel injustice are her fruit. She demands infanticide, euthanasia, and genocide. Bloodthirsty, she ignores a suffering world, and God calls us out of her. How did she take us in?

The Great Whore

If we don't come out of Babylon, sharing in her sins, we'll share her plagues. Her sins are many: mind-altering drugs [*pharmakeia*]; sorcery, witchcraft, greed, slander, immorality, drunkenness, thievery, idolatry, covetousness, human trafficking; the blood of innocents and of saints and prophets. Her leaders make poor choices, but when Israel rebelled, God judged His nation:

- ²¹ How the faithful city
has become a whore,
she who was full of justice!
Righteousness lodged in her,
but now murderers.
- ²² Your silver has become dross,
your best wine mixed with water.
- ²³ Your princes are rebels
and companions of thieves.
Everyone loves a bribe
and runs after gifts.
They do not bring justice to the fatherless,
and the widow's cause does not come to them.
(Is 1:21-23 ESV)

Thankfully, our merciful God doesn't leave it there; after purging her, He restored Israel's judges *as at the first, and her counselors, as at the beginning: afterward she was the city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion was redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.* (from Is. 1:26-27)

- ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
(Rev. 18:4-5 NKJV; cf. 16:19-20)

At the seventh bowl of wrath, God remembers Babylon (in 16:19). In chapter 18 she is a prosperous city on the seacoast and

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purchases the world's products but is thoroughly deprived. Her land is the greatest consumer of them all, buying nearly 30% of the world's merchandise.¹⁹⁸ The nations rely on her prosperity.

Ancient Babylon lay inland like Rome, but this metropolis is neither of them. She's lascivious, violent, idolatrous, spreading her sins across the world; lifting her sensualities and deceptions to the heavens, yet she's a cultural center of the fine arts: *And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer.* (18:22)

As it was in Noah's day, those who crossed the waters to take the faith of God to the New World gave what they received to those who followed. Babel's divided languages confused and separated her people. Today's churches have departed from the Scriptures and are divided and confused when faced with the truth. It's as though we speak a different language than God, but the love of the truth keeps its believers in the end.

America's taxpayers support the UN as the leopard undergirding the nations of the earth, bolstering terrorist states that profit in their sins while her consumers buy the world's *cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives!* (Rev. 18:13) [automobiles, etc.] Even some who profess the faith want the United Nations to rule the world, but we'll be deceived by our ignorance if we don't love the truth, and if we don't invest the time to search it out, then we don't love the truth.

When the man of lawlessness is exposed, there's no way to stop him or to prevent his evil plans. He leads the nations and fulfills the prophecy of the God he hates, yet the world adores him. God calls for repentance and faith in His Son as hypocrites deny their sins. Only those who refuse to worship the beast or to take his mark inherit eternal life because what we do matters.

On September 11, 2001, scriptures rushed to my mind as I watched the stunning news on TV.¹⁹⁹ The prophecies struck this writer like electric jolts: billowing smoke filled the air from the first tower when a second plane burst into her sister skyscraper, and thousands of souls were suddenly lost. Covered in ash they

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cried out to heaven. *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication!* (from Rev. 14:8)

Merchant ships watched as her distant smoke rose. On her last day, Babylon is razed from the earth, and her merchants call out—not for the souls who perish in her destruction, but greed and lust, materialism and perversions—her own great sins—have overtaken them by her seductions. On September 11, the harlot was a marked woman. The alarm sounded across the world. At sunset we knew our land would never be the same:

17 for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!
And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, ¹⁸and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What city is like the great city?’
¹⁹And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’
(Rev. 18:17-19 NASB)

On August 2, 2012, the president wrote on a final beam of the One World Trade Center: “We remember. We rebuild. We come back stronger.”²⁰⁰ What did he mean? I wasn’t sure.

Retrospect and Foresight

We suffer His righteous judgments in unbelief as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, volcanoes, infestations, droughts, plagues, and earthquakes—catastrophic events, things that had never occurred before, strike the earth. We watch the experts, removed from the stories till their realities strike our own homes. At the pummeling hand of judgment, we don’t know what hit. We fault sinners with no fear of God; the church herself doesn’t fear Him. We say we believe but dare to curse leaders whom God has chosen to bless or judge our land. How can we be silent at a time like this? the virgins are sleeping:

25 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ They that were foolish took their lamps,

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and took no oil with them: ⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. (Mat. 25:1-4)

God prefers love to hatred but exercises both. Are His words too difficult for politics? If He *scourges every son He receives*, what becomes of the sinner? (Heb. 12:6) Did we realize we were creating another gospel and another Jesus, even another god who would never raise His hand? We reason it should be easy for people to believe in the Savior, but He said it's not easy.

The church has been living like the world, but that's a deadly deception. He called us to repent and die to this world to believe in Him. We have turned people to the faith who have no idea about keeping it through the trials that are ahead. It would be better not to have heard the gospel than to turn away from it as many have already done. This was why Jesus spoke in parables. (Jn. 12:39-46; Heb. 6:4-12; 10:26-36; 2 Pet. 2:20-22)

As Israel served Baal, have we returned to the idols we once served? Loving this world and its stuff as though we belong to it, we waste our lives with fun and games and don't redeem our time for eternity. We stand with those who give up their children to the fire believing they're in the arms of Jesus. (See 1 Cor. 7:14)

The pervasiveness of Babylon threatens our schools from kindergarten to college with perversions as "sex education" that targets their minds; yet we wonder why so many are depraved.

America's soul has been divorced from God—immoral and reprobate. We should be repenting for a nation and a church that have fallen away from their Maker. The Bible warns us against sodomy [perversions, even in heterosexual marriages]; fornication [sex apart from marriage], and sexual immorality [lasciviousness]. Deceivers would have us believe that a fib is no worse than sexual sin or murder, but that's a lie. God will expose everything when the secrets of our hearts and minds are judged. (Gal. 5:19-26; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:4-8; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? (Heb. 2:2-4 NKJV)

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The scripture tells us Christ went before us, leading the way, crowned with glory and honor after tasting death for us all. God made our Captain perfect by sanctification through suffering to bring many sons to glory, sanctified in Him. Therefore He isn't ashamed to call us family. If we share His sufferings, we'll also share His comfort. (See Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 1:5-7; Phil. 3:10-11; 1Pet. 4:12-19)

The Mother of Harlots

Consider the immigrants, entering New York Harbor out of all nations and languages, hoping for freedom and a future:

¹⁵ And he saith to me, 'The waters that thou didst see, where the whore doth sit, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues;' ... ¹⁸ and the woman that thou didst see is the great city that is having reign over the kings of the land.' (Rev. 17:15, 18 YLT) [Mystery Babylon]

America's first capital, the home of the Constitution, is New York City.²⁰¹ International laws are being made in the chamber of the UN even now. Eight hundred languages are spoken in the streets of the most linguistically diverse metropolis on earth.²⁰²

¹⁵ Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand, her foundations have fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD. Take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. (Jer. 50:15)

Her foundations are crumbling. Her infrastructure is frail.²⁰³ Will they sustain the city's weight when the rocks beneath her quake? What happened to her foundations and the walls that had protected her? The LORD will destroy the harlot Babylon for her seductions and for the blood on her hands.

Manhattan is known as New York City, one of the foremost seaports with one of the largest natural harbors on the earth.²⁰⁴ She is the city of the prophecy: ... *Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.* (Rev. 18:19)

The city of the nations is an island of many hills, seated with many ambassadors in a tower. She seduces the kings of the earth where Israel's adversaries are aligned against the nation that warmly welcomes them. One World Trade Center is the sign of

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her defiance, towering over the city from Ground Zero.²⁰⁵ It's the highest structure New York City has ever seen.

The "Empire State" confirms her place in history.²⁰⁶ In 2016 NYC welcomed a replica of the Arch of Bel [Baal] in Central Park.²⁰⁷ At the end the capital of the beast's empire has invaded the capital of our nation, and as a result of our inattention, our children were indoctrinated by her enemies.

⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. (Rev. 17:6 NKJV)

The wine of the wrath of her fornication and the abundance of her delicacies fill the pockets of her profiteers. A habitation of devils, a hold of every foul spirit, she broadcasts her sins, filling the world with fornication, murdering the infants to sell the body parts, shamelessly celebrating their deaths. She's Satan's whore.

⁹ "Woe to him who strives with him who formed him.
a pot among earthen pots!
Does the clay say to him who forms it, "What are you making?"
or 'Your work has no handles'?"

¹⁰ Woe to him who says to a father, "What are you begetting?"
or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?"
(Is. 45:9-10 ESV)

America the Beautiful

America was founded by the Biblical principles of imperfect men aiming for a more perfect union. Slavery filled the earth, but the church challenged its darkness. Wilberforce and Newton led the abolitionists in England.²⁰⁸ In the 19th century the Holiness Movement decried slavery till a Christian president, Abraham Lincoln, ended it. In the 20th, Martin Luther King opened our eyes to injustice, saying a man is known by his character, not the color of his skin. As a result, bigotry had nearly ended until the media and politics exploited and revived it.

No one has ever been able to keep God's laws apart from a relationship with Him. The Bible was taken out of daily life, and the nation rebelled against Him. Now the sins of both the nation and the church are great; therefore, we repent.

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⁸ They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. ⁹ Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? ...

¹² They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is not he*; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: ¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. (Jer. 5:8-9, 12-13)

We must all look to ourselves as the first to turn, confessing our sins to Jesus who forgives and cleanses us of evil. We prove our love for the truth by shunning the lies that deny His words.

³ O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. ⁴ Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God. ⁵ I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds. (Jer. 5:3-5)

3 Yes, in those days and at that time,
when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
² I will gather all the nations
and take them to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
I will enter into judgment with them there
My inheritance Israel.

The nations have scattered the Israelites
in foreign countries
and divided up My land.

³ They cast lots for My people;
they bartered a boy for a prostitute
and sold a girl for wine to drink. (Joel 3:1-3 HCSB)

The city that was once a beacon of hope is condemned. Few of us recall America as she used to be. Much of her blood was spilt for liberty, but what's left at the end? an idol, crushed to dust and lost to oblivion by sin. If He calls to us, "Come out of her!" remember, when they left Babel, they took her along, but

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we must not look back. We must leave her evil ways if we hope to meet Him in the air.

Her plagues will fall with the bowls of wrath; those who are left behind are warned. That we might not share her sins or her terrible plagues, Yeshua forewarns us, “Come out of her!”

New York City and the UN have been marked for destruction, but America is ours to redeem since there’s not just one government, but two in the land. Satan is a destroyer and a deceiver, but our founders had something better in mind.

Faithful servants of God will speak the good news of salvation with warnings and prayers for people to return to the Creator. Will He vomit out her church? (3:14-22; 21:24) Will we turn to our Maker or race to our extinction? In this momentous hour, let’s not be deceived: the truth alone can unite us.

Our nation has been losing her sovereignty to the dominion of the New World Order, introduced by President George H.W. Bush in 1989.²⁰⁹ “A thousand points of light,” he said, “with law and order under one world government.”—chilling words for those of us who knew even a little about prophecy.

With one hundred ninety-three member states, the UN holds nearly every nation on earth; supposedly for world peace, nearly all are at war today.²¹⁰ Most are determined to destroy Israel.

How did it begin? We aligned with our enemy, and for the first time in two hundred years, the Supreme Court removed the Bible and prayer out of schools, and the church felt helpless. She should have prayed and acted on her faith. The nation began her descent, and we didn’t realize how quickly she was falling.

Now her sins are abominable, but in the past, revivals ended terrible sins when her national conscience responded in righteous reforms. It takes a lot of repentance to rebuild a nation.

²¹ Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. (Rev. 18:21 NASB)

We were little when we heard Jesus loved us; it touched our hearts. *Out of the mouths of babes ... thou hast perfected praise. (Mt. 21:16; Ps. 8:2) Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believes in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea. (Mk. 9:42)*

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In 1973 the Supreme Court broke the Ten Commandments by legalizing the act of abortion.²¹¹ God warned us: it is better to have a great stone hanging from one's neck and to be cast into the ocean than to offend or to make one of these little ones sin. He knew about the immoral, unnatural, and satanic sins that would rise against the children. Babylon's spirit spread from her shores to the world. The time is ripe; judgment is upon us.

The great liar rose from the abyss, seeking to destroy the hope of the gospel. When Babylon is decimated, heaven breaks into song like the righteous do when the wicked are gone:

¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹ That a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: Verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth. (Ps. 58:10-11)

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Anointed One, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters—the one who accuses them before our God day and night—has been thrown out. ¹¹ They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even in the face of death. (Rev. 12:10-11 TLV)

With the arrival of the duplicitous kings of chapter 13, the prostitute city is removed. Just before the Lord returns, in 17:16 God puts it in their hearts, and the ten turn to hate the harlot city and give their power to the dragon till Babylon is annihilated. They'll eat her flesh and burn her with fire. God's indignation comes **at the seventh bowl** with the greatest earthquake of all:

¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

¹⁷ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne, saying, It is done.¹⁸ And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. ¹⁹ And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities

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of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.²⁰ And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

²¹ And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. (Rev. 16:16-21)

God recalls Babylon while ending His wrath (in 16:18; 18:21). The Almighty crushes her like chaff—threshed and blown away by the wind. (Dan. 2:35). The earth trembles as Mystery Babylon plummets into the ocean like an enormous millstone. Repercussions of her judgment are felt around the world: tsunamis flood the coastal cities, and islands are swallowed up.

Nothing can save the great harlot, but we might rescue the nation that has fallen for her evil ways. It wasn't by might, by power, by inheritance, or by our own will, but by His Spirit, God in Yeshua alone saved us. Solely by His grace, He set us free forever—free to make choices that affect our destinies, and we are here as priests to intercede for our land as Daniel did for his.

We who believe in the One who rose to life from death never lose hope, but repent and pray for America's salvation. At the end, the nations are judged: lost or saved forever. We don't live by what we see, but by faith we receive what we don't see.

Lucifer was a bright light in heaven; now he's the prince of darkness, the archenemy of the light-bearers. The truth exposes and condemns him; thus the dragon is resolved to destroy every vestige of faith in Jesus Christ: he fears his own destruction.

The beast devours the world, and when he does, we're his targets. We should not be surprised when, as believers in Christ, we suffer every kind of trial, but our greatest days are ahead.

¹⁰ At that time many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another, ¹¹ And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people. ¹² And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold, ¹³ But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved. (Mat. 24:10-13 NASB)

The face of the earth changes when Jesus comes on a cloud with a shout for the first resurrection. Confessing our sins, we

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receive His cleansing power and forgive and love one another. Released, we're ready to go:

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Mat. 24:31)

Nazis crammed the Jews into ghettos; then tightly packed them in cattle cars and transported them to work camps. They shaved their heads and tattooed their arms with numbers, denying them their identities. Guards physically and psychologically abused the captives. They beat them, worked them, and starved them to death. Those too weak to work went to death camps for gas showers. Jews were forced to stack the dead in mass graves or else carry their brothers' bodies to ovens and shovel out their ashes. But now the day of reckoning is at hand.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Mat. 13:24-30 NIV)

The parable is about false brethren among us. Its prophetic irony reminds us of the marks saints must reject. Unlike those the Nazis forced on Jews, now the wicked will be marked to buy or sell. The weeds are those among us who will bow to the beast. Gathered together with sinners by a mark, hypocrites are bound to be burned while the elect enter into His hiding place.

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At midnight in Tel Aviv, their music and laughter fell silent. The dancing ended at the roar of warplanes above them. Their hands loaded rifles and arms bared tattoos that reminded them of their cause. And so their fight for life continues to the end.

When the fourth kingdom resets the world, its laws will be against us who believe in Jesus Christ, and the persecution we've seen from a distance will be at our doors. It may seem our Lord is late in coming, but His plans for us include our victory over the flesh as well as over the fear of death, and losing this war is not an option.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” (Lk. 21:25-28 NKJV) – Yeshua

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come, but as soon as she delivereth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. (Jn. 16:21) Jesus spoke the parable to prepare His friends for His death. The story also applies to us at the end when trials are past and pain is forgotten for joy that the work is done:

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ...

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. (Rev. 7:9-10, 14b-15 NKJV)