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### CHAPTER 14

14 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.<sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps.<sup>3</sup> And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth.<sup>4</sup> These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are celibate. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from mankind as first fruits to God and to the Lamb,<sup>5</sup> and no lie is found in their mouths; they are blameless.

<sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven with an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people;<sup>7</sup> and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven, the earth, and sea and springs of waters."

<sup>8</sup> And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

<sup>9</sup> Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,<sup>10</sup> he also will drink of the wrath of the wine of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of his anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."<sup>12</sup> Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

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<sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out of the temple, calling out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." <sup>16</sup> Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup> And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the wine press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia. (Revelation 14:1-20 NASB) [1,600 fur. = 200 mi./322 km]

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The male virgins are *firstfruits to God and to the Lamb* (in 14:4). From every tribe, the natural branches of the olive tree are perfect and guileless before God who receives the whole house of Israel for a rebirth of the nation, rising out of dry bones to life:

<sup>15</sup> For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches. ... <sup>23</sup> And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. (Rom. 11:15-16, 23; See Ezk. 37.) [Cf. chap. 7, pp. 94-95.]

*The receiving of them* refers to the *firstfruit, redeemed from the earth* (in 14:3). Since its Seed and its Root were holy, its holy branches were a sign for the dry bones, rising at Israel's rebirth.

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The tribulation's martyrs rise to life (in 15:2-4) but are caught up to heaven after 144,000 had already arrived (in 14:1-4 and 7:1-8).

The male virgins of Israel also precede three prophets who call us to repent and reject the mark of the beast. The messengers are called by God to take His light to the generation Jesus said won't pass away till all these things occur. (Mat. 24:3-34)

Enoch fathered children, and God took Him; he didn't die and wasn't judged; he was a friend of God. 144,000, like Enoch, are pure and have never lied nor left God's presence. More than that, they are male virgins, undefiled by sexual experience.

The first resurrection of martyrs is exceptional to the norm when the rest of the dead rise at the last judgment. (20:4-5) And the 144,000 male virgins of the twelve tribes are extraordinary exceptions to the first resurrection—chosen, counted, made holy, and perfect to God, ascend before them, proving the sovereignty of God who predestined them for the nation's dry bones to rise: therefore, they ascended before Israel returned as a nation; thus, the first part of the multi-part prophecy in 14 is history today.

In 7:1-8 the virgins of the twelve tribes are sealed before the winds of the **sixth seal** shake heaven and earth. Jesus comes on a cloud *immediately after the tribulation* to take up His own; then the earth, sea, and trees are harmed by the indignation of God (6:12-17), but 144,000 are already redeemed in heaven (in 14:1-5).

Sealed by God's name in their brow, the elect were the Jews who assimilated into the churches since the 1800's.<sup>176</sup> They were given their land before the first messenger was sent.

### The Three Messengers

In 1947 the famous herald shouted, "Repent and believe! Escape the wrath!" September 11, 2001: the World Trade Center fell, and the second prophet declared Babylon was fallen (in 14:6-12). The third warns the world to reject the beast and its mark.

A global tribulation is imminent, the worst holocaust of all! Its days are shortened for a remnant to survive it. Then Jesus comes on a cloud, and we ascend to Him as angels pour out His wrath. (14:14-20) The first prophet preached the gospel:

- 1.) <sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven with an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people;  
<sup>7</sup> and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him

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glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven, the earth, and sea and springs of waters.” (Rev. 14:6-7 NASB)

By 1949 all ten crowns were restored, and Billy Graham was made the herald, called to preach the gospel. His brother heard him as a young man. “He preached loud, so loud he didn’t need a microphone or any amplification. You could hear him a quarter mile away!” His mother warned, “Son, you can’t preach so loud. You’ll scare people away!”<sup>177</sup> But His stentorian voice took the world by the airwaves on radio and TV. (14:6-7, above)

2.)<sup>8</sup> And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Rev. 14:8 NKJV) [Gr.: *aggelos*, “messenger,” often translated “angel,” messengers are sent by God to speak His words.]

In 2012 *The Harbinger*, written by Jonathan Cahn, revealed the city’s parallel in the Bible, proven by historical facts.<sup>178</sup> Since the book’s release, “All hell has broken loose!” Sent by God, Jonathan has called the nations to repent: Judgment is at hand.

3.)<sup>9</sup> And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying in a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,<sup>10</sup> he shall also drink of the wine of God’s fury, poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone before the holy angels and before the Lamb:<sup>11</sup> The smoke of their torment goes up for ever and ever. Those who worship the beast and his image and those who receive the mark of his name have no rest day or night.” (Rev. 14:9-11 TLV)

A third messenger warns the world to reject the beast and his mark. In the 1960’s, authors and filmmakers turned our thoughts to *the mark of the beast*, stirring up the prophecy. When God’s standard rises against him, the third messenger appears.

<sup>10</sup> “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev. 2:10 NKJV)

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<sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Rev. 14:13)

Saints are beheaded across the globe; they cry for justice. As the great tribulation ends, the Lord appears just as He said:

<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup> And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> 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. 24:29-31)

<sup>12</sup> I saw when the Lamb opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as sackcloth made of goat's hair, and the full moon became like blood. <sup>13</sup> The stars of heaven fell to the earth like a fig tree drops unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. <sup>14</sup> The heaven ripped apart like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from their places.

<sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the military commanders and the rich and the mighty and everyone—slave and free—hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup> And they tell the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." <sup>17</sup> For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev. 6:12-17 TLV) [Compare 6:17 with Matthew 26:64.]

Even in their graves, they'll see Christ coming in the air:

<sup>63b</sup> The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mat. 26:63b-64 NIV)

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### A Brief Synopsis

Three prophets speak before the great tribulation purifies the saints. (Rev. 14; Dan. 11:29-39, 12:1) Its time is cut short like the unripe figs. Immediately, Yeshua shouts from a cloud, raising its martyrs to life! *The first resurrection* is of the saints, beheaded by the beast, who rise to life in 20:4-6. [Gr.: *anistemi*, get up]

At the great trumpet of God, His angels catch up the living together with them to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thes. 4:16; Mat. 24:29-31) In heaven, they sing to God and the Lamb as One New Man while angels carry out His wrath to earth. (Chapters 7, 14, 15)

At **the fifth seal**, the martyrs hear that more are coming (in 6:11). At **the sixth**, martyrs beheaded for rejecting the beast rise to life to join the holy survivors and ascend together with them to meet the Lord in the air. Seven bowls of wrath are poured out before the martyrs return to reign with the male virgins who ride with Yeshua to Zion. (14:1; ch. 15; 16:1-21; 19:7-9, 11-16)

The martyrs do not ascend to heaven apart from the living who remain till His coming on a cloud. Martyrs of the past are crowned on **the last day**, but these are taken up and bypass the judgment: *so shall we ever be with the Lord.* (1 Thes. 4:14; cf. Rev. 20:4c; Jn. 5:21-24; pp. 117-124) Jesus returns wearing many crowns, glorified by the victories of all who conformed to Him in death for the crown of life. *Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.* (1 Thes. 4:14) *They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.* (20:5-6) The martyrs rise to life and ascend to Him; then, return to rule with Christ for a thousand years.

### Another Abomination

Four centuries before its time, Gabriel foretold the slaughter of the Jews by Antiochus IV in 168-165 BC (in Dan. 8:24). Yeshua spoke of a vast passage of time till *the abomination of desolation* returns to *the holy place* in Judea, alluding to another temple in Jerusalem. It took forty-six years to build the temple, but in time, knowledge increases, and this too changes. (1 Thes. 4:15-17; Mk. 13:24-27; Dan. 12:4) *After that tribulation*, the Lord “comes near/ appears” [*parousia*] on a cloud to gather His elect to heaven.

The Seleucid king Antiochus demanded worship and set an idol in the temple. Not as a caesar, but as a general, Titus razed the temple to the ground.<sup>179</sup> Never would a Roman general demand worship like Antiochus; he'd have been executed.



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Hadrian Caesar set a statue of Jupiter in the temple of Venus in Palestina—not in the “holy place,” which had been leveled.<sup>180</sup>

In its enormity, the European holocaust exceeded the Roman butchery of Judea in 70 AD, but in Judea the temple was gone.

The pogroms of Russia were terrible, but not all the world was at stake. Jews suffered several genocides while scattered without a homeland. Now Jerusalem is theirs, and all flesh faces total destruction, but before Jerusalem fell to Rome in 70 AD, Yeshua prophesied that she would fall, for these were *the days of vengeance ... of punishment ... with great distress and wrath upon the people who'd be slain by the sword and taken captive into all nations*. He also said gentiles would tread Jerusalem's streets underfoot till the times of the gentiles are fulfilled; that's at the end of this age.

Then Christ described the signs at His coming on a cloud: *But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light .... (Mk. 13:24)* Only the elect escape God's wrath. *God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ (in 1 Thes. 5:9).*

<sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(1 Thes. 4:15-17) [Gr.: *anistemi* is to stand up, get up, arise.]

Jesus comes like a thief for each one, unexpectedly. Those left behind will presume He returned, but He's with the elect in heaven till all His wrath goes out (in chaps. 14–16). Therefore, He warned those left behind, saying, “Don't believe them”:

<sup>26</sup> “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. (Mat. 24:26-28 NKJV)

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Refusing the mark of the beast, its martyrs rise again; then together with the living, they ascend to Jesus in the air. In 15 all of those who remain who are worthy are caught up till the last bowl of wrath leaves the temple. Then the martyrs return with Him to reign while the elect who lived for the Lord through the tribulation stay with God the Father apart from judgment. (Rev. 7:9-17, 14:9-16, 20:4-5; Jas. 1:12) This calls for holiness.

At the end of the age, Jesus returns *as lightning flashes from east to west*, wearing *many crowns* and leading His *armies on white horses*. He slays the beast and his prophet and destroys the armies at Armageddon. Among the birds of prey, even the eagles are humbled. (Lk. 17:28-37; Rev. 19:11-16, 19-21)

Our teachers say we can never be perfect, but not all practice the faith. God calls us to be holy and perfect as He is. He knows who lives and walks by His Holy Spirit and who does not:

<sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom. 8:3-4 NASB)

Have we forgotten the scriptures on this matter? One of two are short of oil, not filled with the Spirit, not yielded to Christ as we must be. Half of the virgins are unprepared for His coming—left behind. One of two are taken; one of two, left behind. If our minds are fixed on this world, we won't be ready for Jesus when He comes on a cloud. Attached to its pleasures or cares, to its possessions or personas, we're still in Babel. If we are proud of our positions, discontent, ambitious, envious; disdaining others, not esteeming them more highly than ourselves, living for this world, we're living in the nature of the flesh. (1 Cor. 2:15-3:3)

If we're pressing toward the high calling of God in Christ, His Spirit prepares us to meet Him by His righteousness in us. We yield as His workmanship, and He raises us out of sin to live by the Spirit who raised Him to life again. *If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.* (Rom. 8:9b) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* (Rom. 8:14)

We prepare ourselves by these words: "Look up!" though the horsemen ride; the sun turns black and the moon, red; stars fall and powers are shaken—look up! When most of the world hides

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from His face, we look up! Looking up from the grave, *every eye sees* Jesus in the air on a cloud at *the great trumpet of God!*

We're saved by grace through faith, not works, but read its full context. (Gal. 2:4-10) James 2:26 has, *faith without works is dead*. Jesus knows our works (in Revelation 2 and 3). By faith, we are His workmanship whose works are not the results of our own righteousness, but those of His Spirit living in us. (Gal. 5:22-26)

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom. 8:6-8 NKJV) [carnal nature]

If we live in sin or refuse to forgive, we're in unbelief. *Pray that ye may be able to escape*—not the trials that perfect us, but the wrath, poured out on an evil world. God warns us to repent.

### Between the Seals

The worst holocaust, the great tribulation, bands all nations together. *Immediately after that tribulation*, the signs in the skies appear when **the sixth seal** is activated. He warns us to spare us: The Lord comes as a thief three times: He comes on a cloud; He returns like lightning, and He appears on His judgment throne.

<sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." (Rev. 14:18 NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. (Dan. 11:36 ESV; cf. Is. 66:14, p. 226)

Lot fled to Zoar, and brimstone fell. The ark's door shut, and the waters erupted. During the wrath, the beast pursues evil. At that time, Jesus comes as a thief. We're blessed if we're watchful and holy, not living in shame. (16:15) God honors the faithful.

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow *is* the gate and

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difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Mat. 7:13-14 NKJV)

We wouldn't mend an old, torn cloth by making a patch from a new one. (Mat. 9:16-17) Which will it be, the torn old, or the nice new? It's all about what to wear; let's decide now: will we ruin the new one for its torn forerunner?

<sup>31</sup> 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: <sup>32</sup> 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: <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34c</sup> ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jer. 31:31-33,34c)

False teachers and false prophets draw crowds with or without miracles, signs, and wonders, which are often from God, but by skewing the gospel, leaders mislead others with falsehoods they believe about sin and about God—lies that shape attitudes and affect destinies. May presumption not rob us of the truth:

<sup>7</sup> These trials are so that the true metal of your faith (far more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire) may come to light in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of *Messiah Yeshua*. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. And even though you don't see Him now, you trust Him and are filled with a joy that is glorious beyond words, <sup>9</sup> receiving the outcome of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

(1 Pet. 1:7-9 TLV) [True metal, like mettle, is genuine.]

How will most of the world react to His coming?

<sup>16</sup> And they tell the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. <sup>17</sup> For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev. 6:16-17 TLV)

... *and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced*

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*him: (in Rev. 1:7).* The world laments in dismay, but Israel weeps for her Son:

<sup>10</sup> “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. (Zec. 12:10)

Yeshua said we must carry a cross to belong to Him. Renewing our minds by His words, we gain a new perspective on life:

<sup>19b</sup> ... they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking that he was dead. <sup>20</sup> But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe. <sup>21</sup> After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made a good number of disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “It is through many tribulations that we must enter the kingdom of God,” (Acts 14:19b-22 NASB)

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

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12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 11:32-40;12:1-2 NIV)

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<sup>12</sup> Beloved, think it not strange, concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as if some strange thing happened unto you: <sup>13</sup> But rejoice, in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (1 Pet. 4:12-13)

When tried by fire, not just the ordinary tests of life, we can do all things, relying on Christ for the power we need. (Phl. 4:13)

Two kings met and lied to each other, profiting neither (in Dan. 11:27). It wasn't *the appointed time*, a frequent expression in Daniel. *At the appointed time ...*

<sup>31</sup> His forces will rise up and desecrate the temple fortress. They will abolish the daily sacrifice and set up the abomination of desolation. <sup>32</sup> With flattery he will corrupt those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will be strong and take action. <sup>33</sup> Those who are wise among the people will give understanding to many, yet they will die by sword and flame, and be captured and plundered for a time. <sup>34</sup> When defeated, they will be helped by some, but many others will join them insincerely. <sup>35</sup> Some of the wise will fall so that they may be refined, purified, and cleansed until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time. (Dan. 11: 31-35 HCSB)

Daniel 12:1: *And at that time shall Michael stand up ... there shall be a time of trouble, and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the [scroll].*

When the wrath falls, the elect escape it, but Michael stands up to protect his people, Israel, during the bowls of wrath as Gabriel stood up for Darius king of the Medes in Dan. 11:1.

<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood,

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and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." (Gen. 22:9-12 NASB) [His fear of God perfected his faith.]

The Lord told the Jews that whoever sins is a slave of sin; we disagree; we say sinners have a free will. (Jn. 8:34) We say His warnings aren't for us, but for sinners; yet our unbelief is sin. Though sinners have a will, their choices are confined to a nature that prohibits them to escape it; the sin nature is a slave master:

2 And you were dead in your offenses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup> Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (Eph. 2:1-5 NASB)

<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him.

<sup>12</sup> But whoever did receive Him, those trusting in His name, to these He gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were born not of a bloodline, nor of human desire, nor of man's will, but of God. (Jn. 1:11-13 TLV)

Ephesians 2 is clear: we were dead but were raised to life by faith, a gift from God. Some say we're righteous apart from good works as if faith doesn't work; but if it doesn't work, what good is it? *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.* (Jn. 3:21)

<sup>18</sup> And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." (Gen. 22:18 NASB) – God, speaking of Abraham's obedience

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In 1917 the Balfour Declaration offered a Jewish state. Jews retook the Old City in 1967. President Donald J. Trump was the first to officially recognize Jerusalem as her capital in 2017.<sup>181</sup> The events are each fifty years apart as the Year of Jubilee when Jews cancel debts: ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. (Lev. 25:10b)

- <sup>30</sup> "I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- <sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and dreadful  
day of the LORD.
- <sup>32</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the LORD will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,  
as the LORD has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the LORD calls. (Jl. 2:30-32 NIV)

The LORD sends hurricanes, famines, floods, and pestilence: judgments against an evil world for He is good. He scourges His own to save them because He is good. (Heb. 12:6-11) He returns for a promise since He's good. He destroys His enemies and is good. He reigns in righteousness by a rod of iron for He is good. Were it not for our Maker, we would be ignorant of goodness.

Scourged, slapped, beaten, pierced, spat on, crucified, and in hell for us, He rose to life the Victor. Adversity humbles us who are willing to share in the sufferings of Christ by faith. Justice and truth will vindicate us; we will not be disappointed:

- <sup>7</sup> now, will not God bring about justice for his elect who cry out to him day and night, and will He delay long for them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:7-8 NASB; cf. Rev. 6:9-11)

In 2015 the UN celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary; President Barack Hussein Obama opened its morning session in NYC.<sup>182</sup> On Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, May 14, 2018, President Donald John Trump introduced the opening of the American Embassy in



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Jerusalem.<sup>183</sup> The contrast of these diverse celebrations mark the era in which we live. The two cities are antithetical.

God corrects us by trials and turns us from destruction by scourging us. If not tested and tried, we'd be false believers. We magnify His power by spiritual victories. As our faith bears fruit, our salvation is ensured. (2 Pet. 1:2-11) And at times, what God decides depends on us; this too is in the Scroll:

<sup>13</sup> When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people,<sup>14</sup> if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron. 7:13-14 ESV) [Pestilence = fatal epidemics.]

<sup>7</sup> *At what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy *it*;<sup>8</sup> If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.<sup>9</sup> And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;<sup>10</sup> If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. (Jer. 18:7-10)

It's good to resist evil and to overcome it with good, but let its trials conform us to Christ. We can use them or kick against them. It takes faith to know that *all things work together for the good* of us who love God and are called for His purposes. (Rom. 8:28) There is a purpose for everything; if we love God, it works for our good. Knowing this, rather than retaliating against our enemies and taking wrath into our own hands, we are innocent of their blood, entrusting vengeance to God's justice.

At the **fifth seal**, martyrs under the altar are handed white robes to cover their spiritual bodies. They must rest a little longer till the full number of believers who are to be killed as they were join them. Under the altar, they cry out for justice against their adversaries. Saints have been beheaded for hundreds of years, especially in the past century, and many more are under the altar.

Where can we go from His presence? While in the grave, we hear the voice of Jesus when it's our time to rise; from the grave,

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all eyes see Him when He comes on a cloud for the elect who rise at the first resurrection of new covenant saints. In the grave we sleep whose lives were given for the glory of His name. In the grave we rest in peace with all who went before us. The altar is the earth; saints under the altar must rest in their graves till the appointed time to rise at their resurrection; its sleep is deep; our eyes close and then open to see Him face to face. (pp. 118-122)

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go to escape Your Spirit?

Where can I flee from Your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. [the grave]

<sup>9</sup> If I live at the eastern horizon

or settle at the western limits,

<sup>10</sup> even there Your hand will lead me;

Your right hand will hold onto me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me,  
and the light around me will be night"—

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to You.

The night shines like the day;

Darkness and light are alike to You. (Ps. 139:7-12 HCSB)

In patience and perseverance, we keep the faith, bearing the fruit of the Spirit and enduring to the end. We are among many who've gone before us, redeeming the time to enter eternity.

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

(Ecc. 12:13-14 ESV) [This was Solomon's conclusion.]

<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

<sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> *the Helper* is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know *Him*; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

... <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> The one who has My

commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

(Jn. 14:15-18, 20-21 NASB)