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* The first man and woman (Adam & Eve) casually rebelled against the Creator, wilfully disobeyed and disregarded his simple command to **not** do **one** thing, and thereby immediately died spiritually and eventually also physically. And every human being descended from Adam would have done the same thing (because we are all partakers in full of his fallen nature). Mankind therefore entered into bondage to sin and death - as all of us well know.

* But humanity was created by God for fellowship with him, and from the beginning the Creator's intention was to implement a rescue plan that would restore our casually discarded communion with him. Indeed, God said to Satan who had deceived Eve, "...I will put enmity between your seed and her [a woman's] Seed; he shall bruise your head [kill you], and you shall bruise his heel."

* God's plan required propitiation to be made for all human sin (sin that is absolutely abhorrent to a holy God), if any man or woman is to again enter into God's presence. Atonement for all our sins could only be made if a perfectly holy and sinless man was willingly sacrificed on the altar of our determined rebellion - to pay the price of our redemption.

* The man, Yeshua (Jesus of Nazareth) was also Emmanu'el (that is God-With-Us), the promised Messiah, the Son of the Most High who actually lived a perfect, righteous life in the world, in total obedience to his Father's will. And even though the world could find no sin in him, indeed all his works were righteous - nevertheless he was crucified by human law (Roman) at the behest of religious leaders (Jewish). But, it was in fact God who gave his Beloved Son over to death to redeem a generally thankless usually uncaring Mankind. But Death could not hold Jesus Christ because he had no sin of his own - it was to pay for our sins that he was nailed to a cross. Thus he rose from the dead, proving that his sacrifice was fully accepted by God, and returned to his rightful place at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

* However, the fallen world's response to God's offer of redemption through his Son's sacrifice is as might be expected, variously: we don't need it, we'll do it our own way, we don't want it, God is irrelevant in this present 'enlightened' age. We don't want anyone telling us we're sinners, etc. Judgment and accountability - humanistic/naturalistic science has 'proved' there's no Creator, hasn't it?



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Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth *and* issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; when I fixed my limit for it, and set bars and doors; when I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!'

Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place, that you may take it to its territory, that you may know the paths to its home? Do you know *it*, because you were born then, or because the number of your days is great?

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his *own* image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

Then God saw everything that he had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

Genesis, chapters 1 & 2

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" So he said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And he said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? **Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?**"

Then the man said, "**The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.**" And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**" So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you *are* cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire *shall be* for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

Then to Adam he said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return."

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" – therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis, chapter 3

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then he shall speak to them in his wrath, and distress them in his deep displeasure: "*Yet I have set my King on my holy hill of Zion.*"

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to me, *You are my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.* You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

How therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you Judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish *in the way*, when his wrath is kindled but a little. *Blessed are all those who put their trust in him.*

By the word of the **LORD** the heavens were made,
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea together as a
heap; he lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the
earth fear the **LORD**; let all the inhabitants of the
world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was
done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The **LORD** brings the counsel of the nations to
nothing; he makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.
*The counsel of the **LORD** stands forever, the plans
of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation
whose God is the **LORD**, the people he has chosen
as his own inheritance.*

The **LORD** looks from heaven; he sees all the sons of
men. From the place of his dwelling he looks on all the
inhabitants of the earth; he fashions their hearts
individually; he considers all their works. No king is
saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not
delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for
safety; neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

Behold, the eye of the **LORD** is on those who fear
him, on those who hope in his mercy, to deliver their
soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. **The LORD** looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; *there is none* who does good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people *as they eat bread*, and do not call on the LORD?

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God *endures* continually. Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness. You love all devouring words, *you deceitful tongue.*

God shall likewise destroy you forever; he shall take you away, and pluck you out of *your dwelling place*, and uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous also shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, *saying*, "Here is the man *who did not make God his strength*, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and strengthened himself in his wickedness.*"

While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar [king of Babylon] had taken from the temple which *had been* in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lamp-stand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

The queen spoke, saying, "There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. Then Daniel was brought in before the king.

The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God *is* in you, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you."

"**Y**ou have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; **and the God who holds your breath in his hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.** Then the fingers of the hand were sent from him, and this writing was written.

And this is the inscription that was written: **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.** This *is* the interpretation of *each* word. **MENE:** God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; **TEKEL:** you have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; **PERES:** your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.



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"**W**hen the king [the future king - the little horn, the Antichrist] shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, **and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.**

He shall regard neither the God [or god(s)] of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all. But in their place he shall honour a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honour with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, *and* advance *its* glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."

Daniel, chapter 11

At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; **and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.** And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Then I said, "My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*" And he said, "Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, **but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.** And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

Daniel, chapter 12

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. **But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.** For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does *any* plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and *from* that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works; their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.

The way of peace they have not known, and *there is* no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace. Therefore justice is far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, *but* we walk in blackness!

Isaiah, chapter 59

For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us; for our
transgressions *are* with us, and *as for* our
iniquities, we know them: In transgressing and lying
against the **IORD**, and departing from our God,
speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and
uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Justice is
turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; **for
truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.**

Then the **IORD** saw *it*, and it displeased him that
there was no justice. He saw that *there was* no man,
and wondered that *there was* no intercessor; therefore
his own arm brought salvation for him; and his own
righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on
righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of
salvation on his head; he put on the garments of
vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a
cloak. **According to their deeds, accordingly he will
repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his
enemies;** the coastlands he will fully repay. So shall
they fear the name of the **IORD** from the west, and
his glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy
comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the **IORD** will
lift up a standard against him.

" **O** Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you? For a voice declares from Dan and proclaims affliction from Mount Ephraim: Make mention to the nations, yes, proclaim against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country and raise their voice against the cities of Judah. Like keepers of a field they are against her all around, because she has been rebellious against me," says the LORD. "Your ways and your doings have procured these things for you. This is your wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart."

O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is plundered. Suddenly my tents are plundered, *and* my curtains in a moment. How long will I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet? "For my people are foolish, they have not known me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."

Jeremiah, chapter 4

Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; **for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.** Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great."

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! **For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.** The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. "So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

Joel, chapter 3

For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: afflicting the just *and* taking bribes; diverting the poor *from justice* at the gate.

Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the LORD God of hosts will be with you, as you have spoken. Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this: "*There shall be wailing in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmer to mourning, and skilful lamenters to wailing. In all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through you,*" Says the LORD.

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! *For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.* It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or *as though* he went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him! *Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?"*

Amos, chapter 5

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples came up to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

How as he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you.** For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

For then *there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.* And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

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*. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, **and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** And he will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Matthew, chapter 24

Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, he said, "These things which you see—the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." So they asked him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?" And he said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am *he*,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will not come immediately.*"

Then he said to them, "**Nation will rise against nation, Land kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.** But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. *And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

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; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. *Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

How when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.

But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. *For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.* Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke, chapter 21

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, *for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. *For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonour their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God, who "**will render to each one according to his deeds**": eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honour, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek [Gentile]; but glory, honour, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For there is no partiality with God.

Romans, chapters 1 & 2

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to his glorious body, according to the working by which he is able even to subdue all things to himself.

Philippians, chapter 3

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed,* the son of perdition, [the Antichrist] who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [the Holy Spirit] will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth and destroy with the brightness of his coming.

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

¶ Thessalonians, chapter 2

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence." But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

I Corinthians, chapters 1 & 2

But know this, **that in the last days perilous times will come:** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine,** but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.**

¶ Timothy, chapters 3 & 4

For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgement, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews, chapter 10

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory when such a voice came to him from the Excellent Glory: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved* by the Holy Spirit.

But there were also false prophets among the people, **Even as there will be false teachers among you**, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. **And many will follow their destructive ways**, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

¶ Peter, chapters 1 & 2

When I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast [the Antichrist] rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon [Satan] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

And **all the world marvelled and followed the beast.** So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, his tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. **All who dwell on the earth will worship him,** whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation, chapter 13

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, **and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

Revelation, chapter 13

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, **"Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgement has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."** 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."

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of his indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." **Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.** Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them."

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *one* like the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in your sickle and reap, for the time has come for you to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So he who sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 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." So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs [184 miles].

Revelation, chapter 14

And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, the one who is and who was and who is to be, because you have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." And I heard another from the altar saying, "**Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are your judgements.**"

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give him glory. Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, **and did not repent of their deeds.**

Revelation, chapter 16

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgement of the great harlot who sits on many waters, **with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**" So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

And on her forehead a name was written:
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE
EARTH. 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 marvelled with great
amazement.

Revelation, chapter 17

The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who
have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive
authority for one hour as kings with the beast.
These are of one mind, and they will give their power
and authority to the beast. These will make war with
the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is
Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are*
with him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where
the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and
tongues. And the ten horns which you saw on the beast
[ten leaders], these will hate the harlot, make her
desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with
fire.

For God has put it into their hearts to fulfil his purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon [a place and also the world's final economic, religious and political system] the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Revelation, chapters 17 & 18

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.
*For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has
remembered her iniquities.*

Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her
double according to her works; in the cup which she
has mixed, mix double for her. *In the measure that she
glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same
measure give her torment and sorrow;* for she says in
her heart, 'I sit *as queen*, and am no widow, and will
not see sorrow.'

Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and
mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned
with fire, for strong *is the Lord God* who judges her.

The kings of the earth who committed fornication and
lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for
her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing
at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas,
alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in
one hour your judgement has come.'

Revelation, chapter 18

" **A**nd you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,' so that you did not take these *things* to heart, nor remember the latter end of them. Therefore hear this now, *you who are* given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, 'I *am*, and *there is* no one else besides me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children'; but these two *things* shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments.

For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me'; *your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'* Therefore evil shall come upon you; you shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, *which* you shall not know. *Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries,* in which you have laboured from your youth—perhaps you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail."

Isaiah, chapter 47

"**T**he fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! **For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.**'

They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city [Babylon], in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. *For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.* And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Revelation, chapter 18

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, *whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.* And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Then I saw a great white throne and him who 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, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. *And they were judged, each one according to his works.*

How I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them *and be their God*. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Then he who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." *And he said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

Revelation, chapters 20 & 21



All Scripture is Given
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Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of which* I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour, knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation." [The Theory of Evolution with changes taking billions of years?].

For this they wilfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, **that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

¶ Peter, chapter 3



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