

Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

They Bon't Say, "Another God"; They Say, "No God"!

He have now, then, cleared our way to the contemplation of the Almighty God, the Lord and Maker of the universe. His greatness, as I think, is shown in this, that from the beginning He made Himself known: He never hid Himself, but always shone out brightly, even before the time of Romulus, to say nothing of that of Tiberius; with the exception indeed that the heretics, and they alone, know Him not, although they take such pains about Him. They on this account suppose that another god must be assumed to exist, because they are more able to censure than deny Him whose existence is so evident, deriving all their thoughts about God from the deductions of sense; just as if some blind man, or a man of imperfect vision, chose to assume some other sun of milder and healthier ray, because he sees not that which is the object of sight.

There is, © man, but one sun which rules this world; and even when you think otherwise of him, he is best and useful; and although to you he may seem too fierce and haneful, or else, it may be, too sordid and corrupt, he yet is true to the laws of his own existence. Hnable as you are to see through those laws, you would be equally impotent to bear the rays of any other sun, were there one, however great and good. Now, you whose sight is defective in respect of the inferior god, what is your view of the sublimer One? Really you are too lenient to your weakness; and set not yourself to the proof of things, holding God to be certainly, undoubtedly, and therefore sufficiently known, the very moment you have discovered Him to exist, though you know Him not except on the side where He has willed His proofs to lie.

But you do not even deny God intelligently, you treat of Him ignorantly; nay, you accuse Him with a semblance of intelligence, whom if you did but know Him, you would never accuse, nay, never treat of. You give Him His name indeed, but you deny the essential truth of that name, that is, the greatness which is called God; not acknowledging it to be such as, were it possible for it to have been known to man in every respect, would not be greatness. Isaiah even so early, with the clearness of an apostle, foreseeing the thoughts of heretical hearts, asked, "Mho hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? With whom took He counsel? ... or who taught Him knowledge, and showed to Him the way of understanding?" With

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A Note From the Editor

Larry Harper has been submitting articles for this newsletter since October 1990. True to his calling, he is preparing True Believers for the End of the Age—the appearance of the Antichrist—by restoring *The Teaching of Moses*. Do you consider yourself a learner of the Truth? Do you know what God expects of you? Are you prepared for the battle that is right now raging for your soul?

If you've read even a few of the back issues of *The Voice of Elijah*[®] (and *The Voice of Elijah*[®] *Update*), you should know that Larry frequently teaches about what is expected of True Believers in their walk with the Lord. Here are a few excerpts for you to contemplate:

If you are a member of Israel—the Body of Jesus Christ—you have certain obligations God expects you to fulfill. You have obligations toward God and obligations toward your brothers and sisters in Christ. You had best not fail to live up to those obligations.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, June 1993, p. 22

The only thing that merits anyone anything with God is a knowledge of the Truth. **The Voice of Elijah**[®] **Update**, *August* 1996, *p.* 1

God's desire is that people who were formerly "blind" be able to "see" and completely understand the Truth He has hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 1997, p. 11

One must never lose sight of the fact that Paul is warning the Believer that God expects him to continue to listen to and believe the Truth. If he fails to do that, he will fall into sin and once again come under the jurisdiction of God's law. Therefore, the key to eternal life lies in what one chooses to listen to and believe: (Romans 6:15–18).

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2000, p. 11

Faith (belief) must always have a content, and everybody acts in accordance with what they believe. Therefore, if the content of your faith—that is, what you believe—is true, and you honestly believe it, you cannot help but do the works that God expects. Those works don't gain you anything, they just prevent you from losing what you gained by faith.

The Voice of Elijah[®], *January 2003, p. 9*

(Luke 19:11–27) ... He [Jesus] is describing the obligation that all Believers have to see that their knowledge of The Teaching is duplicated in others. He does not necessarily mean they have to do that by teaching or preaching themselves. If they have not been called to teach or preach, they can just as easily do it by giving of their time or money to assist someone who has been called to those ministries.

The Voice of Elijah[®], October 2003, p. 5

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How Does God View AI (Artificial Intelligence)?

ver the past thirty-four years, I have gradually, in bits and pieces, revealed my understanding of my calling, the message of the Scriptures, and/or the whitehot hatred the Living God harbors for those who choose to reject, twist, and/or distort the Truth that Jesus Christ handed down to His disciples as The Apostolic Teaching. Over that span of time, I have not been shy about telling you not only that God called me to do what I am doing but also why He called me to do it. Along the way, I have explained various and sundry parts of the Seven Sealed Messages the Prophets hid in the text of the Hebrew Scriptures; but I have done it in such a way as to make it difficult for anyone but the most dedicated to put even one of those Seven Messages together into a coherent whole. That was intentional on my part. In this issue, I am going to tell you how God views the current push to develop computers with Artificial Intelligence (AI), but only after reviewing what I have already told you God has planned for this generation.

July 2024

In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you the time had finally arrived for me to put together a few of the things I have written over the past thirty-four years so that you True Believers can "see" the seven "threads" in the tapestry God's Prophets wove into the fabric of the Old Testament. I told you that, by the time I have shown you all seven, you should be able to see just how stupid the unbelievers who contributed to the corruption and loss of *The Apostolic Teaching* really are. I said Satan's minions have always been obstinate, obstructionist, and obsequiously observant of their own abjectly idiotic perversion of the Truth. But I also told

you it won't be long before the things that the Apostle Peter describes in 2 Peter 3 come to pass; and the Truth is just as he stated:

In the last days mockers will come with mockery—those who are

- (i) walking in accordance with their own selfish desires ⁴and
- (ii) saying: "Where is **the promise** of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell fast asleep—since the beginning of creation—everything continues to be the same."
- ⁵(2) For wanting this to be {true}, it has escaped their notice that
 - (a) {the} heavens were from long ago and
 - (b) {the} Earth stood up together with {them}
 - (i) out of water and
 - (ii) through water
 - (iii) by the word of the {living} God, ⁶by which the world at that time, which was flooded by water, was done away with.
- ⁷(3) So now the heavens and the Earth, which have been stored up by the same word, are being kept for a fire on {the} day of {the} sentencing and eternal damnation of depraved men.

(2 Peter 3:3b-7) —HSSB

After I showed you what Peter says, I pointed out three statements he makes, the *significance* of which you may have overlooked. Listen carefully:

So now the heavens and the Earth, which have been stored up by the same word, are being kept for a fire on {the} day of {the} sentencing and eternal damnation of depraved men.

(2 Peter 3:7) —HSSB

¹⁰(5) So {the} day of His Majesty will come like a thief, on which {day}

- (a) the heavens will pass away—whistling—and then
- (b) elementary things, which are going to be incinerated, will be undone, and
- (c) {the} Earth and the works {done} on her will be found to be {what they are}.

¹¹(1) Since all these things are going to be undone like this, what sort of {person} should you be in holy behavior and godliness, ¹²while expecting and hurrying the arrival of the day of the {living} God, because of which {day}

- (a) {the} heavens will be undone by being burned, and
- (b) elementary things is going to be **melted by being incinerated**?

(2 Peter 3:10–12) —HSSB

The glory {is} His, both now and in {the} day of {the} age to come. Without doubt! (2 Peter 3:18b) —HSSB

After I showed you that, I told you I am well aware of the arguments that those who have been duped by Satan use to "prove" the seven "days" of Creation are *literal* twenty-four hour days. I said that insipid stupidity evolved out of John Darby's dumb Dispensational doctrine in which he claimed the Old Testament designation "Israel" can only refer *literally* to the Jews. I said his vapid beliefs in that regard are based on his total ignorance of the *significance* of the Hebrew idiom "cut off from," which I explain in the book *Not All Israel Is Israel*.

I reminded you I have also shown how Satan's Dispensational lie has come to be the dominant belief in our time in a booklet titled *Wanna Hear a Whopper?* I said I have no interest in once again refuting that lie, my only interest is in showing you what you need to know about "the Day of His Majesty"—which is what is commonly called "the Day of the Lord." I showed you Peter knew

that "Day" is an Age that will begin when this current Age has ended. He reveals that in this statement:

The glory {is} His, both now and in {the} day of {the} age to come. Without doubt! (2 Peter 3:18b) —HSSB

After I swatted aside the idiotic notion that the seven literal "days" (Ages) of Creation are seven literal twenty-four hour days, I went on to show you why Satan has fought so vociferously over the past two centuries to keep his minions mindlessly believing idiotic concepts that are securely ensconced in the mind of unsuspecting dupes who have no idea that the myopic mental midget who dominates them has them riding his express train straight into the Pits of Hell. But I told you that dimwitted serial killer has been spreading "The Lie" about the seven "days" of Creation to cover up an even bigger lie regarding a Truth stated in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible. I reminded you I have already put his lie to rest in the booklet titled In the Image and Likeness of God; so you may want to read, or reread, what I explain there to fill in the gaps in what I say here.

In that booklet, I refute the ridiculous notion that the "Adam" mentioned in Genesis 1:26–27 is our forefather. I also pointed out the fact that what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:45–46 about the two "Adams" demonstrates he knew Jesus Christ is the "Second Adam," the "Adam" that Moses describes in the first chapter of Genesis; and He is the only "Adam" God has ever created in His Own image and likeness.

After I made you responsible for *what you believe* about the things I have explained, I gave you a bit more information for which you will be held responsible:

- 1. In Genesis 1:26–27, Moses tells us God planned to create Jesus Christ in His image and likeness on the sixth "day" of Creation.
- 2. In that same passage, Moses has also told us God said He would create "male and female" Believers in His image and likeness on the sixth "day" of Creation. I told you that is what the Apostle John had in mind when he wrote 1 John 3:2.
- 3. Since True Believers have not yet been created in the image and likeness of God, the only logical conclusion is, the seventh "day" of Creation has not yet begun; and we

are still living in the sixth "day." Therefore, those who seek to qualify still have an opportunity to be transformed into God's image before the seventh "day" begins, which is precisely what Paul is explaining in Hebrews 3:1–4:11, where he is speaking in terms of (1) God "building a house" for Himself at the End of this Age, and (2) this current Age as the sixth "day"—that is, "Today."

I told you the beliefs that stand behind what Paul says in Hebrews 3:1–4:11 are the same beliefs the other Apostles believed. That is, their beliefs are:

- 1. Genesis 1:26–27 tells us God made a **promise** that He would supernaturally transform those who are able to prove they **believe His promise** into His very Own image and likeness on the sixth "day" of Creation—when He **fulfills the promise**.
- 2. The transformation of True Believers into the image and likeness of God will occur on the sixth "day" of Creation, at the Resurrection of the Righteous—which is **the fulfillment of the promise**.
- 3. Since the Resurrection of the Righteous has not yet occurred, we know the sixth "day" of Creation has not yet ended, and the seventh "day"—the Age in which God will rest—has not yet begun.
- 4. We are still living in the sixth "day" of Creation, so we still have hope of resting with God after the Resurrection of the Righteous, when the seventh "day" begins.
- 5. The seventh "day" of Creation will begin immediately after God has **fulfilled the promise** by resurrecting the Righteous in His Own image and likeness.

After I laid all that out for you to give the mockers that Peter mentions in 2 Peter 3:3–4 ample opportunity to deny the Truth regarding the seventh "day" of Creation, I went on to show you what the Prophets have said about the circumstances that will come into play when that seventh "day" of rest finally arrives. But I first showed you how the Book of Revelation describes it. I told you that, if that doesn't terrify you, it is only because you don't believe the "consummation" of the sixth "day" is right around the corner.

I said it might help you to envision the absolute horror that is facing the billions of unsuspecting people who believe Satan's ridiculous lies if you make a mental overlay of how John the Revelator describes it and place that horrific imagery right smack dab on top of what Peter says about the inferno that will usher in the seventh "day." I told you that if that combination does not help, just wait; what the Prophets say about "the Lord's Day" should absolutely scare the pants off anyone with even half a lick of common sense. Then I showed you my translation of Revelation 17–18, where John the Revelator describes the circumstances that will exist here on the Great *Harlot*—Mother Earth—after the seventh "day" gets underway.

I warned you that, in spite of what the majority will *choose* to believe here at the End of the Age, the author of the Book of Revelation is describing circumstances leading up to a nuclear holocaust that announces the beginning of the seventh "day" of Creation (the Lord's "Day") and the absolute horror that will face the few radiation-poisoned survivors who must deal with the aftermath as they slowly die an agonizing death. I told you to mock me if you will, but the Prophets do not hold back on this one; and they tell it like it will be, not the way fools want it to be. But I warned you that you need to pay close attention to Revelation 18:6–7 because it is referring back to something the Prophet Isaiah said that will tie everything together all neat and tidy for those who have eyes to see.

Then I reminded you that, in the very first issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you Isaiah is using the *parabolic image* of "Babylon" in Isaiah 14, where he describes the appearance of the Antichrist as one who Is *parabolically* LIKE the king of "Babylon." And I told you Isaiah *parabolically* describes the salvation of "*The Remnant*" of God's People as well as the destiny of *The Harlot*—Planet Earth—in Isaiah 13, where he makes it clear that those who refuse to "keep Sabbath" on the sixth "day" will be forced to do so on the seventh—when that final "day" of Creation begins with the dazzling white light of all those nuclear warheads going off, one after the other, making the sun, moon, and stars pale in comparison.

Then I showed you my interim translation of Isaiah 13, so you could see for yourself what Isaiah had in mind. I asked you if you noticed how, after describing the devastation of Planet Earth, Isaiah obliquely refers to it as "Babylon" in verse 19. I told you to make a note of that and reminded you that you had already seen that parabolic imagery in Revelation 17–18. Then I gave you a

heads-up by telling you that you are going to see it again later on.

I next gave you my interim translation of Isaiah 14, where Isaiah is describing the perspective of the members of "The Remnant" who enter the rest of God on the seventh "day" of Creation after being resurrected in the image and likeness of God at the end of the sixth "day." I told you Isaiah depicts them as looking back at the reign of the Antichrist and the predicament that he and those who followed him in trying to create a stupid *Utopia* here on Earth will face at that time, when they are going to be *parabolically* forced to "keep Sabbath" on the seventh "day" of Creation.

After showing you what the Master Prophet Isaiah says about the Lord's Redeemed resting on "the Lord's Day," immediately after the destruction of Mystery Babylon, I went on to show you the incredible insight that some of the other Prophets contribute to our understanding of what is yet to come as fools work feverishly to craft a Utopia here on Planet Earth. I told you the secret ingredient that all the master chefs of the perfect are overlooking is the one God Himself slipped into their mixing bowl: WAR! That's the one that is going to bring their stupid desire to hide from the angry, jealous God of Israel to a screeching halt. And when war does the dirty work God intended, they won't be able to say He didn't give them sufficient warning. He did, but they stupidly believe it's all just a myth. So I warned you that, if you have a brain, God expects you to use it. Examine the evidence. I told you there is much more to the Truth than what I presented at that time.

I next began looking at the evidence by giving you my interim translation of Obadiah, a Prophet who prophesied more than a century before Isaiah came along. I told you he got the ball rolling on the basis of what he could see Moses had already explained in *The Teaching of Moses* about the seventh "day" of Creation. I also told you that, to understand what Obadiah says concerning "Edom," you need to know that the people called "Edom" were the descendants of Esau.

As you may remember, Esau was the jugheaded brother of Jacob who stupidly sold his right to *inherit the promise*, thereby leaving his descendants out in the cold while the descendants of Jacob shared the right to *inherit what was promised*. But the key to understanding what Obadiah says in his brief treatise resides in the curious combination of verse 15 and verse 18. In verse 15, he tells the descendants of Esau they will get what they

deserve, not because of what Esau did in rejecting *the promise*, but because they did the same through their own actions. In verse 18, he tells them they will be locked out forever when members of the "houses" of Jacob and Joseph are made in the very image and likeness of the eternally burning Person that God is. That will occur on the eve of the fire that erupts without warning on the morning of the seventh "day."

I told you the next Prophet after Obadiah to speak concerning the nuclear fire that will announce the beginning of God's Sabbath "day" of rest is the Prophet Joel. I explained that his entire prophecy is a parable and told you that you should pay attention to what he says about the *parabolic* "locusts" who bring about the *parabolic* "famine" of Truth that will be ended by "The Teacher" who comes along right before the seventh "day" begins. I reminded you that I have already, in the August 2016 issue of *The Voice of Elijah* "*Update*, explained how the *parabolic* "locusts" that Joel describes provide a much-needed connection to the same *parabolic imagery* in Chapter 9 of the Book of Revelation.

Then I gave you my interim translation of the first chapter of the Book of Joel and told you that what the Prophet says there is inextricably linked to the things Isaiah tells us about the seventh "day" of Creation in Isaiah 13–14. I told you that is because Isaiah quotes Joel 1:15 almost verbatim in Isaiah 13:6. I challenged you to take a look, keeping in mind the fact that Isaiah was prophesying more than a century after Joel.

After giving you my interim translation of Joel 2, I warned you not to take any of Joel's statements *literally*, but especially those concerning edible items that "sprout" out of the "ground." I said my suggestion would be to think *parabolically* in terms of what all those *parabolic* "locusts" might be and what they might want to "consume," and then go and learn the *meaning* of what Moses says in Deuteronomy 8:1–3.

After that, I gave you my interim translation of Joel 3 and reminded you that the point of Joel's entire parable is to explain what the circumstances will be LIKE right before the seventh "day" begins. I also told you that if you have a good cross-reference, you will be able to see where the same *parabolic imagery* is used in the Book of Revelation.

After giving you my interim translation of Amos 5, I told you the ostensible purpose of the things Amos tells us about the seventh "day" is to link it to the

restoration of "The House" of Israel to Corporate Israel after they have been "cut off from" that Corporate Body. I said he shares that mission with the Prophet Hosea, but I pointed out that Isaiah saw an opportunity in the things Amos says in Amos 5 and used it to explain a bit more about the role "The Teacher" that Joel mentions in Joel 2:23 will play in the days leading up to the nuclear holocaust that initiates the seventh "day" of Creation. I told you he explains that parabolic imagery more fully in Isaiah 29–35; but I said my only interest in what I was explaining was to show you how Isaiah, in Isaiah 29, expands on the parabolic "darkness" Amos mentions in Amos 5:18, which is also the "nether gloom" he mentions in verse 20.

After telling you all that, I gave you my interim translation of Isaiah 29; and I told you Isaiah's point in that chapter is, most folks are going to have a late wake-up call when the seventh "day" "dawns" on them. As a result, when that time arrives, those poor dupes are going to wake up with a start to find that a few—those who have been "awake" for quite a while by that time—are already all dressed up and ready for that "day." I told you that is why I showed you what he says about "darkness" and "nether gloom."

Then I went on to show you what the Prophets have to say about "the Lord's Day." I gave you my interim translation of the entire Book of Zephaniah, who came along nearly a century after Isaiah, because he has a laser-focus on it. I said it should be obvious to anyone who is paying attention that Zephaniah is speaking *parabolically* to the inhabitants of Planet Earth as though they are living in a city. I said a key takeaway from what he says is the identification of the city, which can be determined by starting with what Zephaniah says in Zephaniah 2:15a.

I told you that if you know your Bible, you already know Zephaniah is giving his reader a hint that they should go back and read what Isaiah said about *The parabolic Harlot* "Babylon" in Isaiah 47. As a reminder, I gave you my interim translation of that chapter and told you that, after reading it, all the pieces should fall into place for you so that you can understand why John the Revelator calls Planet Earth a "prostitute" and "Mystery Babylon" in Revelation 17–18. But I told you that if you needed a reminder, you should take a look at what Isaiah says about "*The Woman*" who "reigns" over all the midget-minded morons who currently rule the nations.

I warned you that, if the information I had given you up to that point was neatly packed away in your "carry-on," you should be able to "see" Revelation 17–18 is describing events here on Earth that will occur during the run-up to, and aftermath of, the sixth "day" of Creation coming to an end. I challenged you to look at the text and told you John the Revelator is obviously pointing back to Isaiah 47:7–8 in Revelation 18:7. For that reason you should be able to "see" what he is *talking about*—if you want to.

I told you that, at that point, all you needed to know to round out the information I had provided is why Isaiah calls Planet Earth "Babylon." And I said if you know what happened at the Tower of Babel, where God set a limit that imbecilic *Utopians* and their stupid AI will never be able to cross, it should all make perfect sense. We are at the brink, looking down over the precipice, knowing full well the *Living* God is still in control, with plans to catch the unsuspecting totally off-guard. But I told you that you also need to factor in what Malachi says about "The Teacher" whose activities are going to introduce the circumstances Isaiah describes in Isaiah 29–35. Malachi spells that out fairly clearly (provided you have enough intelligence to accept it) in Malachi 4.

After I showed you what the Prophets of Israel, from as far back as 845 B.C. and all the way down to 460 B.C., were saying about the beginning of the final "day" of Creation, I told you that, without exception, they all knew that "day" of a blazing inferno was yet to come. Then I went on to show you the Apostles believed that very same thing. I said you need to be aware of that if you have any interest at all in knowing the Truth. For that reason I told you I would explain it for you; otherwise, you might make a very big misstep and have me to blame.

After I transitioned to what the Apostles wrote about the seventh "day" of Creation, I reminded you that I had already shown you 2 Peter 3, where Peter clearly reveals he knew all about the conflagration that will come at the beginning of "the Lord's Day." I also pointed out that he also confirms the Apostles were still waiting for that seventh "day" to begin when he spoke on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–21) and quoted what Joel had written about that "day" in Joel 2:28–32.

Then I showed you what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, where he reveals the seventh "day" of Creation ("the Lord's Day") was at the very

forefront of his mind. He makes it clear in that passage that those who believe *The Apostolic Teaching* will know when the seventh "day" is about to begin. I told you that should convince you—and will convince anyone who is still "awake"—that the Church today has lost all but a wee bit of the Truth that Jesus Christ *handed down* to His Apostles.

I showed you where, in his other letter to the local church in Thessalonica, Paul reveals something even more astounding as to why the agents of Satan have worked so hard over the last two centuries to distort the Truth about the nuclear holocaust that is going to occur at the very beginning of the seventh "day" of Creation. In 2 Thessalonians 2, where Paul describes Satan appearing as the Antichrist, he issues a dire warning to anyone who believes the seventh "day" of Creation has already come. I pointed out that he is warning True Believers against believing one specific lie-which he calls "The Lie" in verse 11. I also told you that is "The Lie" I have put to rest in the minds of True Believers by what I have written. For that reason his warning does not bode well for anyone who wants to stubbornly cling to the mistaken notion that the Church has not already committed "the apostasy" he mentions in verse 3.

Then I told you it will not be obvious to those who cannot read the original Greek text, but there are, at the very least, three other places where Paul refers to the seventh "day" of Creation and indicates it is still to come. We can be sure that is the case because he uses exactly the same phrase in those three passages as he uses in 2 Thessalonians 2:2. He calls it "the Day of the Lord"—which I normally translate as either "the Day of His Majesty" or "the Day of our Master," depending on whether or not it occurs in conjunction with the possessive pronoun.

The first instance in which Paul uses that phrase is 1 Corinthians 5:5. But in a couple of other places, he links the phrase "Day of the Lord" to the end of the sixth "day" by referring to it as a "consummation" (Greek: telos) of the current Age. The first occurrence is in 1 Corinthians 1:8; the second is in 2 Corinthians 1:13. Then in 1 Corinthians 10:11, Paul refers to "the Lord's Day" as a "consummation of the past ages," which reveals he was well aware of the fact that the seven "days" of Creation are, in fact, "Ages."

After I showed you Paul refers to the seventh "day" of Creation as the "consummation" of the things God has done on the first six "days" of Creation, I

showed you 1 Corinthians 15:20–24, where he tells us the "consummation" of this "Age" follows the Second Coming. Then I concluded by showing you what Paul said in Hebrews 3:1–4:11, where he once again warns his readers to be careful to make sure they do not believe "The Lie" that tells us the seventh "day" has already begun.

October 2024

In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you my objective in showing you everything I had shown you up to that point was to demonstrate just how effective the Liar Satan has been in convincing the vast majority of people that total stupidity is the absolute Truth. I also told you that, if you are one of the very few who are able to see the Truth in what I have presented over the past three decades, you should consider yourself extremely fortunate. Not many will be able to see the logic in the Truth I have been called to *restore* simply because Satan has finally accomplished what the author of the Book of Revelation understood he would:

⁷(4) Then there was war in Heaven—Michael and his messengers waging war with the sea serpent. And

(a) the sea serpent and his messengers waged war, ⁸and

- (i) they did not have the ability {to win};
- (ii) neither was a place found for them in Heaven any longer.

⁹(b) So the sea serpent—

- (i) the great one,
- (ii) the snake,
- (iii) the ancient one,
- (iv) the one that is called
 - (a) "False Accuser" and
 - (b) "Satan,"

(v) the one who is going to lead the entire civilized world astray—was thrown down. (Revelation 12:7–9a) —HSSB

I told you Satan knew from the outset that, if he were ever going to accomplish his ultimate objective, he had to convince everyone the following three lies are completely non-negotiable:

- 1. Genesis 1:26–27 is describing the creation of Adam and Eve in the image and likeness of God.
- 2. The first chapter of the Book of Genesis is a description of things that have already happened; therefore, we are living in the seventh "day" of Creation.
- 3. John 3:16 means God loves everybody so much that He would never send them into the fires of Hell because they are His Children, created in His very Own image and likeness.

I pointed out that, if you take a look around, a quick survey of what is going on in the Church today should convince you there is nothing much left for God to do except turn off the lights and start all over, which is precisely what He has planned for His latest and greatest Creation—that is, for the "male and female" Believers He is going to create in His Own image and likeness at the End of this Age. If you are not fortunate enough to be one of those, you have no clue as to what He has planned for the Redeemed. I told you I didn't say that, the Apostle Paul did; and I showed you he did it in 1 Corinthians 2.

I explained that, in that chapter, Paul is *talking about* the fact that only True Believers can understand the Truth in regard to the message of the Hebrew Scriptures because they alone have *chosen* to believe the Truth. Therefore, they alone will know that God plans to create them in His Own image and likeness. For that reason I encouraged you who have already experienced the incredible change that occurs when the Spirit of Christ takes up residence in you to not neglect the obligation you accepted when that event occurred. I showed you 2 Corinthians 1:15–24, where the Apostle Paul describes the decisiveness you exhibited when you made the commitment God requires.

I explained that those who have truly been born again—instead of lying to themselves as most will—are already well aware of their obligation to protect the Holy Spirit they *received* when they made an open and honest apology to God. But I also included the HSSB

translation of Ephesians 4:17–30, where Paul *talks about* the obligation of True Believers to protect the Truth they have been given the ability to understand. And I explained Paul's point is, as a True Believer you must focus completely on the Truth you can "see" in the Hebrew Scriptures. If you do that, the Holy Spirit Who resides within you will transform you, just as Paul indicates in Romans 12:1–3.

I told you that, if you act in accordance with what the Lord expects of you, you will be "transformed" into the "glory" of the image and likeness of God, just as the Apostle Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 3. And I said the point of that entire chapter is fairly easy to understand if you know what Paul is talking about. The key resides in the Hebrew term translated "glory." As I have told you repeatedly over the years, the Prophets and Apostles sometimes use that term to refer to "The Light" of The Teaching of Moses, as Paul does in Romans 1:13–23, where he is describing how numbskulls gave up the Truth of *the promise* at the Tower of Babel. I also sarcastically told you that, if you have an intelligence quotient even slightly above the baseline of a snail, you will pay very close attention to what Paul says in verse 18, which is what I went on to explain.

I told you that, before I wrote the first article in this series, I had already demonstrated there is a total lack of logic in believing that:

- 1. our forefather Adam was created in the image and likeness of God and
- 2. the seventh "day" of Creation has already begun.

Then I began a deep-dive into one of the reasons why you might want to reconsider your belief in the nonsensical notion that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob loves everyone. I told you Satan has been peddling that particular lie for a very long time, but only recently has it taken hold and grown into what some consider to be "conventional wisdom," which is just another way of saying "lowest common denominator." So, to put that lie to rest once and for all, I gave the HSSB translation of all the passages in the New Testament where you can find evidence that the *Living* God is still the same angry, jealous God of the Old Testament He always has been.

I also gave you a list of the passages in the Book of Revelation that describe the time when the *anger* of

the *Living* God has reached the level of an intense *rage*. I told you I don't think anyone would actually want to be on God's bad side, but one never knows. Some folks are so stubborn and contentious they just can't help themselves, even when the information I provide is readily available.

I told you that you can take everything I have explained and do with it as you will. I also said what you do with the things I have been called to explain is not my concern, I'm just laying the Truth out for you so that I am not responsible for you not having the opportunity to believe it. I pointed out that's just another way of saying what I have been saying all along: You can believe it if you care to, disbelieve it if you dare to. When you boil it all down to the basics, I don't have a dog in this fight; my only concern is that I have explained everything God called me to explain before His anger reaches the absolute fury of a rage directed at the stupid Utopian delusion of folks who cannot accept the fact that we would have nothing at all if not for Him. Therefore, I told you I am going to show you how the Prophets refer to the sad-sack circumstances leading up to the fiery beginning of the seventh "day" of Creation. And I began with what Malachi tells us about that "day" in Malachi 4.

I said I assumed you had taken note of Malachi's reference to True Believers "treading" on unsuspecting folks as though they were "grapes," and I told you that same parabolic image is used in Revelation 14:6–20. Then I told you that, in those two passages, the Prophet Malachi and John the Revelator are using the parabolic image of "wine" that the Prophets used to refer to a rancid alcoholic concoction that God has already "mixed" in preparation for our "day" here at the End of the Age. I warned you that you don't want to be one of those who are "sipping" the "wine" of Satan's delusion from the "cup" of God's wrath when the awesome fires of Hell announce the rising of the sun on the seventh "day" of Creation. Then I showed you my interim translation of Isaiah 51:17-23, where Isaiah describes the circumstances leading up to that incredible event.

I also told you the Prophet who wrote Psalm 75 has a bit of fun playing with the Hebrew term *qeren*, which *means* "horn," and using it as a double entendre in which it is both part of the Hebrew idiom "raise up a horn"—which *means* the same as "build a house"—and also a physical horn that was used as a "cup" in the sacred drama I call the *zonah* ritual.

Then, for the benefit of those True Believers who have ears to hear—and eyes to see—the Truth hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures, I said the "contents" of the "cup" the Lord has "mixed" for this generation is a deception that will completely entrance the fools who cannot understand and accept the simple Truth that you can see in the Scriptures. I told you that, if you are one of those who can see what I have explained over the past three decades, you should be extremely grateful you have been given insight into something those who refuse to believe will eventually be forced to concede is true. Then I showed you 2 Thessalonians 2, where Paul describes the situation that will exist in the days, weeks, months, and years leading up to the seventh "day" of Creation—that is, "the Day of the Lord."

I told you Paul's point in that chapter is, those who are taken by surprise when the Antichrist ushers in the seventh "day" of Creation are going to be absolutely convinced by "The Lie" that tells them the seventh "day" has already begun, which goofiness they have taken to *mean* they need not fear anything God may or may not do because He is already resting on that "day." The Truth is, the Living Word of God is still downright busy—in the "day" that the writer of the Book of Hebrews could see the psalmist calls "today"—creating Children in His very Own image and likeness—which image and likeness the Prophets concealed in the Truth they hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. I warned you that, since that is the case, if you intend to be one of those who will forever bear the image and likeness of God, you had best get busy mastering that Truth.

Then I told you the horrendous reality depicted by the *parabolic pantomime* that Jeremiah describes in Jeremiah 25 is already well underway, and you really don't want to be one of those who refuse to listen like every other boneheaded, brain-dead, balmy buffoon before you. Pay attention to what Jeremiah says about the "cup" and the fact that the prophecy is directed at all the Gentiles. While you are at it, you might also want to note how verse 10 sounds a whole lot like what John says in Revelation 18:22–23. No surprise there, they are both describing the same thing.

I told you that I planned to show you what the Prophets have said about the burning rage of the Almighty God's anger, but I was going to focus on the "contents" of the "cup" of "wine" God has "mixed" for the leaders of every nation on the face of the Earth.

And I warned you that you do not want to be one of the fools "drinking" the "wine" from the "cup" of "The Woman" when the "Day of the Lord" arrives, but I also said there was nothing I could do to convince you what you should believe. I said you, and only you, could do that—even when you try to offload responsibility by trundling off down to the church house to ask some pompous, pious, pinheaded pulpit parrot what he thinks you should believe. That is what every other cretinous cult member is doing. Just know this first of all: God gave us all a brain, so you might want to start using yours before He takes it back—with interest. And then I told you that sarcasm would have to suffice, and I got on with it.

I showed you my translation of Jeremiah 51 so that you could see "The Way" the Prophet describes the disastrous end that is rapidly descending on "the great city" "Babylon"—The Harlot that John the Revelator describes in the Book of Revelation. I said a person would have to have rocks for brains to not be able to see Jeremiah is speaking parabolically in terms of specific parabolic imagery in which the city of Babylon IS parabolically LIKE something else. The Truth is, in the same way that Obadiah uses the parabolic image of "Edom" to speak *parabolically* regarding the catastrophe that Esau's rejection of the promise caused for his descendants, Jeremiah is using "Babylon" as a parabolic *image* in the same way that Isaiah had used it a century or so earlier. That is, Jeremiah is referring his reader back to what happened at the Tower of Babel when the "one people" at that time "pulled an Esau" and gave up The Teaching in favor of Satan's nonsense. And I told you that should be obvious from the parabolic pantomime involving the "stone" and the "scroll" that Jeremiah relates in Jeremiah 51:61-64a.

Then I told you that is not Jeremiah's only mention of the fact that the "Babylon" to which he was referring would one day sink into "water." I also showed you Jeremiah 51:13 so you could see the *parabolic imagery* he had in mind. I pointed out that he refers to the same *parabolic imagery* again in Jeremiah 51:42, but I said the reader will miss the point if he or she does not know the Hebrew term ordinarily *transliterated* as *Sheol* in the Old Testament should actually be *translated* as "Sea of El," which "Sea" the Canaanites considered to be the Realm of the Dead. I said Jeremiah is referring to that "Sea" when he mentions "waves" in that verse, and I told you he mentions those same "waves" in Jeremiah 51:54–55.

After that, I showed you what John the Revelator said about "Mystery Babylon" in Revelation 17:1-5, which is the same "Babylon" that Jeremiah describes. That is, it is "the great city" that resides "on many waters." I told you the point of what John says in that passage is this: "Mystery Babylon" is just a parabolic depiction of the human civilization on Planet Earth, which was, as Moses tells us in Genesis 1, initially an ocean out of which dry land arose. But I told you that what John says in Revelation 18:21 should convince any reasonable person that Jeremiah and John are talking about precisely the same "Babylon." Then I told you there are even more correspondences between what John tells us about "The Woman" who is a "prostitute" and what Jeremiah says about "Babylon" than what I had pointed out to that point.

Then I showed you Jeremiah 51, where Jeremiah talks about the "wine" that God has "mixed" for all those who have no idea Who He really is. And I told you by that I mean, everyone who does not know God is an angry, jealous God Who has no use for those who do not love the Truth. I said that, if you can't see Jeremiah is talking about the same "cup" that John describes in Revelation 17:2, I seriously doubt anything would ever convince you, because it's obvious you do not want to see the Truth. So then, for the benefit of those who do, I pointed out what Jeremiah writes about those who don't in verse 33.

Then I pointed out we had arrived back at the *parabolic imagery* of the "harvest" and reminded you that was why I showed you what Jeremiah says in Jeremiah 51. And I said Malachi mentions "stubble" in Malachi 4:1–3 because he is telling us God's wheat "harvest" has ended and burning the "stubble" after the grape "harvest" is all that remains to be done. So I showed you what John the Revelator says in Revelation 14:14–20 about the "reaping" of God's grape "harvest" and told you the events that John describes *parabolically* in that passage are the same ones that Jeremiah describes in Jeremiah 51:19–20. I also said John the Revelator provides a *parabolic* description of that same thing in Revelation 19:11–15.

I told you that, in contrast to most of the *parabolic statements* Jeremiah makes in Jeremiah 51, his mention of the Trumpet in verse 27 is fairly easy to understand, provided you are aware he is referring to the Last Trumpet—the one that is blown right before all Hell breaks out here on Planet Earth simply because "the

{living} God has put {it} in their hearts to act in accordance with His opinion" (Rev. 17:17a). I also said the Gentiles he mentions are some of those who heed the warning in verses 6 and 9a, and I showed you John issues the same warning in Revelation 18:4–6.

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In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I concluded the three-part series of articles I began in July 2024 by giving you my translation of the salient passages in the Hebrew Scriptures where the fire of the Almighty God is mentioned. I told you I could not say for certain that in each and every case a passage is talking about the nuclear holocaust that will announce the End of this current Age. I said that is because the Prophets were extremely adept at speaking cryptically in terms of a specific parabolic image that I am not yet certain I understand. But I also told you with absolute certainty that the End of the Age is in view if they mention Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, or Gentiles in the same context as the anger, rage, wrath, and/or fire of God. I quoted Deuteronomy 32:18-29 from "The Song of Moses" to give you an example of what I was talking about, and I showed you Daniel 8:13-19, where Daniel tells us what the messenger of God told him.

I went on to show you where Daniel describes a couple of other supernatural experiences in which he was provided with even more detail about the End of the Age. In Daniel 11:32–36, he tells us about the activities of the Antichrist—that is, the one who becomes the "abomination of desolation" that Jesus said would signal the End of the Age. And I told you that, if your ears did not perk up when you read "what has been decreed," they should have.

I said the decree to which Daniel is referring can be found in Genesis 6:7, where God says He is going to wipe mankind off the face of the Earth. I told you Satan has everybody believing God went back on His Word when He let Noah off scot-free at that time, but I told you not to believe it; He didn't. I told you that He said what He *meant*, and He *meant* what He said. I also told you the Flood was just a diversion to keep ignorant folks from understanding things God never intended them to understand. And I said you had better check what God said about the rainbow. God said He would never again use water to destroy mankind, but He didn't say anything at all about fire. So I

showed you where the Prophet Zephaniah does *talk about* the fire that he says God is going to use to do exactly what He said He would do in Genesis 6:7, and I told you what Zephaniah says is a precise description of how God intends to carry out His decree.

Then I showed you Zephaniah 2:1–3, where Zephaniah calls God's decree a "statute" just to make sure his reader knows what God said in Genesis 6 is non-negotiable—that is, it is going to happen. And I told you Zephaniah has just stated the obvious: When the seventh "day" of Creation begins, the sixth "day" of Creation will disappear like chaff in the flames of the nuclear holocaust that usher in that holy "day." But I said the Prophet Daniel, in Daniel 12:1–4, adds a bit more detail for the benefit of those who are going to have insight into the Truth here at the End of this Age. Then I showed you what Daniel says after the messenger of the Lord explains a few more things that he does not understand. He says this:

⁸[Now I] [had heard], [but I could [not] understand]. [So I said], "[My Master]! [What {will be}] [{the} Outcome of] [These Things]?"

⁹[But he said]: "[Go on], [Daniel]! [Because] [The Words] [have been plugged up] [and sealed up] [until] [an [End] Time]. ¹⁰[Many] [will be purified] [and made white] [and refined]. [They will declare [Those Who Are Guilty], guilty]; [and [all] [Who Are Guilty] will [not] understand]. [But Those Who Gain Insight] [will understand]."

(Daniel 12:8–10) —my interim translation

I concluded the January 2025 article by showing you several passages of Scripture that speak for themselves, and I told you my hope was that you are one of "those who gain insight" and "understand" we are at the very End of this Age, that is the sixth "day" of Creation. I also said if you are not one of those, that's on you; I have just done what God called me to do.

And Now, to the Task at Hand

Rather than telling you outright how God views mankind's push to develop Artificially Intelligent computers, I need to show you a few things first so that those who gain insight from what I tell you can understand the circumstances we face here at the End of this Age. That way, those who *choose* not to believe I know

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what I am *talking about* may be less likely to do something the *Living* God will make them regret—for all eternity. Listen to what the psalmist says about the mind-set of the political, religious, and business leaders of this, the final generation on Planet Earth:

¹[Why] [are [Gentiles] conspiring together*], [And Kinfolk] [cooing over] [Emptiness]? ²[The Kings] [of Earth] [will position themselves], [And Authorities] [will be founded] [together] [Against] [His Majesty]—[even against]

3"[Let's snap] [their Shackles]
[And toss] [their Cords] [from us]!"

[His Anointed One]:

⁴[{One} Who sits] [in The Sea of Waters]
[will laugh]!
[My Master] [will jeer] [at them].

⁵[At that time], [He will speak] [to them]
[in His Anger];
[And [He will frighten them] with His Burning]:

6"[But I] [have {already} poured out [My King] as a cast image]
[On] [Zion], [{the} Mountain] [of My Holiness]!
7[I will recount] [concerning] [{the} Statute]
[of His Majesty]:

[He said] [to Me]:

'[You] {are} [My Son]!
[I engendered You] [Today]!

⁸[Ask] [of Me], [and I will give] [Gentiles]
 [as Your Inheritance];
[The Ends] [of Earth],
 [as Your Inheritable Property].

⁹[You will break them] [with an [iron] Staff];
[You will pulverize them] [like a Thing]
 [that is being formed].'"

¹⁰[So now], [O Kings], [gain insight];
 [Accept admonishment], [O Judges] [of Earth].
 ¹¹[Work for] [His Majesty] [in Fear],
 [And be happy] [with Shudders].
 ¹²[Kiss] [{the} Son], [lest] [He becomes angry]
 [And you go [{the} Way] to Hell],
 [Because] [His Anger] [will burn] [for a little {while}].

[Those Who Attain the Resurrection] {are} [all] [who take refuge] [in Him]. (Psalm 2:1–12) —my interim translation

The first thing you need to know about that psalm is what the psalmist had in mind when he described the dimwitted activities of the influential leaders of this final generation:

"[Let's snap] [their Shackles]
[And toss] [their Cords] [from us]!"
(Psalm 2:3) —my interim translation

I'm not going to point out all the ways in which powerful people are, to this very day, trying to circumvent the restraints God has placed on us; I'm only going to show you the first few, what God said to Adam and Eve right before He booted them out of the Garden and sent them down here to "live"—that is, exist for a short while—in the Realm of the Dead:

¹⁶[To] [The Woman] [He said]:

"[I will [greatly] increase]
[Your Pain] [and Your Childbearing].
[You will engender] [Sons] [in Pain],
[And [Your Longing] {will be} for] [Your Man],
[But he] [will have authority] [over You]."

¹⁷[But to {the} Adam] [He said], "[Because] [you listened] [to the Voice] [of Your Woman], [and You ate] [from] [The Tree] [that] [I commanded You], [saying]: '[You can [not] eat] [from it]';

[The Ground] {is} [irrevocably cursed]
 [on account of You];
[You will eat it] [in Pain]
[All] [{the} Days of] [Your Life].

18[And [she will sprout] Weeds]
 [and Various Kinds of Thistles] [for You],
[But You must eat] [the Vegetation] [of The Field].

19[You must eat] [Bread]
{Obtained} [by the Sweat of] [Your Nose]
[Until] [You return] [to] [The Ground],
[Because] [you were taken] [from it]—
[Because] [You] {are} [Dust],
[And [You will return] to] [Dust]."

(Genesis 3:16–19) —my interim translation

If you read that passage carefully, you should be able to see God imposed several restraints on those two renegades and their descendants—that is, down to this final generation. Take another look at the first one:

[To] [The Woman] [He said]:

"[I will [greatly] increase]
[Your Pain] [and Your Childbearing].

[You will engender] [Sons] [in Pain]."
(Genesis 3:16a) —my interim translation

I have long since explained why God imposed that particular curse on the woman; it was because the prepubescent girl she had been suddenly began to age—that is, die, just as God had warned her she would. As a result, she became sexually mature and able to have children, which is not what God had planned for the two of them. Therefore, the punishment fit the crime simply because God never intended for you and me to be here. But that is not what I want you to consider, this is:

If God imposed a punishment of excruciating pain during childbirth on all women to remind them of what happened when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, how do you suppose that same God might feel now that some of the more "intelligent" members of our species have crafted a couple of ways to avoid the punishment He imposed? To my "way" of thinking, that would seem to be precisely what an epidural and a cesarean section are intended to accomplish, not to mention pain killers of all kinds.

In telling you what I have just told you, I am in no way suggesting anyone should reject the comfort provided by the various painkillers that are available today, especially those related to the pain of childbirth; I am merely pointing out a few instances in which mankind has obviously refused to accept the limits the angry, jealous God of the Old Testament imposed on us for His Own specific purposes. It will be just as obvious when the time comes for us to suffer the consequences of our ill-advised behavior. Until then, just keep in the forefront of your mind "The Way" the psalmist describes the Almighty God's reaction to all "The Ways" we have been trying to escape the "shackles" He placed on us:

⁴[{One} Who sits] [in The Sea of Waters]
 [will laugh]!
[My Master] [will jeer] [at them].

⁵[At that time], [He will speak] [to them]
 [in His Anger];
[And [He will frighten them] with His Burning].
(Psalm 2:4–5) —my interim translation

If you have read the things I have written about the impending nuclear holocaust, you should already know what the psalmist is referring to when he says "His Burning." If you don't, it is only because you have already *chosen* to believe God did not call me to warn you. But enough about that, take a look at the second "shackle" God placed on the woman. This one is even more insidious than the first:

[To] [The Woman] [He said]:

"[I will [greatly] increase]
[Your Pain] [and Your Childbearing].
[You will engender] [Sons] [in Pain],
[And [Your Longing] {will be} for] [Your Man],
[But he] [will have authority] [over You]."
(Genesis 3:16) —my interim translation

I realize that what I am going to tell you now will be vehemently, vociferously, and virulently rejected by nearly everyone who hears what I am going to say, but especially by those who are fervid in their rejection of any consideration at all of the possibility that there might be an all-powerful God Who is going to hold every last one of us accountable for what we choose to believe. Nevertheless, I am going to tell you bluntly that God imposed an even more insidious curse on Eve because her disobedience resulted in her beginning to die—that is, to age and become sexually mature as soon as she chose to believe Satan's lie. So in this case also, the punishment fits the crime; but the tragedy is, it falls on every female who chooses to become "one flesh" with a man by engaging in sexual intercourse with him.

The curse that God imposed on Eve has had an amazingly disastrous impact on the relationship between a man and woman who have become "one flesh." That is because the curse on the woman is *psychological*; and it can only be overcome by the woman accepting the fact that God has granted the man the

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right to decide what should and should not be the terms of their relationship. So how do you suppose both men and women have tried to circumvent God's imposition on their search for true happiness? Never fear, the Truth lies right here, in what the Apostle Paul says in this passage:

¹⁵(3) So, as for me, I am also eager to proclaim the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** to you who are in Rome:

¹⁶(a) for I am not ashamed of the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise**;

(i) for it is God's supernatural power for salvation in anyone who believes God's promise—in both Jew, first, and Greek;

17(ii) for God's declaration of not guilty is being revealed by it—on the basis of {His} belief in God's promise resulting in {our} belief in God's promise—just as it has been written, "AND THEN THE ONE WHO IS BLAMELESS WILL LIVE ON THE BASIS OF BELIEF IN GOD'S PROMISE";

¹⁸(b) for God's anger is going to be revealed from Heaven against all {the} depravity and injustice of men who hold the truth fast in injustice, ¹⁹because what is known about the {living} God is well-known within them, for the {living} God has made {it} well-known to them;

²⁰(c) for since {the} creation of the world His invisible {characteristics}—both His everlasting supernatural power and divine nature, which are understood by the things {He} made—have been plainly seen so that they are without excuse; ²¹because,

(i) when {they} knew the {living} God, they did not glorify {Him} as God or give thanks, but became futile in their speculations; and their heart, lacking insight, was darkened.

22(ii) Alleging that {they} were wise, they became stupid 23 and exchanged the glory of the imperishable God for {the} likeness of an image of a perishable man and of winged creatures and of quadrupeds and of reptiles.

²⁴(1) Wherefore, the {living} God handed them over to uncleanness through the selfish desires of their hearts, so

that their bodies would be dishonored by them—²⁵those who:

(a) exchanged the truth of the {living} God for the lie and were in awe of {it} and (b) served the creation as priest rather than the One Who created {it}, the One Who is going to be **blessed** for the ages to come. Without doubt!

²⁶(2) For this reason the {living} God handed them over to an urge for dishonor. For their females as well exchanged their natural use for the one that is contrary to nature; ²⁷and then the males, likewise, after letting go of the natural use of the female, were also set afire in their craving for one another—males in males bringing about their unseemly behavior and getting back within themselves the requital that has to do with their deception.

²⁸(3) And just as they did not approve of the {living} God—to hold onto {approval} through full knowledge of the truth—the {living} God handed them over to a rejected mind, to do the things that are not right. (Romans 1:15–28) —HSSB

Since it can be expected that some numbskull will stupidly accuse me of homophobia simply because I believe what Paul wrote about what the angry, jealous God of Israel did at the Tower of Babel, let me set the record straight here: I have nothing against gay people. To my mind, they are no different than anyone else in this hellhole in which we exist; everyone is doing what they deem best to deal with their circumstances. Over my rather long life, I have known several gay people, and I considered them all to be my friends. I roomed with one while in college, attended my niece's marriage to another woman, and even hired one who worked for me until he died. My view of my situation is, I have no right to judge anyone for how they *choose* to live their life; but I am certainly responsible for how I choose to live mine. So I have chosen to refrain from the heterosexual one-night-stand lifestyle, but that does not give me the right to judge those who do.

The only point I am making here has to do with the ways in which mankind has worked to circumvent the "shackles" God has placed on us. Therefore, since I have shown you the two "shackles" He placed directly on women, let me show you the one He indirectly placed on the man Adam:

¹⁷[But to {the} Adam] [He said], "[Because] [you listened] [to the Voice] [of Your Woman], [and You ate] [from] [The Tree] [that] [I commanded You], [saying]: '[You can [not] eat] [from it]';

That passage describes three distinctly different facets of the curse that God placed on the ground, with the definite intent that all three would remain a ball and chain on the efforts of Adam and any future descendants to eke out a living from an extremely recalcitrant ground:

- 1. Weeds
- 2. Physical work (sweat)
- 3. Death

For the benefit of those who have just crawled out from under a rock, the herbicide 2,4-D has been used for the last eighty years or so to remove the first of those two "shackles." More recently, another herbicide commonly called "Roundup" has contributed to the rise of an agricultural practice known as "no-till farming." So much for the sweat of the nose sort of thinking; the farmers who follow this method not only save money but also work less, and those who are able to get their hands on a half-a-million-dollar robotic tractor can even sit in an air-conditioned office all day, never once suffering under the "shackle" of the curse that God imposed on Adam. Think about that for a while; then think Utopia, because that is where the rich and powerful in our day are hell-bent on taking us. The only problem they face is, God has been right here at the End of the Age, just waiting for them to arrive, for at least the last

four thousand years, patiently waiting for this civilization to come to a time when its leaders firmly believe they can, once and for all, remove the "shackles" God has placed on us. Some are, at this moment, trying to eliminate the "shackle" of death. Bad move.

When Utopian Becomes Dystopian

The Communists, who avidly hold as their sole, single, solitary theological tenet the completely unprovable belief that there is no God, have long held an equally firm commitment to creating a *Utopia* here on Planet Earth in which everyone shares equally in its great bounty. In 1848, the magnificent theological wizards Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels pulled that rabbit out of thin air and created a fantastic fantasy—*ex nihilo*. Never mind the fact that what they envisioned is based more on some universal usufruct rather than good old-fashioned logic and common sense. Just don't try using that approach with an avowed Communist; none of them have any of either, and therein lies the rub.

You see, over the past two centuries, the John Darby Dispensationalists in the Fundamentalist wing of the Christian Church have been used by Satan to convince the more religious folk among us that Jesus Christ will return, rebuild the Temple for the Jews, and establish an eternal kingdom here on Earth. And in that we find the opposite and equally opposing force needed to create a humongous rub. Therefore, you had better get ready for it, because it is coming—fast. But, since I have already explained all this in the little bits and pieces I have given you over the past thirty-five years, and in *Wanna Hear a Whopper?* I'll move on.

The Truth regarding our current circumstances begins with an acceptance of the fact that the person called "Satan" really does exist. You find him mentioned for the first time in Genesis 3, where he tells Eve a bald-faced lie and thereby ensures that all the rest of us end up here in the Realm of the Dead, doing our best to navigate the twists and turns of a life in which lies and liars are the norm, and absolute Truth is hard to come by. Those who are the more deceptive among us thrive in this chaotic environment; but those who take other folks at face value, not so much. Jesus Christ was One of those Who knew what has been going on down here for a very long time now, and He says the following about the fellow we know as Satan:

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⁴²Jesus told them: "If the {living} God were your Father, you would love Me; for I came out of the {living} God, and I have come, for I did not even come of My Own accord, but That Individual sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not know what I said? Because you cannot hear the word that I have! ⁴⁴You are part of your father, the false accuser; and you want to act in accordance with the selfish desires of your father. That individual has been a killer since the beginning; and he does not stand in the truth, because truth is not in him. Whenever he speaks the lie, he is speaking on the basis of his own {thoughts}, because he is a liar and the father of it."

(John 8:42-44) —HSSB

There you have it: Moses plainly tells us Satan lied to Eve, which resulted in every last one of us living under a sentence of death from the moment we were conceived; and then, in that passage, the Lord tells us Satan is a pathological liar. So take a look at what the Apostle Paul tells us about how Satan spreads his lies:

¹⁰(1) {The} truth of the Anointed One is in me; the fact is that this boasting {that is} in me will not be shut up in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹Why? Because I do not love you? The {living} God knows.

¹²(a) So what I am doing I will also do {in the future}, so that I may cut off the opportunity from those who want an opportunity to also be found to be just as we {are} in whatever they are boasting about.

¹³(i) For such men {are}

(a) false apostles,

(b) guileful workers who convert themselves into apostles of the Anointed One. ¹⁴And {that is} not an amazing sight,

(ii) for Satan himself converts himself into a messenger of light. ¹⁵Therefore, {it is} nothing tremendous if his servants also convert themselves into {something} like servants of a declaration of not guilty—whose consummation will be in accordance with their works.

(2 Corinthians 11:10–15) —HSSB

Did you hear what the Apostle Paul said? He said Satan already had people working in the Apostolic

Church, pretending to be Apostles, within just a few decades after Jesus was crucified. So let's use a wee bit of logic and just a smidgen of reason to see if we can't gain the full *significance* of what Paul says.

First of all, Satan was going around telling his lies before Adam and Eve were booted out of the Garden; he was still doing his dastardly deeds when Job came on the scene sometime before Moses; he was definitely working when he entered Judas at the Last Supper and got him to betray Jesus, and now Paul tells us he was working in the Church while he was still alive. So what makes you think that fool is not hard at it today?

If you have somehow gotten the nonsensical notion that Satan is no longer working through pious, pompous, pinheaded penguins who pose proudly in the pulpit every Sunday, pretending to be "a messenger of light," you must have rocks for brains. Satan's agents are assiduously working the Church, deceiving anyone and everyone who is willing to use his lies to make themselves feel better about themselves. For that reason, if you are absolutely convinced you don't already believe a monstrous lie that Satan specifically designed to send you straight to Hell, you definitely need to consider what Jesus said when He told His disciples the Parable of the Tares:

²⁴He set another comparison before them, saying: "The kingdom of the heavens is like a man who sowed exceptionally good seed in his field. ²⁵But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and oversowed tares in the midst of the wheat and went away. ²⁶So then, when the grass sprouted and produced fruit, the tares also appeared. ²⁷So, when the slaves of the owner of the house approached, they said to him: 'Master, did you not sow exceptionally good seed in your field? Therefore, where did {the} tares it has come from?'

²⁸So he declared to them, 'An enemy—a man—has done this!'

So his slaves say to him, 'Therefore, do you want us to go cull them out?'

²⁹But he declares: 'No, lest perhaps, while culling the tares out, you might, at the same time, uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, cull out the tares and bind them into bundles in order to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my storehouse."'"

(Matthew 13:24–30) —HSSB

For the benefit—or detriment, whichever the case may be—of those who can't quite wrap their head around the fact that the Church has finally slid off into a full-blown apostasy over the past half century or so, let me show you what Jesus said to His disciples when He interpreted the Parable of the Tares for them:

³⁶At that time, after leaving the crowds, He came into the house. And His disciples approached Him, saying, "Explain the comparison of the tares of the field in detail for us."

³⁷So, in response, He said: "The One Who sows the exceptionally good seed is the Son of The Man, ³⁸but the field is the world. And then the exceptionally good seed? These individuals are the sons of the kingdom. And then the tares? They are the sons of the one who is nasty. ³⁹And then the enemy, the one who sowed them? He is the false accuser. And then the harvest? It is {the} consummation of {the} current age. And then the reapers? They are messengers.

⁴⁰Therefore, indeed, just as the tares are culled out and burned up in a fire, it will be like this at the consummation of the current age. ⁴¹The Son of The Man will send His messengers, and they will cull all the deadfall traps and those who commit the lawless deed out of His kingdom, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of the fire. Weeping and gritting of teeth will be there. ⁴³At that time, THOSE WHO ARE BLAMELESS WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. Let the one who has ears hear."

(Matthew 13:36-43) —HSSB

If you still can't see the Truth with regard to the apostasy of the Church, I pity you; the rest of what I am going to say here will not benefit you at all. But to fulfill my calling, I must tell you what the Book of Revelation says about the things to come:

- ⁷(4) Then there was war in Heaven—Michael and his messengers waging war with the sea serpent. And
 - (a) the sea serpent and his messengers waged war, ⁸and
 - (i) they did not have the ability {to win};(ii) neither was a place found for them in Heaven any longer.

- ⁹(b) So the sea serpent—
 - (i) the great one,
 - (ii) the snake,
 - (iii) the ancient one,
 - (iv) the one that is called
 - (a) "False Accuser" and
 - (b) "Satan,"
 - (v) the one who is going to lead the entire civilized world astray—was thrown down.
- (c) He was thrown down to the Earth, and (d) his messengers were thrown down with him. (Revelation 12:7–9) —HSSB

The Truth is, by lying to just one influential person after another over the past two thousand years since Jesus died, Satan has finally succeeded in deceiving the entire world. But over the next several years, God fully intends to straighten up the disaster that fool created. Whether or not you benefit from what the Lord does for the Redeemed is entirely up to you. But I can tell you this: When everything is said and done, the "tares" that Satan has "planted" in the Church will have no excuse at all on Judgment Day.

So let me explain what is going to happen just a little ways down the road from here, as we keep heading toward the End of the Age, so that you can get a fairly good idea as to exactly how God feels about the Artificial Intelligence that ignorant, atheistic men are hard at work creating in computers. This is how John the Revelator describes what is going to happen after Satan loses access to the exalted position he has held for far too long:

¹⁰(5) Then I heard a loud voice in Heaven, saying: "At this time,

- (a) the salvation and
- (b) the supernatural power and
- (c) the kingdom of our God—and
- (d) the authority of His Anointed One—have come, because the accuser of our brothers—the one who makes accusations against them day and night before our God—has been thrown down. ¹¹And they have triumphed over him

- (i) because of the blood of the Little Lamb and
- (ii) because of the word of their testimony, and
- (iii) {because} they did not love their soul up to the time of death.
- ¹²(e) For this reason the heavens and you who are camping out in them must celebrate.
- (f) Woe to the Earth and the sea because the false accuser—who has tremendous rage, aware that he has just a little time—has come down to you."
- ¹³(6) Then when the sea serpent saw that he had been thrown down to the Earth, he persecuted The Woman who gave birth to the Male.
 - ¹⁴(a) So the two wings of the vulture—the great one—were given to The Woman, so that she could fly into the desert, to her place, where she is going to be provided food there for a time and times and half a time, away from the snake's presence.
 - ¹⁵(b) So the snake cast water out of his mouth like a river behind The Woman, so that he might cause her to be carried away by the river.
 - ¹⁶(c) So the Earth helped The Woman, and the Earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river that the sea serpent cast out of his mouth.
 - ¹⁷(*d*) So the sea serpent became angry with The Woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed—those who
 - (i) keep the commandments of the {living} God and (ii) hold onto the testimony of Jesus—and he stood on the sand of the sea.

(Revelation 12:10-17) —HSSB

In a series of articles I wrote a decade or so ago, I explained how that passage relates to things that John explains elsewhere in the Book of Revelation; so I am not going to cover those things again here. Suffice it to say, circumstances here on Planet Earth are going to get more than a wee bit bonkers when the idiot "sea serpent" shows up in person; for now, I am going to focus on what John says next:

- ¹(1) Then I saw a beast that has
 - (a) ten horns and
 - (b) seven heads—and

- (c) ten diadems on its horns and
- (d) names of a false religious claim on its heads—coming up out of the sea. ²And
- (2) the beast that I saw was just like a leopard, and
 - (a) its feet {were} like a bear, and
 - (b) its mouth {was} like a lion's mouth. And
- (3) the sea serpent gave it
 - (a) its supernatural power and
 - (b) its throne and
 - (c) tremendous authority. ³And
- (4) one of its heads {was} like one who had been slaughtered, resulting in death, yet the lash of its death was cured. And
- (5) the entire Earth {following} after the beast
 - (a) was amazed, ⁴and
 - (b) paid homage to the sea serpent because he had given his authority to the beast. And they paid homage to the beast, saying, "Who is just like the beast, and who can wage war with it?"
- ⁵(6) *Then a mouth that speaks*
 - (a) tremendous things and
 - (b) false religious claims was given to it, and it was given an authority to act for forty and two months.
- 6(7) So it opened its mouth to {make} false religious claims against the {living} God, to make false religious claims about His name and His tent—those who are camping out in Heaven.
- ⁷(8) Then it was given to it
 - (a) to make war with the holy ones and
 - (b) to triumph over them.
- (9) So authority over every
 - (a) tribe and
 - (b) people and
 - (c) tongue and
 - (d) nation was given to it.

⁸(10) Then all who are dwelling on the Earth—anyone whose name has not been written since the establishment of the world in the scroll of the life of the Little Lamb Who has been slaughtered—will worship it.

⁹(11) If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

¹⁰(a) if anyone {is to go} into a concentration camp, he is going to go into a concentration camp; (b) if anyone {is} to be killed with a sword, he {is going} to be killed with a sword. Here is the perseverance and the **belief in God's promise** that the holy ones have.

(Revelation 13:1–10) —HSSB

If my calling were to give advice—which it isn't—to anyone who wants to understand the *meaning* and *significance* of that text, I would tell them to be very careful in making assumptions about the word *beast*. If you assume you already know what that word refers to, trust me; you don't. If you assume only True Believers are going to be killed and incarcerated, they aren't. But I will tell you the text is describing things that are only just now getting started. Those things won't really ramp up until the second "beast" appears and the implacable powers that be implement the Artificial Intelligence they believe is required to achieve the *Utopia* that both Capitalists and Communists have envisioned. This is "*The Way*" John describes that event:

¹¹(1) Then I saw another beast coming up out of the Earth; and

- (a) it had two horns, just like a little lamb; and
- (b) it spoke like a sea serpent; ¹²and
- (c) it acts in accordance with all the authority of the first beast before it. And
- (d) it makes {it} so that the Earth and those who dwell in her worship the beast—the first {one}, the one whose lash of death was cured. ¹³And
- (e) it does tremendous signs, so that it even makes fire come down out of Heaven to the Earth in the presence of men. ¹⁴And
- (f) it leads astray those who are dwelling on the Earth because of the signs that it has been given to do in the presence of the beast, telling those who are dwelling on the earth to make an image for the beast who has the lash of the sword yet has lived. ¹⁵And
- (g) it was given {the ability} to give a spirit to the

image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could even speak and make {it} so that as many as it may be who would not pay homage to the image of the beast would be killed.

¹⁶(2) And it makes {preparation for} everyone—

- (a) the little ones and
- (b) the older {ones}, even
- (c) the wealthy and
- (d) the poor, even
- (e) the free men and
- (f) the slaves—
 - (i) so that they can give them a mark
 - (a) on their hand, their right {one}, or
 - (b) on their forehead, ¹⁷and
 - (ii) so that no one except the one who has the mark—the name of the beast or the number of its name—can
 - (a) buy or
 - (b) sell.

¹⁸(3) Here is the {necessary} wisdom: The one who has a mind must calculate the number of the beast, for its number is also a man's number—six hundred sixty-six. (Revelation 13:11–18) —HSSB

It is easy to get lost in that passage if you try to understand what it says outside of mankind's struggle to rid itself of the "shackles" God imposed on us. Therefore, you need to know where God imposed the ultimate "shackle." But I warn you: If you *choose* to ignore or deny the *significance* of what I tell you, it will cost you—dearly. I am *talking about* an eternity of suffering under the wrath of a very angry, very jealous God Who does not take it lightly when fools misrepresent the Person He is. Therefore, here's a bit of information you may have overlooked:

¹[Now [The [whole] Earth] was] [one] [Language] [and [one] Vocabulary]. ²[And it happened], [while they were journeying] [away from **Qedem**], [that they found] [a Broad Valley] [in {the} Land] [of Shinar] [and dwelled] [there]. ³[Then [Each One] said] [to] [his

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Neighbor]: "[Come on!] [Let's make] [Bricks] [and burn {them} thoroughly] [by burning {them}]."

[Now [they] had] [The Brick] [for Stone], [and [they] [had] The Tar] [for Clay], 4[so they said]: "[Come on!] [Let's build] [a City] [and a Tower] [for ourselves]! [Its Top] {will be} [in {the} Sea of Waters]! [And let's make] [a Name] [for ourselves], [lest] [we be dispersed] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth]."

⁵[Then [His Majesty] came down] [to look at] [The City] [and] [The Tower] [that] [{the} Sons of] [The Adam] [had built]. ⁶[And [His Majesty] said]: "[Guess what!] [All of them have] [one] [People] [and [one] Language]. [But [doing] this] [has polluted them], [and now] [nothing] [that] [they intend] [to do] [will be withheld] [from them]. ⁷[Come on!] [Let's go down] [there] [and mix up] [their Language] [so that] [Each One] [can [not] hear] [{the} Language of] [his Neighbor]."

⁸[So [His Majesty] dispersed] [them] [from there] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth], [and they quit] [building] [The City]. ⁹[Therefore], [its Name] [is called] "[Babylon]" [because] [His Majesty] [mixed up] [{the} Language of] [The [whole] Earth] [there], [and from there] [His Majesty] [dispersed them] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth].

(Genesis 11:1–9) —my interim translation

That passage reveals the reason why "the great city" described in the Book of Revelation is sometimes called "Mystery Babylon." It is because our generation is the final generation in a very long line of feckless generations whose avowed goal has been to cast off the "shackles" that God imposed on us, which is precisely what is being described in that passage. Everything mankind has done to make this environment a Utopia is going to come down to the invention of a superintelligent machine that is designed to invent anything else anyone would ever want or need. At least that is "The Way" it is being touted by the abjectly ignorant atheistic fools concerned with the task. They firmly believe the Utopia they are trying to achieve will be ours when we have a self-learning AI. But the "intelligent" men who are touting that dream seem to have forgotten one very important detail. You can find it clearly stated in verse 6:

⁶[And [His Majesty] said]: "[Guess what!] [All of them have] [one] [People] [and [one] Language]. [But [doing] this] [has polluted them], [and now] [nothing]

[that] [they intend] [to do] [will be withheld] [from them]. ⁷[Come on!] [Let's go down] [there] [and mix up] [their Language] [so that] [Each One] [can [not] hear] [{the} Language of] [his Neighbor]." (Genesis 11:6–7) —my interim translation

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it seems to me that the very thing AI is intended to achieve for this final generation is the very thing Moses says the Lord intended to prevent mankind from ever achieving at the Tower of Babel. It also seems to me the psalmist had that in mind when he says this:

"[Let's snap] [their Shackles]
[And toss] [their Cords] [from us]!"
(Psalm 2:3) —my interim translation

The Truth is, the fools in this final generation are absolutely convinced—lacking any hard evidence for the belief—that the angry, jealous God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob does not exist. But they are on the verge of an absolutely awesome realization: Not only does that angry, jealous God exist, He has also long since taken exception to the abject stupidity of men who have *chosen* to believe otherwise. Moses plainly states in Genesis 11 that the angry, jealous God of Israel is responsible for the two hundred nations and the seven-to-eight-thousand *spoken* languages in existence today. Do you have any idea what those two circumstances have produced?

If you can't see how war is the obvious answer to that question, go ask a Ukrainian. Vladimir Putin, the incredibly stupid Napoleonic little man who rules Russia, claims he invaded his neighbor a few years ago because the Russian-speaking people in the areas he insists are part of Mother Russia were being mistreated by the Ukrainian-speaking government in Kiev. Yet the only thing his war has attained is an astronomically high casualty rate on both sides.

More than a million and a half Russian and Ukrainian young men have fallen victim to a "shackle" the angry, jealous God of Israel imposed on us at the Tower of Babel. So how do you suppose that same angry, jealous God *might* feel when stupid men who do not even believe He exists keep on doing their best to get around the limits He imposed? You don't need to answer that question; John the Revelator has already done that dastardly deed—for the benefit of those few in our generation who still have ears to hear:

- ¹(1) Then I heard a loud voice out of the sanctuary, telling the seven messengers, "Go on and pour out the seven bowls of the rage of the {living} God onto the Earth."
 - ²(a) Then the first {messenger} went and poured out his bowl onto the Earth, and it became an awful and nasty sore on
 - (i) the men who have the mark of the beast and
 - (ii) those who pay homage to his image.
 - ³(b) Then the second {messenger} poured out his bowl onto the sea, and
 - (i) it became {something} like {the} blood of a dead man, and
 - (ii) every soul with life that is in the sea died.
 - ⁴(c) Then the third {messenger} poured out his bowl onto the rivers and the springs of waters, and it became blood.
- ⁵(2) Then I heard the messenger of the waters saying: "You—the One Who is and the One Who was, the Devout One—are right, because You decided these things; ⁶because they poured out {the} blood of
 - (a) holy ones and
 - (b) Prophets; so You have given them blood to drink. They are worthy of {it}."
- ⁷(3) Then I heard {the messenger} of the sacrificial altar saying, "Yes, Your Majesty—the {living} God, the Almighty—Your sentences {are} true and right."
 - ⁸(a) Then the fourth {messenger} poured out his bowl onto the sun, and
 - (i) he was given {the ability} to scorch mankind with fire.
 - ⁹(ii) And men were scorched with an intense scorching heat; and
 - (a) they made false religious claims about the name of the {living} God, Who has the authority over these lashes; and
 - (b) they did not apologize to give Him glory.

- ¹⁰(b) Then the fifth {messenger} poured out his bowl onto the throne of the beast, and
 - (i) his kingdom was darkened, and
 - (ii) they chewed on their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹Yet
 - (iii) they made false religious claims about the {living} God of Heaven
 - (a) because of their pain and
 - (b) because of their sores, and
 - (iv) they did not apologize for their works.
- ¹²(c) Then the sixth {messenger} poured out his bowl onto the river—the one that is tremendous, the Euphrates—and its water dried up, so that the way of the kings who are from {the} sun's sunrise could be prepared.
 - ¹³(i) Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs {coming}
 - (a) out of the mouth of the sea serpent and
 - (b) out of the mouth of the beast and
 - (c) out of the mouth of the false prophet; ¹⁴for they are {the} spirits of demons that are doing {the} signs that is going to go out over the kings of the entire civilized world, to gather them up for the war of the day—the most important day—of the {living} God, the Almighty. ¹⁵("Guess what! I am going to come like a thief! The one who stays awake and keeps watch over his overgarments—so that he does not walk around naked and they see his unseemly behavior—is fortunate.")
 - ¹⁶(ii) So they gathered them to the place that is called "Mountain of Megiddo" in Hebrew.
- ¹⁷(d) Then the seventh {messenger} poured his bowl out onto the air; and
 - (i) a loud voice came out of the sanctuary—from the throne—saying, "It has come!" ¹⁸(ii) And there were
 - (a) flashes of lightning and
 - (b) voices and
 - (c) rolling thunder; and

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- (iii) a tremendous earthquake occurred, of such a sort as had not occurred ever since a man came to be on the Earth—so tremendous an earthquake, so tremendous! ¹⁹And
- (iv) the city—the great one—came to be in three parts, and
- (v) the cities of the Gentiles fell. And
- (vi) Babylon the Great was recalled before the {living} God—to give her the cup of the wine of the rage of His anger. ²⁰And
- (vii) every island fled, and
- (viii) no mountain was found, ²¹and
- (ix) tremendous hail—about seventy-five pounds—came down out of Heaven onto men; so (x) men made false religious claims about the {living} God because of the lash of the hail,

because its lash was extremely tremendous.

(Revelation 16:1–21) —HSSB

Let me explain once again why the fate that John describes in that chapter is rapidly descending on this final generation. It is because the powers that be in this hellhole have always *chosen* to try to find a way around the "shackles" God has placed on us rather than using them "*The Way*" God intended. You see, when things go badly for folks down here in the Realm of the Dead, those who are the wise among us will—when given the opportunity—quite readily turn back to the angry, jealous God Who put us here. That is precisely the purpose He had in mind for the various "shackles" He put in place: To make things so difficult that we would seek Him.

Unfortunately, not many—even when their entire life is quite obviously shot and gone to Hell—can summon even the small bit of wisdom needed to overcome an innate ignorant stubbornness that neutralizes good common sense. That blunt description has never been more true for the leaders of every other generation, which is why the catastrophe that John describes in Revelation 17 is patiently waiting in the wings:

¹(1) Then one of the seven messengers who have the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying: "Come on! I will show you the judgment of the prostitute—the great one, the one who is sitting on many waters—²with whom

- (a) the kings of the Earth were sexually promiscuous, and
- (b) those who dwell on the Earth became intoxicated by the wine of her sexual promiscuity."
- ³(2) Then he carried me away in {the} Spirit into a desert: and
 - (a) I saw a woman
 - (i) sitting on a scarlet beast that has
 - (a) seven heads and
 - (b) ten horns—
 - (c) {ten} names that are full of false religious claims. ⁴And the woman was
 - (ii) wrapped in purple and scarlet, and (iii) gilded with
 - (a) gold and
 - (b) valuable stones and
 - (c) pearls,
 - (iv) holding a cup made of gold in her hand—one that is full of
 - (a) abominations and
 - (b) the unclean things of her sexual promiscuity.
 - ⁵(b) And {there was} a name—a mystery—that had been written on her forehead: "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."
 - ⁶(c) Then I saw the woman—who was intoxicated
 - (i) by the blood of the holy ones and
 - (ii) by the blood of the witnesses of Jesus—and
 - (d) I was amazed after seeing her—a tremendously amazing sight.
- ⁷(3) Then the messenger said to me: "Why are you amazed?
 - (a) I will tell you the mystery of

- (i) the woman and
- (ii) the beast,
 - (a) the one that is carrying her—
 - (b) the one that has
 - (i) the seven heads and
 - (ii) the ten horns.
- ⁸(*b*) *The beast that you saw*
 - (i) was and
 - (ii) is not and
 - (iii) is going to come up out of the abyss and
 - (iv) is going to go on to eternal damnation.
- (c) Yet those who dwell on the Earth—those whose name has not been written on the scroll of life from {the} establishment of the world—will be amazed when {they} see that the beast
 - (i) was and
 - (ii) is not and
 - (iii) will be here.
- ⁹(*d*) Here {is} the mind that has wisdom:
 - (i) the seven heads are seven mountains where—on which—the woman is sitting.
 - ¹⁰(ii) They are also seven kings:
 - (a) the five have fallen,
 - (b) the one is,
 - (c) the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he has to continue on just a little while.
- ¹¹(e) And the beast that
 - (i) was and
 - (ii) is not
 - (iii) is himself also an eighth, yet
 - (iv) is one of the seven and
 - (v) is going on to eternal damnation.
- ¹²(f) And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who

- (i) have not yet received a kingdom, but
- (ii) are going to receive an authority as kings with the beast for one hour. ¹³These individuals
- (iii) have one opinion and
- (iv) are going to give their supernatural power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These individuals
- (v) will wage war with the Little Lamb.
- (g) And the Little Lamb will triumph over them, because
 - (i) He is
 - (a) Master of masters and
 - (b) King of kings. And
 - (ii) those who are with Him {are}
 - (a) invited and
 - (b) chosen and
 - (c) trustworthy."
- ¹⁵(4) Then he tells me:
 - (a) "The waters that you saw—where the prostitute is sitting—are
 - (i) peoples and
 - (ii) crowds and
 - (iii) nations and
 - (iv) tongues. ¹⁶And
 - (b) the ten horns and the beast that you saw?
 - (i) These individuals will hate the prostitute; so
 - (ii) they will make her
 - (a) deserted and
 - (b) naked, and
 - (iii) they will
 - (a) eat her flesh and
 - (b) burn her up in a fire.
 - ¹⁷(c) For the {living} God has put {it} in their hearts
 - (i) to act in accordance with His opinion—even

(ii) to act in accordance with one opinion—and

(iii) to give their kingdom to the beast up to the time when the words of the {living} God are completed.

¹⁸(d) And the woman that you saw is the city—the great one—that has a kingdom over the kings of the Earth."

(Revelation 17:1–18) —HSSB

In case you were wondering, John identifies the individual who is "the great city" he describes. He does so in the last verse of Revelation 17. She is the same "woman" the Prophet Zephaniah describes in the third chapter of his prophecy, after telling us in the first two chapters that God would one day wipe mankind off the face of the Earth. You would do well to take heed to what Zephaniah says, simply because he is describing our generation and its stupid quest to finally throw off all of God's "shackles":

¹[Woe to] [{the} one who is rebellious] [and defiled]— [The [cheating] City]! ²[She would [not] listen] [to a Voice]; [She would [not] accept] [Admonishment]. [She would [not] put her trust] [in His Majesty]; [She would [not] come near] [to] [her God]. ³[Her Officials] {are} [Lions] [roaring] [within her]; [Her Judges] {are} [Evening] [Wolves]; [They will [not] chew on {anything}] [until Morning]. ⁴[Her Prophets] {are} [insultingly insolent]— [Men of] [Treachery*]; [Her Priests] [polluted] [a Holy Thing]— [They mistreated] [{the} Teaching]. ⁵[His Majesty] {is} [One Who Is Not Guilty] [within her]; [He will [not] do] [Anything Deviant]. [Each and every Morning] [He will turn] [His Decision Based on the Truth] [into Light]. [It will [not] be missing], [But a Deviant] [does [not] know] [Shame]. ⁶"[I will cut off] [Gentiles]; [Their Corners] [will be devastated]. [I will dry up] [their Streets], [Without anyone] [passing through]; [Their Cities] [will be laid waste],

[Without] [Anyone]— [Without any] [Inhabitant]. ⁷[I said], '[You must [definitely] fear] [Me]; [Accept] [Admonishment], [So that [her Haven] will [not] be cut off] [{By} all] [that] [I levy] [against her].' [They [most definitely] got up early]; [They corrupted] [all] [their Deeds]. ⁸[Therefore], [wait] [for Me]," [declares] [His Majesty], "[For {the} Day] [when I rise up] [as a Witness]. [Because] [My Decision Based on the Truth] {is} [to round up] [Gentiles], [To gather] [Kingdoms], [To pour out] [My Fury] [on them]— [All] [My [burning] Anger]— [Because] [all] [The Earth] [will be consumed] [In The Fire] [{of} My Jealousy]. ⁹[Because] [at that time], [I will turn over] [A [purified] Lip] [to] [Peoples] [For [all of them] to call] [on {the} Name] [{of} His Majesty], [To be His slaves] [{with} one] [Shoulder]. ¹⁰[From {the} Area Beyond] [{the} Rivers of] [Cush], [The Daughter] [{of} My dispersed ones] [Will bring] [My Fragrance]—[My Cereal Offering]. ¹¹[On [that] Day], [You will [not] be ashamed] [Because of all] [Your Deeds] [{By} which] [You transgressed] [against Me]; [Because] [at that time], [I will remove] [from within You] [{Those who are} jubilant about] [Your Pride]; [And You will [no] [longer] continue] [to be exalted] [In {the} Mountain] [{of} My Holiness]. ¹²[But I will leave] [within You] [A [humble] [and destitute] People]— [And they will take refuge] [in {the} Name] [{of} His Majesty]. ¹³[The Remnant] [{of} Israel] [Will [not] do] [a Deviant Thing], [And they will [not] speak] [a Lie]; [And a Tongue] [{speaking} a Misleading Belief] [Will [not] be found] [in their Mouth], [Because] [they will be shepherded] [and lie down]; [And there will not be anything] [that causes {them} to tremble]." ¹⁴[Shout joyfully], [Daughter] [{of} Zion]! [Sound a teruah], [Israel]! [Rejoice] [and be jubilant] [with all] [{Your} Heart], [Daughter] [{of} Jerusalem]!

¹⁵[His Majesty] [will remove] [{the}] Judgments against You];
 [Your Enemy] [will turn around quickly].
 [The King] [{of} Israel]—[His Majesty]—{will be} [within You];
 [You will [never] [again] fear] [{any} Bad Thing].
 ¹⁶[On [that] Day], [He will say] [to Jerusalem]:

"[Do [not] fear], [Zion]; [Do [not] let [Your Hands] slack off]. ¹⁷[His Majesty] {is} [Your God]; [A **Gibbor**] [Who saves] {is} [within You]. [He will be elated] [over You] [with Joy]; [He will say nothing] [in His Love]; [He will be happy] [over You] [with Joyful Shout]. ¹⁸[I will round up] [those who are sorrowful] [at {the} Appointed Time]; [They will come] [out of You]. [{The} Contingent] [against her] {is} [a Disgrace]. ¹⁹[Guess what! [At [that] Time], *I* {am}] [going to deal] [with] [all] [who humiliated You]; [But I will save] [the one who is limping], [And I will gather] [the one who was banished]. [And I will turn them] [into Praise], [And their Shame] [into a Name] [in all] [The Earth]. ²⁰[At [That] Time], [I will bring [you] in], [Even at {the} Time] [when I gather] [you]; [Because] [I will turn [you] into] [a Name] [and Praise] [Among all] [The Peoples of] [The Earth], [When I bring you back from] [Captivity] [before your Eyes]," [Says] [His Majesty]. (Zephaniah 3:1–20) —my interim translation

You cannot be expected to understand everything Zephaniah says in that chapter. Suffice it to say he is describing the causes of, and the results from, the event that John describes this "Way" in Revelation 17:

- (b) The ten horns and the beast that you saw?
 - (i) These individuals will hate the prostitute; so
 - (ii) they will make her
 - (a) deserted and
 - (b) naked, and
 - (iii) they will

- (a) eat her flesh and
- (b) burn her up in a fire.
- ¹⁷(c) For the {living} God has put {it} in their hearts
 - (i) to act in accordance with His opinion—even (ii) to act in accordance with one opinion—and (iii) to give their kingdom to the beast up to the time when the words of the {living} God are completed.

(Revelation 17:16b–17) —HSSB

The fire that John mentions in that chapter is the nuclear fire that Zephaniah says God is going to use to wipe mankind off the face of the Earth. Should you doubt that, just look at how John describes the aftermath of the nuclear holocaust into which our great, grand, and glorious leaders are busy shepherding us:

- ¹(1) After these things, I saw another messenger—one who has tremendous authority—coming down out of Heaven; and the Earth was provided light by his glory. ²And he shouted in a mighty voice, saying:
 - (a) "She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen!
 - (b) She has also become
 - (i) a home of demons and
 - (ii) a guard house of every unclean spirit and
 - (iii) a guard house of every unclean bird and
 - (iv) a guard house of every unclean and hated beast; ³because
 - (a) all the Gentiles have drunk some of the wine of the rage of her sexual promiscuity, and
 - (b) the kings of the Earth have been sexually promiscuous with her, and
 - (c) the merchants of the Earth have become wealthy from the supernatural power of her sensuality."
- ⁴(2) Then I heard another voice out of Heaven saying: "Come out of her, My people,
 - (a) so that you do not have commonality with her in her sins—and
 - (b) so that you do not receive any of her lashes; ⁵because

- (i) her sins have joined {themselves} together as far as Heaven, and
- (ii) the {living} God has remembered her immoral acts.
 - ⁶(a) Pay her back even as much as she paid {you}, and
 - (b) double the {ingredients} twice as much in accordance with her works; in the cup that she mixed,
 - (c) mix twice as much for her. ⁷As much as she glorified herself and lived sensually,
 - (d) give her so much torment and mourning; because she says in her heart that

'I AM SITTING AS A QUEEN!' AND 'I AM NOT A WIDOW!' and 'I WILL DEFINITELY NOT SEE MOURNING.'

⁸For this reason

- (iii) her lashes will come in one day—
 - (a) death and
 - (b) mourning and
 - (c) famine—and
- (iv) she will be burned up in a fire, because
 - (a) His Majesty,
 - (b) the {living} God—
 - (c) the One Who has judged her—{is} mighty.
- ⁹(v) Then the kings of the Earth, those who
 - (a) were sexually promiscuous and
 - (b) lived sensually with her, will weep and cut themselves because of her, when they see the smoke of her burning,
 - ¹⁰(i) standing at a distance away from {her} because of their fear of her torment, (ii) saying: 'Woe, woe to the city—the great one—Babylon, the city that is mighty—because your sentence has come in one hour!'
- ¹¹(vi) Then the merchants of the Earth are going to

- (a) weep and
- (b) mourn over her, because nobody is going to buy their cargo any longer—¹²a cargo of
 - (i) gold and
 - (ii) silver and
 - (iii) valuable stone and
 - (iv) pearls and
 - (v) {things} made of fine linen and
 - (vi) purple cloth and
 - (vii) silk and
 - (viii) scarlet and
 - (ix) anything made of citron wood and
 - (x) every container made of ivory and
 - (xi) every container of valuable wood and
 - (xii) copper and
 - (xiii) iron and
 - (xiv) marble ¹³and
 - (xv) cinnamon and
 - (xvi) spice and
 - (xvii) incense offerings and
 - (xviii) perfume and
 - (xix) frankincense and
 - (xx) wine and
 - (xxi) olive oil and
 - (xxii) fine flour and
 - (xxiii) wheat and
 - (xxiv) animals and
 - (xxv) sheep and
 - (xxvi) horses and
 - (xxvii) wagons and
 - (xxviii) bodies and
 - (xxix) souls of men.
- 14(vii) Even your ripe fruit, which is your soul's selfish desire, has gone away from you.

 Everything from you—the sleek things and the splendid things—has also been done away with, and they will definitely not find them any longer.

 15(viii) The merchants of these things—those who became wealthy because of her—will stand at a distance away from {her}, weeping and mourning because of their fear of her torment, 16 saying, 'Woe! Woe to the city—the great one, the one who was wrapped in {something} made of
 - (a) fine linen and
 - (b) purple and

- (c) scarlet and
- (d) gilded with
 - (i) gold and
 - (ii) valuable stone and
 - (iii) pearls—¹⁷because in one hour so much wealth has been deserted!'

(ix) Then

- (a) every captain and
- (b) everyone who sails over to a place—even
- (c) sailors and
- (d) as many as work the sea—stood at a distance away from {her}.

¹⁸(x) And those who saw the smoke of her burning were shouting, saying, 'What is just like the city—the great one?'

¹⁹(xi) And they throw a heap of dirt onto their

- ¹⁹(xi) And they threw a heap of dirt onto their heads and were
 - (a) shouting,
 - (b) weeping and
 - (c) mourning,
 - (d) saying, 'Woe! Woe to the city—the great one—in which all who had their boats in the sea became wealthy from her natural resources, because in one hour she has been deserted!'

²⁰(xii) Heaven—as well as

- (a) you holy ones and
- (b) you Apostles and
- (c) you Prophets—must celebrate over her, because the {living} God has decided His judgment of you on the basis of her!"

²¹(3) Then one mighty messenger

- (a) picked up a stone like a large millstone and
- (b) threw {it} into the sea, saying:
 - (i) "Babylon—the great city—will be thrown down in a violent assault like this, and (ii) she will definitely not be found any longer. ²²And

(iii) {the} sound of

- (a) harpists and
- (b) musicians and
- (c) flute players and
- (d) trumpeters will definitely not be heard in you any longer. And
- (iv) every craftsman of every craft will definitely not be found in you any longer. And
- (v) {the} sound of a millstone will definitely not be heard in you any longer. ²³And
- (vi) {the} light of a lamp will definitely not be seen in you any longer; and
- (vii) {the} voice of a bridegroom and a bride will definitely not be heard in you any longer,
 - (a) because your merchants were the aristocrats of the Earth,
 - (b) because
 - (i) all the Gentiles were led astray by your drug dealing, ²⁴and
 - (ii) {the} blood of Prophets and holy ones and all who had been slaughtered on the Earth was found in her!"

(Revelation 18:1–24) —HSSB

The fire that burns wood and other materials is nothing more than rapid oxidization. The fire that comes out of a nuclear detonation is something entirely other. So maybe you should stop thinking your own thoughts and learn to think "The Way" God thinks. Let's have a go at it and see where you stand. The Scriptures tell us God is a fire:

- ²⁶(2) For when we willingly sin after **receiving** the full knowledge of the truth concerning the truth, there is no longer a sacrifice left for sins, ²⁷but some terrifying anticipation of sentencing and {the} JEALOUSY OF A FIRE THAT IS GOING TO EAT THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSED.
- ²⁸(3) Anyone who disregards Moses' Law dies without compassion on the basis of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse a punishment do you assume the one who:
 - (a) has trampled on the Son of the {living} God, and (b) has deemed the blood of the testament by which He was made holy to be common, and

- (c) has blatantly insulted the Spirit of His favor will be deemed worthy?
- ³⁰(4) For we know the One Who said: "I HAVE AN ACT OF VENGEANCE; I WILL PAY {them} BACK." And again, "HIS MAJESTY WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."
 - ³¹(a) To fall into {the} hands of {the} living God {is} terrifying.
- ³²(b) So recall the days previously, in which, after having been provided light, you continued on under a long, harsh, difficult trial of suffering. (Hebrews 10:26–32) —HSSB
- ¹⁴(5) Pursue peace with everyone, as well as the process of being made holy—without which nobody will see His Majesty—¹⁵while overseeing {so that there is}:
 - (a) not anyone coming up short of the favor of the {living} God;
 - (b) not any root of bitterness who causes {bitterness} to germinate above {ground}, {because} he would cause trouble and many would be defiled by it; ¹⁶(c) not any sexually promiscuous or irreverent individual like Esau, who gave up his own birthright in exchange for one meal.
 - ¹⁷(i) For you are aware that even afterwards—when {he} wanted to **inherit the blessing**—he was completely rejected; for he did not find {any} place for an apology, even though {he} sought it with tears.

 ¹⁸(ii) For you have not approached:
 - (a) something that can be felt; and
 - (b) *a burning fire*; and
 - (c) thick darkness; and
 - (d) nether gloom; and
 - (e) a raging tornado; ¹⁹and
 - (f) {the} report of a trumpet; and
 - (g) {the} sound of {the} statements {He} made that those who heard refused to accept, so no word could be added to them. ²⁰For they could not bear the thing that was strictly ordered: "IF A BEAST EVEN COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE MOUNTAIN, IT MUST BE KILLED BY STONING."
 - 21 And the thing that was made visible was so terrifying, {that} Moses said, "I AM TERRIFIED and quivering."

- ²²(iii) But you have approached
 - (a) Mount Zion; and
 - (b) a city of a living God, a Jerusalem in Heaven; and
 - (c) a solemn assembly of tens of thousands of messengers; ²³and
 - (d) a summoned assembly of firstborns who have been registered in a census in {the} heavens; and
 - (e) a Judge, God of everyone; and
 - (f) {the} spirits of those who are blameless—of those who have been completed; ²⁴and
 - (g) Jesus, a Mediator of a newly made testament; and
 - (h) {the} blood of a sprinkling that speaks better than Abel's.
- ²⁵(6) Watch out, so that you do not refuse to accept the One Who is speaking.
 - (a) For if those individuals who refused to accept the One Who gave divine communication on Earth did not escape, much more we who turn away from:
 - (i) the One Who {gives divine communication} from {the} heavens;
 - ²⁶(ii) the One Whose voice shook the Earth at that time, but has now **promised**, saying, "One more time I will make not only the Earth, but also Heaven, quake." ²⁷But the {statement} "One more time" makes the change of the things that are going to be shaken obvious as {the change} of things that have been made, so that the things that are not going to be shaken may continue on. ²⁸Wherefore, we—those who are taking to ourselves an immovable kingdom via which we may serve the {living} God well pleasingly as priests—give thanks for His favor with reverence and awe.

 $^{29}(b)$ For our God $\{is\}$ also a fire that consumes completely.

(Hebrews 12:14-29) —HSSB

Now that I have made you responsible for what you *choose* to do with the information I have provided, I'm going to show you a few texts that *talk about* the fire

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that God is. That way, if you *choose* not to believe me when I tell you a nuclear holocaust is bearing down hard on us, the blame for your eternal destination is not on me; it's on you. Just remember what Paul said about Moses' reaction to "the thing" he saw when God appeared to the sons of Israel:

And the thing that was made visible was so terrifying, {that} Moses said, "I AM TERRIFIED and quivering."

(Hebrews 12:21) —HSSB

So what was it that Moses saw that terrified him? Take a look:

²¹[Now, His Majesty] [was going] [in front of them] [in a Pillar] [of Cloud] [by day] [to lead them] [{in} The Way], [and [in a Pillar] [of Fire] by night] [to shed light] [for them] [to walk] [by day] [and by night]. ²²[He did [not] make [{the} Pillar] [of The Cloud] depart] [by day] [or {the} Pillar] [of The Fire] [by night] [in front of] [The People].

(Exodus 13:21–22) —my interim translation

It should be obvious to anyone with half a brain and one eye open that a pillar with a cloud sitting on top of it is a perfect description of a nuclear device detonating. But just so you can be certain the nuclear fire in that pillar and cloud was nothing less than the Glory of God Himself, I need to show you this:

⁶[So [Moses] [and Aaron] said] [to] [all] [{the} Sons of] [Israel]: "[{Come} Evening] [and you will know] [that] [His Majesty] [brought [you] out] [of {the} Land] [of Egypt]; ⁷[but {come} Morning], [and you will see] [{the} Glory] [of His Majesty], [because He has heard] [your Grumbling]. [But [what are] we] [that] [you would grumble] [against us]?" ⁸[Then [Moses] said]: "[Since [His Majesty] is going to give] [you] [Meat] [to eat] [to Satisfaction] [in {the} Evening] [and Bread] [in {the} Morning] [because [His Majesty] has heard] [your Grumbling] [that] [you] [have been grumbling] [against Him], [then [what are] we]? [Your Grumbling] {is} [not] [against us]! {It is} [definitely] [against] [His Majesty]!"

⁹[Then [Moses] said] [to] [Aaron], "[Say] [to] [{the} [entire] Assembly of] [{the} Sons of] [Israel], '[You must come near], [in front of] [His Majesty], [because] [He has heard] [your Grumbling].'" ¹⁰[Then it happened]

[as [Aaron] was speaking] [to] [{the} entire] [Assembly of] [Israel], [that they faced] [towards] [The Wilderness], [and guess what!] [{the} Glory] [of His Majesty] [appeared] [in {the} Cloud].

(Exodus 16:6–10) —my interim translation

The fact that the pillar and cloud exuded a blazing fire at night provides fairly good confirmation of a very simple fact: When God appears again on Planet Earth, He is going to take on the form and appearance of thousands of nuclear blasts that will exude His Glory. You don't believe me? Read this:

30"And at that time, the sign of the Son of the Man will appear in Heaven, and then all the tribes of the Earth will cut themselves, and they will see THE SON OF THE MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with supernatural power and a lot of glory. ³¹And He will send His messengers with A LOUD TRUMPET, and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His chosen ones out of the four winds—from {the} tips of {the} heavens up to their tips." (Matthew 24:30–31)—HSSB

²⁴"But in those days, after that turmoil, the sun will be darkened; and the moon will not give {you} her gleam, ²⁵and the stars will be falling out of Heaven, and the supernatural powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And at that time, they will see the Son of The Man coming back in clouds with a lot of supernatural power and glory."

(Mark 13:24–26) —HSSB

²⁷"And at that time, they will see THE SON OF THE MAN, coming back in a cloud with supernatural power and a lot of glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to occur, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your emancipation is drawing near." (Luke 21:27–28) —HSSB

Believe it if you care to: When Christ returns, He will appear in the "glory" of a nuclear fire that emanates from clouds the world over after the deadheaded rulers of the nuclear powers that be decide the only "rational" thing for them to do is "use it or lose it." And it will take only one egotistical idiot to light that fuse and send unbelievers down the broad road to Hell in a Mutually Assured Destruction as True Believers go up in the clouds to meet the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17).



The Voice of Elijah® includes this column to show you how some of the underlying parabolic images of the Gospel message of the Old Testament speak to the times in which we find ourselves. There are a variety of weather images to be found in the parables of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Most are associated in some way with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The things I have explained in the main article I wrote for this newsletter are intended as a wake-up call for those who have been seeking the Truth but didn't know how or where to find it. They are, in fact, the beginning of the fulfillment of the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

1"At that time, the kingdom of the heavens will be like ten virgins who, after taking their lanterns, came out to a meeting with the bridegroom. ²But five of them were stupid, and five sensible; ³for when those who were stupid took their lanterns, they did not take olive oil with them. ⁴But those who were sensible took olive oil in flasks along with their lanterns. ⁵But then, when the bridegroom took his time, they all nodded off and were sleeping. ⁶And then, in the middle of {the} night, there was yelling: 'Guess what! The bridegroom! Come out to a meeting with him!'

⁷At that time, all those virgins got up and they put their lanterns together. ⁸And then those who were stupid told those who were sensible, 'Give us some of your olive oil, because our lanterns are being extinguished!'

⁹But those who were sensible responded, saying, 'No, lest perhaps there might not be enough for us and you; go instead to those who are selling and buy {some} for yourselves!'

¹⁰But while they were going away to buy {olive oil}, the bridegroom came back; and those who were ready came into the wedding feast with him, and the door was locked. ¹¹But then later, the rest of the virgins also came, saying, 'Your Majesty! Your Majesty! Open for us!'

¹²But in response, he said, 'Without doubt I tell you, I do not know you!' ¹³Therefore, stay awake, because you are not aware of the day or the hour!" (Matthew 25:1–13) —HSSB

If you are one of those for whom I have been writing these past three decades, you will know it. You will also know how this passage applies:

45"So then who is the trustworthy and sensible slave whom the master appointed over his household slaves to give them something to eat on time? 46That slave whom his master finds so doing when {he} comes back is fortunate. 47Without doubt, I tell you that he will appoint him over all his possessions. 48But if that awful slave says in his heart, 'My master is taking his time,' 49and begins to hit his fellow slaves and then eat and drink with those who are intoxicated, 50the master of that slave will come on a day on which he is not expecting {him} and at an hour that he does not know, 51and he will cut him in two, and he will put his part down with the hypocrites. The weeping and the gritting of the teeth will be there." (Matthew 24:45–51) —HSSB

With those things in mind, let me tell you how the Redeemed of the Lord get from here to the End of the Age and ascend in the Pillar and Cloud in which the Lord manifests His power. They will accept, and act in accordance with, the following:

- 1. Dullards will continue to be absolutely convinced they can create a *Utopia* here on Earth if they just keep trying.
- 2. Political leaders are going to vest more and more confidence in a "beast" they have created in the very image and likeness of none other than Satan himself.
- 3. Those same political leaders are going to establish a digital currency assigned with a mark that everyone who believes "The Lie" will readily accept.
- 4. True Believers—those who actually know and believe the Truth—will never accept the identifying mark that political leaders insist is necessary to root out corruption, terrorism, drug cartels, and human trafficking. Consequently, True Believers who refuse to accept it will be targeted for incarceration and/or execution.
- 5. God will use war—nuclear war—to ensure that political leaders never achieve a *Utopia*. ■

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It is not enough for just a few Believers to strive for a complete understanding of the Truth. All Believers are supposed to do so—together. Only then will the Church be what God expects it to be at the Second Coming of Christ.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, November 2003, p. 14

The True Believer who has knowledge of The Apostolic Teaching has an obligation to live "in" The Teaching—the Living Word of God that Jesus Christ is—rather than "in" "the mind of his body."

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2008, p. 24

The Truth is, He only created Adam with the rational ability to hear, understand, and believe. So that is what most people do, which is precisely why God is challenging you to do the same thing:

- (1) Listen to an explanation of the Truth,
- (2) Make sure you understand that explanation of the Truth, and then
- (3) Firmly believe the Truth you have heard.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, August 2008, p. 6

The point is, the Lord has already won; now it is your turn to stand up and fight for the freedom that can only be found in the Living Word of God. The Lord states your obligation plainly in this passage: (Revelation 3:20–22).

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2017, p. 10

(1 Corinthians 15:31) Paul is referring to the requirement that Jesus laid down for True Believers who intend to follow Him. They must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow Him.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 13

To anyone who sincerely wants to know the Truth, it should be obvious that, when Paul talks about "the old man" and "the new man," he is using parabolic imagery to depict an entirely different set of circumstances. Nevertheless, you must understand what that parabolic imagery is based on before you can understand what Jesus requires of every True Believer. So here it is.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 25

Intriguing, isn't it?

The Lord expects every True Believer to master the Truth regarding the promise that he received when he was born again. Only then will he be able to overcome the training the "winds" instilled in him before he was born again.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 26

The Truth is this: God demands that you believe the Truth He has revealed in the Scriptures. You can believe that if you care to; disbelieve it if you dare to; it's your eternal destiny that hangs in the balance, not mine.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, November 2018, p. 17

Since He knows full well we all act in accordance with what we believe, the only thing He expects of us is our belief in things that Moses taught. By that I mean, if the Living Word of God loves you and you want to think your own thoughts and go your own "way," He is going to do His best to get your attention and turn you back from your stupidity.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, June 2021, p. 8

Seriously consider this:

The Scriptures make it perfectly clear that only a fool would trifle with the Living God. Their message is, either give Him what He expects or be prepared to accept the consequences. ... Now that I have told you what God expects, you have no excuse.

The Voice of Elijah[®], July 2021, p. 13

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In Him,

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whom the apostle agreeing exclaims, "Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" "His judgments unsearchable," as being those of God the Judge; and "His ways past finding out," as comprising an understanding and knowledge which no man has ever shown to Him, except it may be those critics of the Divine Being, who say, God ought not to have been this, and He ought rather to have been that; as if any one knew what is in God, except the Spirit of God.

Moreover, having the spirit of the world, and "in the wisdom of God by wisdom knowing not God," they seem to themselves to be wiser than God; because, as the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God, so also the wisdom of God is folly in the world's esteem. He, however, know that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Accordingly, God is then especially great, when He is small to man; then especially good, when not good in man's judgment; then especially unique, when He seems to man to be two or more.

Now, if from the very first "the natural man, not receiving the things of the Spirit of God," has deemed God's law to be foolishness, and has therefore neglected to observe it; and as a further consequence, by his not having faith, "even that which he seemeth to have hath been taken from him"—such as the grace of paradise and the friendship of God, by means of which he might have known all things of God, if he had continued in his obedience—what wonder is it, if he, reduced to his material nature, and banished to the toil of tilling the ground, has in his very labour, downcast and earth-gravitating as it was, handed on that earth-derived spirit of the world to his entire race, wholly natural and heretical as it is, and not receiving the things which belong to God? Or who will hesitate to declare the great sin of Adam to have been heresy, when he committed it by the choice of his own will rather than of God's? Except that Adam never said to his fig-tree, Why hast thou made me thus? He confessed that he was led astray; and he did not conceal the seducer.

Tertullian, "Against Marcion," Book ii, Chap. ii, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), The Ante-Nicene Fathers (1885), Hol. 3, pp. 297–298.

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