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Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

Of Such Is the Nature of Speculation

And so also to those who shall deserve to obtain an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, that germ of the body's restoration, which we have before mentioned, by God's command restores out of the earthly and animal body a spiritual one, capable of inhabiting the heavens; while to each one of those who may be of inferior merit, or of more abject condition, or even the lowest in the scale, and altogether thrust aside, there is yet given, in proportion to the dignity of his life and soul, a glory and dignity of body,—nevertheless in such a way, that even the body which rises again of those who are to be destined to everlasting fire or to severe punishments, is by the very change of the resurrection so incorruptible, that it cannot be corrupted and dissolved even by severe punishments. If, then, such be the qualities of that body which will arise from the dead, let us now see what is the meaning of the threatening of eternal fire.

4. We find in the prophet Isaiah, that the fire with which each one is punished is described as his own; for he says, "Walk in the light of your own fire, and in the flame which ye have kindled." By these words it seems to be indicated that every sinner kindles for himself the flame of his own fire, and is not plunged into some fire which has been already kindled by another, or was in existence before himself. Of this fire the fuel and food are our sins, which are called by the Apostle Paul wood, and hay, and stubble.

And I think that, as abundance of food, and provisions of a contrary kind and amount, breed fevers in the body, and fevers, too, of different sorts and duration, according to the proportion in which the collected poison supplies material and fuel for disease (the quality of this material, gathered together from different poisons, proving the causes either of a more acute or more lingering disease); so, when the soul has gathered together a multitude of evil works, and an abundance of sins against itself, at a suitable time all that assembly of evils boils up to punishment, and is set on fire to chastisements; when the mind itself, or conscience, receiving by divine power into the memory all those things of which

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A Note From the Editor

The Topical Index Project

Here at the home office, we have an overabundance of projects on the back burner waiting in queue for the right time to proceed with them. Even though we'd like to be making progress on all of our projects, we've learned to be content leaving the timing in the Lord's hands. Now that the HSSB App development is in full swing, one such project pulled from the back burner is the Topical Index project. Thanks to a handful of hard-working volunteers, we are making progress on updating the Topical Index. The volunteers have been reading through the back issues of the newsletter and *The Update* and adding entries to the Topical Index which had been put on hold in 2017. Our goal is to have the entries in the Topical Index current and ready for installation into the upcoming HSSB App when it is available for distribution.

Here is a sample entry to give you an idea of the value this index provides. A simple search for "Tower of Babel" produces this entry:

Tower of Babel

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Describes the purpose for which the Tower of Babel was built.

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Points out the role this ancient **zonah** ritual had in Moses' account of the Tower of Babel's fiasco and discloses the role of a key player in that ritual—the **gibbor**.

Apr-04, pp. 21–25

Reveals why literal Jerusalem at the End of the Age will be *parabolically* LIKE ancient Babylon and the cultic ritual of "*The Harlot*" at the Tower of Babel.

Jul-07, pp. 6–7

Talks about what happened at the Tower of Babel.

Oct-13, pp. 17–28

Interim translation and commentary of Ezekiel 31–39 is given to tie in the things that the Prophet states and how they tie into what John had in mind when he wrote Revelation 19. Ezekiel wants you to key in on the fact that, after the debacle at the Tower of Babel, **the promise** continued to be **handed down** as an **inheritance of a blessing** through the lineage of Arpachshad (Genesis 10:21–31, Genesis 11:10–32). Ezekiel mentions various names that are also mentioned in Genesis 10, who were descendants of Ham and Japheth (Genesis 10:1–20). But you may not know why Ezekiel singles out Asshur (Assyria) and Elam. It is because those two fellows were sons of Shem.

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“The Lord’s Day”? Really?—Part 1

With this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*[®], it will be thirty-four years since I began writing articles for this newsletter. In each and every one of those articles, I have revealed a bit more about my understanding of my calling, the message of the Scriptures, and/or the white-hot 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 I “see” hidden in the text of the Hebrew Scriptures; but I did 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.

After nearly sixty years of following God’s call on my life, the time has finally arrived for me to put a few of the things I have written over the past thirty-four years together so that you True Believers can “see” the seven “threads” in the tapestry God’s Prophets wove into the fabric of the Old Testament. 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. Satan’s minions have always been nothing if not obstinate, obstructionist, and obsequiously observant of his abjectly idiotic perversion of the Truth. But fortunately, it won’t be long before this happens:

¹(1) Beloved brothers, I am already writing this second letter to you, by which I am {trying to} wake up your unalloyed understanding {of the truth} with a reminder ²so that {you} would recall:

(a) the statements that were made beforehand by the holy Prophets; and
(b) the commandment of your Master and Savior, {that was spoken} via your Apostles, ³knowing this, first of all, that 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.

⁸(4) So do not let this one thing escape your notice, beloved brothers, that with His Majesty one day {is} like one thousand years; and one thousand years {are} like one day.

⁹(a) His Majesty is not delaying **the promise**—as some deem a delay—but
 (b) He is being patient with you, determined

- (i) that no one would be done away with, but
- (ii) that everyone would make room for an apology.

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?

¹³(2) But in accordance with the thing that He promised, we are expecting

- (a) new heavens and
- (b) a new Earth in which a declaration of not guilty dwells.

¹⁴(3) Wherefore, beloved brothers, you who are expecting these things, must

- (a) make every effort to be found in Him—unstained and without blemish in peace. ¹⁵And
- (b) deem the patience of our Master to be salvation, just as Paul, our beloved brother, also wrote to you in accordance with the wisdom that was given to him, ¹⁶as also in all {his} letters—talking about these things in them—in which {letters} there is some hard to understand things that the unlearned and unsettled twist to their own eternal damnation—like {they twist} the rest of the Scriptures also.

¹⁷(1) Therefore, **you beloved brothers who know {the truth} beforehand,**

- (a) be on guard so that you do not fall away from your own resoluteness, after being carried away by the deception of those who are morally corrupted. ¹⁸And then,
- (b) grow in

- (i) {the} favor and
- (ii) **knowledge of the truth** concerning our Master and Savior, Jesus, the Anointed One.

(2) **The glory {is} His, both now and in {the} day of {the} age to come. Without doubt!**

(2 Peter 3:1–18) —HSSB

Let me point out three verses in that passage, the significance of which you may have overlooked. Take a look at Peter's mention of "the day" in these verses:

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}.

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- (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

I am well aware of the dimwitted arguments that those who have been duped by Satan use to “prove” the seven “days” of Creation are *literal* twenty-four hour days. That stupidity evolved out of John Darby’s dumb Dispensational doctrine in which the Old Testament designation “Israel” can only refer *literally* to the Jews. 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 have also shown how Satan’s Dispensational lie has come to be the dominant belief in our time in the booklet titled *Wanna Hear a Whopper?* Therefore, I have no interest in once again refuting “the lie” inherent in those things. My only interest here is in showing you what you need to know about “the day of His Majesty” (a.k.a. “the day of the Lord”) that Peter knew was an *æon* (Age) that will begin when this current *æon* (Age) has ended. But before I begin my explanation of the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses*, I should tell you this: *You can believe it if you care to; you can disbelieve it if you dare to*; it makes no difference to me *what you believe*, I (and a growing number of other folks) know this to be true:

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

Now that I have swatted aside the idiotic notion that the seven *literal* “days” (Ages) of Creation are also seven *literal* twenty-four hour days, I am going to show you why Satan has fought so vociferously over the past two hundred years to keep his minions mindlessly believing idiotic beliefs that are securely ensconced in the mind of unsuspecting dupes who have no idea the myopic mental midget who dominates them has them riding his express train straight into the Pits of Hell. 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 that is stated in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible. 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 tell you here.

Genesis 1

¹[In {the} Beginning], [God] [created] [The Sea of Waters] [and] [The Earth]. ²[Now The Earth] [was] [a

Wasteland], [and Emptiness] [and Darkness] {were} [over] [{the} Surface of] [The Deep]. [But {the} Spirit] [of God] [was hovering] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The Waters].

³[Then [God] said], “[Let there be] [Light]!” [And there was] [Light]. ⁴[Then [God] saw] [The Light]—[that] [it was good]—[and [God] made a distinction] [between] [The Light] [and] [The Darkness]. ⁵[Then [God] called] [The Light] “[Day],” [and [He called] {the} Darkness] “[Night].” [And there was] [an Evening] [and there was] [a Morning]—[one] [Day].

⁶[Then [God] said], “[Let there be] [an Expanse] [in the Middle of] [The Waters], [so that it is] [making a distinction] [between] [Waters] [and Waters].” ⁷[So [God] made] [The Expanse] [so that it would make a distinction] [between] [The Waters] [that] {were} [beneath] [{the} Expanse] [and] [The Waters] [that] {were} [above] [{the} Expanse], [and it was] [so]. ⁸[Then [God] called] [{the} Expanse] “[The Sea of Waters].” [And there was] [an Evening] [and there was] [a Morning]—[a [second] Day].

⁹[Then [God] said], “[Let [The Waters] [beneath] [The Sea of Waters] be gathered] [to] [one] [Place] [and let [The Dry Ground] appear]!” [And it was] [so]. ¹⁰[Then [God] called] [The Dry Ground] “[Earth],” [and [He called] {the} Accumulation] [of The Waters] “[Seas].” [And [God] saw] [that] [it was good]. ¹¹[Then [God] said], “[Let [The Earth] sprout] [{the} Green Grass] [of Vegetation] [sowing] [Seed]; [fruit] [Trees] [making] [Fruit] [in accordance with its Kind], [in] [which] {is} [its Seed], [on] [The Earth]!” [And it was] [so]. ¹²[Then [The Earth] sent forth] [{the} Green Grass] [of Vegetation] [sowing] [Seed] [in accordance with its Kind], [and Trees] [making] [Fruit] [in] [which] {was} [its Seed] [in accordance with its Kind]. [And [God] saw] [that] [it was good]. ¹³[And there was] [an Evening] [and there was] [a Morning]—[a [third] Day].

¹⁴[Then [God] said], “[Let there be] [Luminaries] [in {the} Expanse] [of The Sea of Waters] [to make a distinction] [between] [The Day] [and] [The Night], [and let them be] [for Signs] [and for Appointed Times] [and for Days] [and Years], ¹⁵[and let them be] [for Luminaries] [in {the} Expanse] [of The Sea of Waters] [to shed light] [on] [The Earth].” [And it was] [so]. ¹⁶[Then [God] made] [The [two] [big] Luminaries]—[The [bigger] Luminary] [for Control over] [The Day] [and The [smaller] Luminary] [for Control over] [The Night]—[and] [The Stars]. ¹⁷[Then [God] put] [them] [in {the}

Expanse] [of The Sea of Waters] [to shed light] [on] [The Earth], ¹⁸[and to have control] [over {the} Day] [and over {the} Night], [and to make a distinction] [between] [The Light] [and] [The Darkness]. [And [God] saw] [that] [it was good]. ¹⁹[And there was] [an Evening] [and there was] [a Morning]—[a [fourth] Day].

²⁰[Then [God] said], “[Let [The Waters] abundantly reproduce] [an Abundantly Reproducing Thing]—[a [living] Soul]—[and let [Flyers] fly] [over] [The Earth], [on] [the] Surface of] [the] Expanse] [of The Sea of Waters].” ²¹[So [God] created] [The [big] Sea Serpents] [and] [every] [Soul] [of the living {thing}] [that crawls]—[that] [The Waters] [reproduce] [in accordance with their Kind]—[and] [every] [winged] [Flyer] [in accordance with his Kind]. [And [God] saw] [that] [it was good]. ²²[And [God] **blest**] [them], [saying], “[Bear fruit] [and become many] [and fill] [The Water] [in {the} Seas] [and let [The Flyer] become many] [on {the} Earth].” ²³[And there was] [an Evening] [and there was] [a Morning]—[a [fifth] Day].

²⁴[Then [God] said], “[Let [The Earth] send forth] [a [living] Soul] [in accordance with its Kind]—[the] Beast] [and Crawling Things] [and Animal of] [the] Earth] [in accordance with its Kind].” [And it was] [so]. ²⁵[So [God] made] [the] Animal of] [The Earth] [in accordance with its Kind], [and] [The Beast] [in accordance with its Kind], [and] [all] [that crawls on] [The Ground] [in accordance with its Kind]. [And [God] saw] [that] [it was good].

²⁶[Then [God] said], “[Let Us make] [an Adam] [in Our Image], [in accordance with Our Likeness], [so that they may exercise authority] [over {the} Fish of] [The Sea] [and over {the} Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] [and over {the} Beast] [and over all] [The Earth] [and over all] [The Crawling Things] [that crawl] [on] [The Earth].” ²⁷[And [God] will create] [The Adam] [in His Image]. [In the Image] [of God] [He will create] [Him]; [Male] [and Female] [He will create] [them]. ²⁸[Then [God] will **blest**] [them]; [and [God] will say] [to them], “[Bear fruit] [and become many], [and fill] [The Earth] [and subjugate her], [and exercise authority] [over The Fish of] [The Sea] [and over The Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] [and over every] [living {soul}] [that crawls] [on] [The Earth].” ²⁹[Then [God] will say]: “[Guess what!] [I have given] [you] [all] [the] Vegetation] [that] [is] [on] [the] Surface of] [all] [The Earth] [sowing] [Seed], [and] [all] [The Trees] [on] [which] [is] [the] Fruit of] [a Tree] [sowing] [Seed]. [It will become] [Foodstuff] [for you], ³⁰[and for

every] [Animal of] [The Earth] [and for every] [Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] [and for everything] [that crawls] [on] [The Earth] [in] [which] [is] [a [living] Soul]. [All] [verdant] [Vegetation] [is] [for Foodstuff].” [And it will be] [so]. ³¹[Then [God] will look at] [all] [that] [He has made], [and guess what!] [It will be] [very] [good]! [And there will be] [an Evening] [and there will be] [a Morning]—[The [sixth] Day].

¹[Then [The Sea of Waters] [and The Earth] [and all] [their Army] will be finished]. ²[So [on the seventh] [Day] [God] will have finished] [His Work] [that] [He did], [and He will keep Sabbath] [on the seventh] [Day] [from all] [His Work] [that] [He did]. ³[Then [God] will **blest**] [the seventh] [Day] [and make [it] holy], [because] [on it] [He will keep Sabbath] [from all] [His Work]—[what] [God] [created] [by making].
(Genesis 1:1–2:3) —my interim translation

In the booklet *In the Image and Likeness of God*, I refute the ridiculous notion that the “Adam” mentioned in verses 26–27 of Genesis 1—and the “Adam” described in the second chapter—is our forefather. I also pointed out the fact that what the Apostle Paul wrote about the two “Adams” demonstrates he knew Jesus Christ is the “Second Adam,” the One described in the first chapter of Genesis—the “Adam” that God created in His Own image and likeness:

¹(1) But I am going to make known to you, brothers, the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** that I proclaimed to you:

- (a) which you also took to yourselves;
- (b) in which you are also standing,
- ²(c) by which you will also be saved,

- (i) if you hold fast to each word I proclaimed to you as the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise**,
- (ii) outside of—{that is}, unless—you **believed God’s promise** for no good reason.

³(2) For among {the} first things I handed over to you, which I also took to myself {was}:

- (a) that the Anointed One died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; ⁴and
- (b) that He was buried; and

(c) that He arose on the day—the third {day}—
in accordance with the Scriptures; ⁵and
(d) that:

(i) He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.
⁶Then

(ii) He was seen once and for all by over five
hundred brothers, of whom the majority remain
up to this point {in time}, but some have fallen
fast asleep. ⁷Then

(iii) He was seen by James, then by all the
Apostles; ⁸and then—last of all—

(iv) He was seen by even me, just as if by the
untimely born child.

⁹(a) For I am the least of the Apostles—
the one who is not worthy of consideration
to be called an Apostle—because I persecuted
the summoned assembly of the {living} God.

¹⁰(b) Yet by God’s favor, I am what I am, and the
favor that He has for me has not been in vain.

(c) But I labored a lot more than all of them—
yet not I, but the favor of the {living} God
that is with me.

¹¹(3) Therefore, whether I or those individuals, we
preached the same {message about the resurrection of
Jesus}; and you believed the same {message about the
resurrection of Jesus}.

¹²(a) So then, if it is preached that the Anointed One
has arisen from those who are dead, on what basis do
some among you say that there is no resurrection of
those who are dead?

¹³(b) So then, if there is no resurrection of those who
are dead, neither has the Anointed One arisen.

¹⁴(c) So then, if the Anointed One has not arisen, then
both our preaching {is} in vain and your **belief in
God’s promise** {is} in vain.

¹⁵(d) So then we are also found to be false witnesses of
the {living} God, because we have provided testimo-
ny about the {living} God, that He raised the
Anointed One—Whom, if indeed He did not raise,
then those who are dead are not going to arise. ¹⁶For

(i) if those who are dead are not going to arise, nei-
ther has the Anointed One arisen. ¹⁷And then,
(ii) if the Anointed One has not arisen,

(a) your **belief in God’s promise** {is} futile;
(b) you are still in your sins; ¹⁸so then
(c) those who have fallen fast asleep in the
Anointed One have also been done away with.

¹⁹(iii) If we are those who have hope in the
Anointed One only in this life, we are {the} most
wretched of all men.

²⁰(4) But now the Anointed One has arisen from those who
are dead—a first fruit of those who have fallen fast asleep.

²¹(a) For since death {was} via a man, resurrection of
those who are dead {is} also via a Man.

²²(b) For, indeed, just as all die in Adam, so also all
will be given life in the Anointed One. ²³But each one
in his own place in line:

(i) the Anointed One, a first fruit;
(ii) then those who belong to the Anointed One
at His coming;
²⁴(iii) then the consummation,

(a) when He hands over the kingdom
to the {living} God and Father—
(b) when He has abrogated every ruler
and every authority and supernatural
power.

²⁵(5) For He has to be king up to the time when He has
put all His enemies down under His feet.

²⁶(a) The last enemy—death—is going to be abrogated.

²⁷(b) For HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING SUBMIT UNDER
HIS FEET.

(i) But when He said that “everything” has been
made to submit, it is obvious that {“everything”
is} outside of the One Who made every last thing
submit to Him.

²⁸(ii) But when every last thing has been made to
submit to Him, then the Son Himself will also be
submissive to the One Who made every last thing
submit to Him, so that the {living} God is every
last thing in everything.

²⁹(iii) Otherwise, what will those who are baptized
for the sake of the dead do, if those who are dead
are not going to arise at all?

- (a) *Why are they even baptized for their sake?* ³⁰And
(b) *why are we in danger every hour?*

³¹(1) *Brothers, your own boasting {is} most definitely the {same} one that I have in the Anointed One, Jesus, our Master: "I die each and every day."*

- ³²(a) *If I fought with wild beasts in Ephesus for a {mere} man, what is the benefit for me?*
(b) *If those who are dead are not going to arise, "LET'S EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE ARE GOING TO DIE." ³³Do not be led astray: "Awful associates beguile really good character."*

³⁴(2) *Sober up as one should, and do not sin; for some have an ignorance of God. I am speaking to you about a disgrace. ³⁵But someone will say,*

- (a) *"How are the dead going to be raised?" And then*
(b) *"In what kind of body are they going to come?"*
³⁶*You {are} a fool!*

- (i) *What you sow is not going to be given life if it does not die!* ³⁷And
(ii) *whatever you sow, you do not sow the body that will come to be, but a naked grain, whether it obtains {the body} of wheat or any of the rest of {the seeds}. ³⁸And then*
(iii) *the {living} God gives it a body just as He wants, and to each of the seeds its own body.*

³⁹(3) *All flesh {is} not the same flesh; but*

- (a) *{there is}, in fact,*
(i) *one {flesh} of men, and then*
(ii) *another flesh of animals, and then*
(iii) *another flesh of winged {creatures}, and then*
(iv) *another {flesh} of fish.*

⁴⁰(b) *{There are} also*

- (i) *bodies in Heaven and*
(ii) *bodies on Earth. But*

(a) *the glory of the {bodies} in Heaven {is}, in fact, different than {the glory of other bodies in Heaven}; and then*

(b) *{their glory is} different than the {glory} of the {bodies} on Earth.*

⁴¹(c) *{There is}*

- (i) *one glory of {the} sun, and*
(ii) *another glory of {the} moon, and*
(iii) *another glory of {the} stars; for {one} star matters more than {another} star in glory.*

⁴²(4) *So also the resurrection of the dead {body}:*

- (a) *it is sown with a perishable body; it arises with an imperishable body;*
⁴³(b) *it is sown with dishonor; it arises with glory;*
(c) *it is sown with infirmity; it arises with supernatural power;*
⁴⁴(d) *it is sown a soulish body; it arises a spiritual body. If there is a soulish body, there is also a spiritual {body}.*

⁴⁵(5) *It has even been written this way:*

- (a) *"The first man—ADAM—WAS TURNED INTO A LIVING SOUL"; the last Adam, into a spirit that gives life.*
⁴⁶(b) *But the spiritual {man is} not first, but the soulish {man}, then the spiritual {man}.*

- ⁴⁷(i) *The first man {is} out of earth, made of dirt;*
(ii) *the second Man {is} out of Heaven.*

- ⁴⁸(a) *The {man} made of dirt {is} of such a sort that those who are made of dirt {are} also like this one, and*
(b) *the {Man} in Heaven {is} of such a sort that those who are in Heaven {are} also like this One. ⁴⁹And*

- (i) *just as we have worn the image of the {man} made of dirt,*
(ii) *we will also wear the image of the {Man} in Heaven.*

⁵⁰(6) *Now I am declaring this, brothers, because*

- (a) *flesh and blood cannot inherit God's kingdom;*
(b) *neither does the perishable body inherit the imperishable body.*

⁵¹(7) *Guess what! I am going to tell you a mystery:*

(a) *We will not all be fast asleep; but we will all be changed,*

- ⁵²(i) *in an instant,*
- (ii) *in a blink of an eye,*
- (iii) *at the last trumpet.*

(b) *For He will sound a trumpet, and the dead will arise imperishable, and we will be changed.*

⁵³(c) *For this perishable thing has to slip on an imperishable body, and this mortal body {has to} slip on immortality.*

⁵⁴(d) *But when this perishable thing has slipped on an imperishable body, and this mortal body has slipped on immortality, then the word that has been written down will occur:*

“DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

⁵⁵*O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?*

O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STINGER?”

⁵⁶(e) *So the stinger of death {is} sin, but the supernatural power of sin {is} the law. ⁵⁷But thanks {be} to the {living} God, Who gives us the victory through our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One.*

⁵⁸(8) *So then, my beloved brothers, be*

- (a) *steadfast,*
- (b) *steady,*
- (c) *always producing an excess in the work of His Majesty,*
- (d) *aware that your labor is not in vain in His Majesty.*

(1 Corinthians 15:1–58) —HSSB

When Paul says the following, he is referring to the order in which the two “Adams” were created:

⁴⁵(5) *It has even been written this way:*

(a) *“The first man—ADAM—WAS TURNED INTO A LIVING SOUL”; the last Adam, into a spirit that gives life.*

⁴⁶(b) *But the spiritual {man is} not first, but the soulish {man}, then the spiritual {man}.*

(1 Corinthians 15:45–46) —HSSB

Now that I have made you responsible for *what you believe* with regard to the things I have explained, here’s a bit more for which you are going to be held responsible:

1. Moses tells us God planned to create Jesus Christ in His image and likeness on the sixth “day” of Creation:

²⁶*[Then [God] said], “[Let Us make] [an Adam] [in Our Image], [in accordance with Our Likeness], [so that they may exercise authority] [over {the} Fish of] [The Sea] [and over {the} Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] [and over {the} Beast] [and over all] [The Earth] [and over all] [The Crawling Things] [that crawl] [on] [The Earth].” ²⁷[And [God] will create] [The Adam] [in His Image]. [In the Image] [of God] [He will create] [Him]; [Male] [and Female] [He will create] [them].*

(Genesis 1:26–27) —my interim translation

2. Make note of the fact that, in that 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. That is what the Apostle John had in mind when he wrote this:

Beloved brothers, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been made visible. We are aware that when He becomes visible, we will be just like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

(1 John 3:2) —HSSB

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 the Apostle Paul is explaining in this next passage, 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”:

¹(3) *Consequently,*

(a) *holy brothers,*

(b) partners in an invitation to what is in Heaven,
you must take a close look at

(i) the Apostle and

(ii) High Priest of our confession, Jesus, ²Who was trustworthy to the One Who made Him, even as Moses {was trustworthy} in the entirety of his house.

³(a) For This Individual has been deemed worthy of more glory than Moses—in as much as the One Who constructed it has much more honor than the house.

⁴(b) For every house is constructed by someone, but God {is} the One Who constructed everything!

⁵(i) And on the one hand, Moses {was} trustworthy as an attendant in the entirety of his house as a testimony of the things that were going to be spoken;

⁶(ii) but on the other hand, the Anointed One {is trustworthy} as a Son over His house, **Whose house we are**—only if we firmly hold fast our self-assurance and the boast of our hope.

⁷(4) Wherefore, just as the Spirit that is holy says:

"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS

AS {they did} DURING THE PROVOCATION

IN THE DAY OF THE TEST IN THE DESERT,

⁹WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED {Me}

FOR APPROVAL

AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

¹⁰WHEREFORE, I WAS ANGRY

WITH THIS GENERATION;

AND I SAID, 'THEY ARE BEING LED ASTRAY

CONTINUALLY IN THEIR HEART,

SO THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.'

¹¹AS I SWORE AN OATH IN MY ANGER:

'THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST!'"

¹²(1) Watch out, brothers, lest perhaps there might be a nasty heart in any of you because of a lack of **belief in God's promise** so that {you} withdraw from {the} living God.

¹³(2) But encourage one another each and every day within **the span of time that is called "today,"** so that none of you are hardened by {the} deceitfulness of your sin.

¹⁴(a) For we have become partners of the Anointed One only if we hold fast to the beginning of our certitude confirmed up to the time of the consummation, ¹⁵while {it} is said:

"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS

AS {they did} DURING THE PROVOCATION."

¹⁶(b) For after some heard {what He said}, they provoked {Him}, but not all who came out of Egypt with Moses {did so}.

¹⁷(i) So then, with whom was He angry for forty years? {Was it} not

(a) those who sinned—

(b) those whose limbs fell {off Israel} in the desert?

¹⁸(ii) So then, to whom did He swear an oath that {they} would not come into His rest except those who were not persuaded by **God's promise**?

¹⁹(iii) So we see that they could not come in because of a lack of **belief in God's promise**.

¹(c) Therefore, we should be afraid lest perhaps, while a **promise** is left behind that {we} may come into His rest, any of you might seem to come up short of {it}.

²(i) For we also are those who have had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to us}, even as those individuals also {did}. But the word of the news did not benefit those individuals who, when they heard {it}, were not mixed together with {it} by their **belief in God's promise**.

³(ii) For those who have **believed God's promise** are going to come into His rest, just as He has said:

"AS I SWORE AN OATH IN MY ANGER:

'THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST.'"

And yet His works have been done since the establishment of the world!

⁴(iii) For He has stated somewhere about the seventh {day} like this, “AND THE {living} GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORKS ON THE DAY—{that is}, THE SEVENTH.”⁵And again in this instance,

“THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST!”

⁶(d) Therefore, since it is left for some to come into it, and those who had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to them} previously did not come in because of apathy,⁷He stipulates a specific day—**today**—saying again by David so long a span of time later just as had been stated before:

“TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.”

⁸(i) For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have talked about another day after these things. ⁹So then a Sabbath day rest is left for the people of the {living} God.

¹⁰(ii) For He—the One Who has come into His rest—has also rested from His works, indeed, just as the {living} God from His Own {works}.

¹¹(e) Therefore, we must make every effort to come into that rest, so that no one would fall by the same perfect example of their apathy.

(Hebrews 3:1–4:11) —HSSB

The beliefs that stand behind what Paul says in that passage—the same beliefs the Apostles believed—are these:

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.

Now that I’ve 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 want 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 first, I am going to show you how the Book of Revelation describes it. 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.

It may help you to envision the absolute horror that is facing eight and a half billion unsuspecting believers in 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 ushers in the seventh “day.” If that combination doesn’t help, just wait; what the Prophets say about “the Lord’s Day” should absolutely scare the pants off anyone with half a lick of common sense. For now, just keep your pants on and read what John the Revelator says about the circumstances that will exist here on the Great Harlot—Mother Earth—after the seventh “day” gets underway.

Revelation 17

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

Revelation 18

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, ¹⁶saying, '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 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.*
- (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,*
- (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

In spite of whatever other nonsense the majority may choose to believe about it, that passage of Scripture is describing the circumstances that are going to lead up to a nuclear holocaust that announces the beginning of the seventh “day” of Creation (the Lord’s “day”) and the absolute horror that is going to face the relatively few radiation-poisoned survivors who are forced to deal with the aftermath as they slowly die an agonizing death. 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 you need to pay close attention to verses 6–7; they are referring back to something the Prophet Isaiah said that will tie things together all neat and tidy for those who have eyes to see. Wait for it.

Isaiah 13 (716–715 B.C.)

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 to describe the appearance of the Antichrist as one who is *parabolically* LIKE the king of “Babylon.” Now I am telling you Isaiah *parabolically* describes the salvation of “*The Remnant*” of God’s People as well as the destiny of *The Harlot*—Planet Earth—in the chapter leading up to that one. And in that chapter, 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 war-heads going off, one after the other, making the sun, moon, and stars pale in comparison:

¹[An Oracle] [regarding] Babylon
[That] [Isaiah], [Son] [of Amoz], [beheld].

²[Raise up] [an Ensign] [on] [a [prominent] Mountain],
[Raise] [your] Voice [for them],

[Move [your] Hand] side to side]
 [So that they come in] [the] Entrances of] [Volunteers].
³[I] [have given a commandment] [to those I have
 who have been made holy],
 [I have [also] called] [My Gibbors]—
 [Those Who Are Jubilant] [over] My Pride]—
 [in My Anger].
⁴[The] Sound] [of a Multitude] [is]
 [on the] Mountains],
 [The] Likeness] [of more than enough] [People]—
 [The] Sound] [of a Clamor] [of Kingdoms]!
 [Gentiles] [are being rounded up]!
[His [Supreme] Majesty] [is levying]
[An Army] [for] War!
⁵[His Majesty] [and the] Containers of] [His Fury]
 [Are coming in] [from a [distant] Land]—
 [From the] End] [of The Sea of Waters]—
 [To contaminate] [The [entire] Earth].
⁶[Wail], [because] [the] Day] [of His Majesty]
 [is] [near]!
[A Violent Act] [will come] [from Shaddai].
⁷[Therefore], [all] [Hands] [will slack off];
 [And the] Heart of] every] [Mortal Man] [will melt].
⁸[Then] [Runners] will be frightened],
 [And Labor Pains] [will take hold of them];
 [They will squirm] [like a woman] going through labor],
 [Each One] [will express bewilderment]
 [to] [his Neighbor],
 [Their Faces] [set afire]."
⁹[Look!] [The] Day] [of His Majesty] [is coming]!
[Venomous], [with Unbounded Rage]
[and [burning] Anger],
[To turn] [The Earth] [into Something Devastated];
[And [He will wipe out] her Sinners] [from her].
¹⁰[Because] [the] Stars of] [The Sea of Waters]
[and their Constellations]
[Will [not] emit] [their Light];
[The Sun] [will be dark] [when it comes out],
[And The Moon] [will [not] illuminate]
[with] its Light].
¹¹[Then I will levy] [a Bad Thing]
[against] [The World]
[And [their Reprehensible Activity] against]
[Those Who Are Guilty];
[Then I will make [the] Pride]
[of those who are arrogant] keep Sabbath],
[And I will bring down] [the] Pride of]
[Those Who Are Ruthless].

¹²[I will make [Mortal Man] scarcer]
[than Refined Gold];
[And Adam],
[than the] Fine Gold] [of Ophir].
¹³[Therefore], [I will disturb] [the] Sea of Waters],
[And [the Earth] will quake] [out of her Place]
[At the Unbounded Rage of] [His [Supreme] Majesty]
[And on the] Day] [of His [burning] Anger].
¹⁴[Then it will be] [like a Supreme Beauty]
 [who has been banished];
 [Or like a Flock], [without any] [one gathering them];
 [They will [Each One] face] [toward] [His People],
 [And Each One] [will flee] [to] [his Land].
¹⁵[Every] [one who is found] [will be stabbed],
 [And every] [one who is swept up] [will fall] [by a Sword].
¹⁶[And their Infants] [will be mowed down]
 [before their Eyes];
 [Their Houses] [will be looted],
 [And their Women] [will be raped].
¹⁷[Look! I] [am going to wake up] [Media] [against them],
 [Those who] [will [not] have regard for] [Silver]
 [And Gold]? [They are [not] pleased] [with it]!
¹⁸[So [they will mow down] [Youths] with] Bows],
 [And [not] have compassion on] [the] Fruit]
 [of the] Belly]—
 [Their Eye] [will [not] be concerned] [about] [Sons].
¹⁹[Then [Babylon]—[the] Supreme Beauty]
[of Kingdoms],
[The] Beauty of] [Chaldean] [Pride]—
Will be] [like [God's] Overthrowing of]
[Sodom] [and] [Gomorrah].
²⁰[It will [not] be inhabited] [in perpetuity],
[And it will [not] be resided in] [for] [Generation]
[after Generation];
 [And [an Arab] will [not] move his tent] [there],
 [And Shepherds] [will [not] make their flocks]
 lie down] [there].
²¹[Desert Creatures] [will lie down] [there],
 [And [their Houses] will be full of]
 [Howling Desert Animals].
 [Then [Ostriches] will reside] [there],
 [And Shaggy Goats] [will skip around] [there].
²²[Then [Hyenas] will sing antiphonally]
 [about his Widows];
 [But Jackals], [about [delightful] Palaces].
[And her Time] [is] [near] [to coming],
[And her Days] [will [not] be drawn out].
 (Isaiah 13:1–22) —my interim translation

Did you notice how, after describing the devastation of Planet Earth, Isaiah obliquely refers to it as “Babylon” in verse 19? If not, make a note of it now. You have already seen that *parabolic imagery* in Revelation 17–18 above; you are going to see it again later on.

Isaiah 14 (716–715 B.C.)

In Isaiah 14, Isaiah is describing the perspective of the members of “*The Remnant*” who have been resurrected in the image and likeness of God and allowed to enter the rest of God on the seventh “day” of Creation. He 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 will be *parabolically* forced to “keep Sabbath” on the seventh “day” of Creation:

¹[When] [His Majesty] [has compassion on] [Jacob], [and [once again] chooses] [Israel], [and gives them rest] [on] [their Ground], [The Temporary Resident] [will join himself] [to them]; [and he will partake] [with] [the] House of] [Jacob]. ²[Peoples] [will take them] [and bring them] [to] [their Place]. [The House of] [Israel] [will inherit them]—[on] [The Ground of] [His Majesty]—[as Male Slaves] [and Female Slaves]. [They will be] [Captors] [to their Captors] [and exercise authority] [over those who press them hard]! ³[Then it will be] [in the] Day] [when [His Majesty] gives [You] rest] [from Your Pain] [and from Your Agitation] [and from] [The [hard] Transportation Work] [that] [has been done] [by You], ⁴[that You will take up] [this] [Parable] [against] [The King] [of Babylon] [and say]:

“[How] [does [one who presses hard] keep Sabbath]? [A Pesterer] [is going to keep Sabbath]!
⁵[His Majesty] [has broken] [the] Staff] [of those who are guilty]— [The] Branch] [of those who have authority]!
⁶[Viciously striking] [Peoples] [with an Unbounded Rage]— [An Attack] [without any] [Turning Aside]! [Exercising authority over] [Gentiles] [in Anger]— [A Pursuit] [without] [holding {anything} back]!
⁷[The [whole] Earth] [is resting]—[is calm]. [They have broken out with] [a Joyful Shout]!
⁸[Even] [Cypress Trees]—[the] Cedars of] [Lebanon]— [rejoice] [over You]:

[Since] [You have lain down], [The One Who cuts off] [has [not] come up] [against us]!
⁹[The Sea of El] [below] [is disturbed] [for You]— [so as to meet {You}] [when You enter], [Waking up] [Rephaim] [for You]— [all] [the] Billy Goats of] [Earth]. [Raising [all] [the] Kings of] [Gentiles] up] [out of their Thrones].
¹⁰[All of them] [will respond] [and say] [to You]:

[Even] [You] [are in torment] [like us]! [You are comparable] [to us]!
¹¹[Your Loftiness]—[the] Ruckus of] [Your Lutes]— [Has been brought down to] [The Sea of El]! [A Maggot] [has been spread out as a bed] [under You]! [Even Your Cover] {is} [a Worm]!
¹²[How] [could You fall] [out of The Sea of Waters], [O Morning Star], [Son] [of Dawn]? [You have been severed] [to the] Earth], [One who has been mowed down] [because of] [Gentiles]!
¹³[But You]! [You said] [in Your Heart]:

[I will climb up to] [The Sea of Waters]! [I will raise] [my Throne] [above] [The Stars of] [God], [And I will sit down] [on the] Mountain] [of The Appointed Time]— [In the Foothills of] [Zaphon].
¹⁴[I will climb up] [over] [the] High Places of] [a Thunderhead]. [I will be like] [Elyon]!

¹⁵[But] [You will be brought down] [to] [The Sea of El]! [To] [the] Foothills of] [a Pit]!
¹⁶[Those who look] [at You] [will peer] [at You]! [They will try to understand]:

[Is this] [The Man] [who disturbed] [The Earth]? [Who made] [Kingdoms] quake?
¹⁷[Who made] [The World] [like a Wilderness], [And broke down] [his Cities]? [Who would [not] free] [his Prisoners] [to {go} Home]?
¹⁸[All] [the] Kings of] [Gentiles]— [All of them]—[have lain down] [in Glory]! [Each One] [in his House]!
¹⁹[But You]! [You have been tossed] [out of Your Tomb] [Like a Scion] [that is abominable], [A Garment] [of those who have been killed]— [Of those who have been run through with] [a Sword]!

[Of those who are going down] [to] [the} Stones of] [a Pit]
 [Like a Dead Body] [that is being trampled]!
²⁰[You will [not] be united] [with them] [in Burial],
 [Because] [You destroyed] [Your Country]!
 [You killed] [Your People]!
 [The} Seed] [of those who do bad things] [will [not]
 be invited] [to a Burning Eternity]!
²¹[They will prepare] [for his Sons]
 [a Place for Slaughtering]
 [In accordance with {the} Reprehensible Activity]
 [of their Fathers]!
 [They will [never] rise up] [and take possession of]
 [the} Earth]
 [And fill [the} Surface of] [The World] with] [Cities].”

²²“[But I will rise up] [against them],” [declares]
 [His [Supreme] Majesty]. “[And I will cut off] [Name],
 [Remnant], [Offspring], [and Posterity] [from
 Babylon]!” [declares] [His Majesty]. ²³“[And I will
 turn her] [into {the} Possession] [of a Porcupine] [and
 [watery] Wetlands]. [Then I will mop her] [with a
 Mop] [that will wipe {her} out],” [declares] [His
 [Supreme] Majesty]. ²⁴[His [Supreme] Majesty] [has
 sworn an oath] [by saying]: “[Most definitely], [just as] [I
 imagined], [so] [she will be]! [And [she] [will rise up] just
 as] [I planned]. ²⁵[To break] [Assyria] [in My Country], [I
 will trample him] [on] [My Mountain]! [Then He will
 remove] [his Yoke] [from upon them], [and He will remove]
 [his Burden] [from on] [His Shoulder]! ²⁶[This] {is} [The
 Plan] [that has been planned] [against] [The [whole]
 Earth]! [And this] {is} [The Hand] [that has been stretched
 out] [against] [all] [The Gentiles]! ²⁷[When] [His
 [Supreme] Majesty] [has planned {it}], [who] [can make
 {it} null and void]? [When His Hand] {is} [the one that is
 outstretched], [who] [can turn it back]?”

²⁸[This] [Oracle] [came] [in {the} Year of] [the}
 Death of] [Ahaz], [The King]:
²⁹[You [Philistia], [all of You], must [not] rejoice],
 [Because] [a Branch] [that viciously struck You]
 [has been broken]!
 [Because] [a Viper] [will go out]
 [from [a Serpent’s] Root]!
 [And his Fruit] {is} [a [flying] Seraph]!
³⁰[Then [the} Firstborn of] [Those Who Are Destitute]
 will graze]!
 [And {those who are} needy] [will lie down] [securely]!
 [I will put [Your Root] to death] [by Famine]!

[And [it will kill] Your Remnant]!
³¹[Wail], [O Gate]! [Cry out], [O City]!
 [Be filled with terror], [Philistia]! [All of You]!
 [Because] [Smoke] [is coming] [from Zaphon]!
 [And there is not any] [one who is lonesome]
 [among His Appointed Ones]!
³²[So why] [would He respond] [to Messengers of]
 [a Gentile],
 [When] [His Majesty] [has laid the foundation for]
 [Zion],
 [And [the} humble of] [His People] [have taken refuge]
 in Her]?”
 (Isaiah 14:1–32) —my interim translation

Now that I have shown you what the Master Prophet Isaiah has to say about the Lord’s Redeemed resting on “the Lord’s Day,” immediately after the destruction of Mystery Babylon, I am going to go back and show you the incredible insight 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.

The secret ingredient that all those 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 it does, 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 if you have a brain, use it. Examine the evidence. There is much more to it than what I am going to present here; but just to make it short and sweet, I will begin with Obadiah, who prophesied more than a century before Isaiah came along. 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.

Obadiah (ca. 845 B.C.)

¹{The} Vision] [of Obadiah].
 [We heard] [a Message] [from] [His Majesty],
 [And a Runner] [was sent out] [among {the} Gentiles]:
 “[You must rise up] [so that we may rise up] [against her]
 [for Battle].”
 [This is what] [my Master], [His Majesty],
 [said] [to Edom]:

²“[Look!] [I will make You] [small]
 [among {the} Gentiles];
 [You] [are going to be [exceedingly] despised].
³[{The} Arrogance] [of Your Heart] [has fooled You]—
 [Those who reside] [in {the} Clefs of] [a Crag],
 [The Highest Point] [of his Habitation]—
 [{The} one who says] [in his Heart],
 ‘[Who] [can bring me down to] [{the} Earth]?’
⁴[If] [You were as high] [as a Griffon-Vulture],
 [And if] [You were to put] [Your Nest]
 [between] [Stars],
 [I would bring You down] [from there],”
 [declares] [His Majesty].
⁵“[If] [Thieves] [were to come] [to You]—
 [If] [those who despoil] [by night]—
 [How] [could You go to sleep]?
 [Would they [not] steal] [enough for themselves]?
 [If] [those who gather grapes] [were to come] [to You],
 [Would they [not] leave] [Gleanings]?
⁶[How] [could [Esau] be searched through]?
 [His Hidden Valuables] [will be made to bubble up].
⁷[All] [{the} Men of] [Your Legal Agreement]
 [Will send You out] [as far as] [The Boundary],
 [{The} Men of] [Your Peaceful One]—[Your Bread]—
 [Will fool You]; [they will prevail] [over You].
 [They will set] [a Device For Trapping] [under You];
 [There will not be any] [Understanding] [in it].
⁸[Is {it} not] [on [that] Day],” [declares] [His Majesty],
 “[That I will send [{the} Wise Men]
 [from Edom] to Hell],
 [And Understanding] [away from [Esau’s] Mountain]?
⁹[Then [Your **Gibbors**] will be intimidated], [Teman],
 [So that] [Each One] [may be cut off]
 [From [Esau’s] Mountain]—[because of {the} Massacre],
¹⁰[Because of {the} Maliciousness] [of Your Brother]
 [Jacob].
 [You cover Yourself completely with] [Shame].
 [And You will be cut off] [for a Burning Eternity]
¹¹[On a Day] [when You stand] [right out in front],
 [On a Day] [when [Strangers]
 take [his Entourage] captive],
 [And Foreigners] [enter] [his Gates]
 [And [cast] [a Lot] for] [Jerusalem].
 [You], [too], {will be} [like one] [of them].
¹²[On [Your Brother’s] Day]—[on {the} Day]
 [of his Pretense]—
 [You must [not] look at {it}].

[And You must [not] rejoice] [over {the} Sons of] [Judah]
 [On {the} Day] [when they go to Hell],
 [And you must [not] vaunt Yourself] [{with} Your Mouth]
 [On {the} Day] [of Distress].
¹³[You must [not] go in] [through {the} Gate]
 [of My People]
 [On {the} Day] [of their Catastrophe].
 [You] [must [also] [not] look] [at His Bad Activities]
 [On {the} Day] [of His Catastrophe].
 [And you must [not] send {anything} out]
 [against His Entourage]
 [On {the} Day] [of His Catastrophe].
¹⁴[And You must [not] stand] [alongside]
 [The Fork in the Road]
 [To cut off] [His Escapees];
 [And You must [not] shut up] [His Survivors] [in prison]
 [On {the} Day] [of Distress].
¹⁵[Because] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty]
 [Against] [all] [The Gentiles] {is} [near].
 [Just as] [You have done], [it will be done] [to You].
 [What You Deserve] [will be turned back]
 [on Your Head].
¹⁶[Because] [just as] [You drank]
 [On] [My holy] [Mountain],
 [All] [The Gentiles] [will drink] [continually].
 [They will drink] [and say {something} rashly];
 [Then they will become] [as {if} they [never] were].
¹⁷[But [there will be] [a {female} Escapee]
 on Mount] [Zion],
 [And He will be] [a Holy One].
 [Then [Jacob’s] [House] will take possession of]
 [their Possessions].
¹⁸[And [Jacob’s] [House] will become] [a Fire];
 [And [Joseph’s] House], [a Flame];
 [But [Esau’s] House] {is} [Stubble],
 [So they will hotly pursue] [them]
 [and consume them],
 [And [Esau’s] House [will] [not] have] [a Survivor],”
 [Because] [His Majesty] [has spoken].
¹⁹[Then [The Negev] will take possession of]
 [Esau’s] [Mountain];
 [And {the} Lowland], [{the} Philistines];
 [And they will take possession of] [{the} Field]
 [of Ephraim] [and] [{the} Field] [of Samaria];
 [And Benjamin], [Gilead].
²⁰[And {the} Exiles] [of [this] Entourage]
 [of {the} Sons of] [Israel]
 [Who] {are} [{among the} Canaanites]

[as far as] [Zarephath],
 [And {the} Exiles] [of Jerusalem]
 [who] {are} [in Sepharad]
 [Will take possession of] [{the} Cities of] [The Negev].
²¹[Then [those who gain salvation] will go up]
 [into Mount] [Zion]
 [To judge] [Esau’s] [Mountain],
 [And [The Kingship] will belong] [to His Majesty].
 (Obadiah 1:1–21) —my interim translation

To understand what Obadiah says concerning “Edom,” you need to know the people called “Edom” were the descendants of Esau. As you may remember, he 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 he says resides in the curious combination of verse 15 and verse 18. The first tells them 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. The second 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.”

Joel 1 (ca. 830 B.C.)

The next Prophet to speak concerning the nuclear fire that will announce the beginning of God’s Sabbath “day” of rest is Joel. His entire prophecy is a parable, so you should pay close 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. Just keep in mind the fact that I have, in the August 2016 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*[®] *Update*, already 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.

¹{The} Word] [of His Majesty] [that] [came] [to] [Joel],
 [Son] [of Pethuel]:

²[Listen to] [this], [you Elders],
 [And give ear], [all] [Inhabitants of] [The Earth].
 [Has [this] {ever} happened] [in your Days]
 [Or even] [in {the} Days of] [your Fathers]?
³[Recount {everything}] [about it] [to your Sons],
 [And your Sons] [to their Sons],
 [And their Sons] [to [another] Generation].
⁴[What [The Solitary Locust] Leaves],
 [The Swarming Locust] [will consume];
 [And what [The Swarming Locust] Leaves],
 [The Nymph Locust] [will consume];
 [And what [The Nymph Locust] Leaves],
 [The Newly Hatched Locust] [will consume].
⁵[Wake up], [Drunks], [and weep];
 [And [all {of you}] [who are drinking] [Wine], wail],
 [On account of] [{the} New Wine],
 [Because] [it will be cut off] [from your Mouth].
⁶[Because] [a Nation] [is going to come up]
 [against] [My Land]—
 [Numerous], [and without any] [Number];
 [His Teeth] {are} [{the} Teeth of] [a Lioness],
 [And [he has] {the} Fangs of] [a Lioness With Cubs].
⁷[He will turn] [My Vine] [into Something Devastated]
 [And My Fig Tree] [into a Stick].
 [He will strip Her] [completely] [and throw {her} away];
 [Her Tendrils] [will become white].
⁸[Squall] [like a Virgin] [girded with] [Sackcloth]
 [For] [{the} Owner] [of her Youth].
⁹{The} Cereal Offering] [and {the} Drink Offering]
 [Will be cut off] [from [His Majesty’s] House].
 [The Priests]—[His Majesty’s] [Ministers]—
 [will mourn].
¹⁰{The} Field] [will be despoiled],
 [{The} Ground] [will mourn];
 [Because] [{the} Grain] [will be despoiled],
 [{The} New Wine] [will be dried up],
 [{The} Fresh Olive Oil] [will languish].
¹¹[Be ashamed], [O Farmers],
 [Wail], [O Vinedressers],
 [On account of] [{the} Wheat]
 [and on account of] [{the} Barley];
 [Because] [{the} Harvest] [{of the} Field]
 [will go to Hell].
¹²[The Vine] [will be dried up]
 [And The Fig Tree] [will languish];
 [A Pomegranate Tree], [a Date Palm Tree] [too],
 [and an Apple Tree].
 [All] [{the} Trees of] [The Field] [will dry up]

[When] [Elation] [has been dried up]
 [From] [the] Sons of [Adam].
¹³[You Priests], [gird yourselves] [and lament];
 [You] Ministers of [the] Altar, [wail]!
 [You Ministers of] [my God], [go in],
 [Spend the night] [in Sackcloth],
 [Because] [the] Cereal Offering
 [and the] Drink Offering
 [Will be withheld] [from your God’s] House.
¹⁴[Make a holy] [Fast],
 [Summon] [a Sacred Assembly];
 [You] Elders, [round up]
 [All] [the] Inhabitants of [The Earth] {who are}
 [In the] House [of His Majesty], [your God],
 [So that they cry out] [to] [His Majesty].
¹⁵[Oh! No!] [For the] Day!
 [Because] [the] Day [of His Majesty] {is} [near],
 [When a Violent Act] [will come] [from Shaddai].
¹⁶[Will [Foodstuff] [not] be cut off]
 [right in front of] [our Eyes],
 [Joy] [and Happiness] [from our God’s] House?
¹⁷[Kernels] [will shrink]
 [under] [their Lumps of Dirt];
 [Storehouses] [will be desolate],
 [Barns] [will be broken down],
 [Because] [Grain] [will be dried up].
¹⁸[How] [Beasts] [will moan]!
 [Herds of] [Cattle] [will mill about]
 [Because] [there is not any] [Pasture];
 [Even] [the] Herds of [The Flock] [will bear guilt].
¹⁹[Your Majesty], [I will call out] [to You],
 [When] [a Fire] [consumes]
 [the] Oases of [a Wilderness];
 [And a Flame] [sets all]
 [the] Trees of [The Field] afire.
²⁰[Even] [the] Beasts of [the] Field
 [will long for You],
 [When] [Channels of] [Water] [are dried up]
 [And a Fire] [consumes]
 [the] Oases of [a Wilderness].
 (Joel 1:1–20) —my interim translation

What Joel says in this chapter is inextricably linked to the things Isaiah tells us about the seventh “day” of Creation in Isaiah 13–14. I say that because Isaiah quotes verse 15 almost verbatim in Isaiah 13:6. Take a look, and keep in mind the fact that Isaiah was prophesying more than a century after Joel:

[Oh! No!] [For the] Day!
 [Because] [the] Day [of His Majesty] {is} [near],
 [When a Violent Act] [will come] [from Shaddai].
 (Joel 1:15) —my interim translation

“[Wail], [because] [the] Day [of His Majesty]
 {is} [near]!
 [A Violent Act] [will come] [from Shaddai].”
 (Isaiah 13:6) —my interim translation

Joel 2 (ca. 830 B.C.)

¹[Blow] [a Trumpet] [in Zion]!
 [Sound a teruah] [on My holy] Mountain!
 [All] [the] Inhabitants of [The Earth]
 [will be disturbed],
 [When] [the] Day [of His Majesty] [comes],
 [When] {it is} [near].
²{It is} [a Day] [of Darkness] [and Nether Gloom],
 [A Day] [of Cloud] [and Dense Fog],
 [Like Dawn] [spreading out] [over] [The Mountains].
 [A People] [as many] [and numerous] as him
 [Has never] come [out of] [The Eternal Burning],
 [And it will not] happen again [after him]
 [As long as] [the] Years of [Generation]
 [after Generation].
³[A Fire] [will consume] [before him],
 [And a Flame] [will set things] afire [behind him].
 [The Earth] {will be} [like the] Garden [of Eden]
 [before him]
 [But the] Wilderness [of a Desolate Area]
 [behind him],
 [And it [will] [not] have] even
 [One Who Tries to Escape].
⁴[His Appearance] {is} [like the] Appearance
 [of Horses];
 [And like Horsemen], [they will run] [like that].
⁵[They will skip around] [over] [the] Tops of
 [The Mountains],
 [Like the] Sound [of Chariots],
 [Like the] Sound [of a Flame] [of Fire]
 [consuming] [Stubble],
 [Like a numerous] People [arranged for] [Battle].
⁶[Peoples] [will squirm] [before him];
 [All] [Faces] [will gather] [a Pale Countenance].
⁷[They will run] [like Gibbors];
 [They will climb] [a Wall] [like Men of] [War];
 [But they will walk], each one [in his own Ways],

[And they will [not] swerve out of] [their Paths].
⁸[And [no] one] [will push [his Brother] around];
 [They will walk], [every] **Gibbor**
 [on his own Highway];
 [And when [they fall] on account of] [The Weapon],
 [They will [not] break off].
⁹[They will charge] [at {the} City];
 [They will run] [on {the} Wall];
 [They will climb up] [into Houses];
 [They will come in] [through] [The Windows]
 [like a Thief].
¹⁰[{The} Earth] [will be disturbed] [before him],
 [{The} Sea of Waters] [will quake],
 [The Sun] [and The Moon] [will become gloomy]
 [And {the} Stars] [will round up] [their Illumination].
¹¹[Then His Majesty] [will raise] [His Voice]
 [In front of] [His Entourage];
 [Because] [His Camp] {will be} {very} [many],
 [Because] [the One Who acts on] [His Word]
 {will be} [numerous];
 [Because] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty]
 {Will be} [great] [and {very} fearsome],
 [So who] [can endure it]?
¹²“[Yet even] [then],” [declares] [His Majesty],
 “[You must return] [to Me] [with all] [your Heart],
 [And with Fasting] [and with Weeping]
 [and with Lamentation];
¹³[And tear] [your Heart] [and [not] your Clothes].”
 [So turn back] [to] [His Majesty], [your God]—
 [Because] [He {is}] [gracious] [and compassionate],
 [Slow] [to Anger], [with more than enough]
 [Loving-kindness]—
 [So that He may feel sorry] [regarding]
 [The Bad Behavior].
¹⁴[Who] [knows]?
 [He might turn back] [and feel sorry],
 [And He might leave] [a **Blessing**] [behind Him]—
 [A Cereal Offering] [and a Drink Offering]—
 [For His Majesty], [your God].
¹⁵[Blow] [a Trumpet] [in Zion],
 [Make [a holy] Fast],
 [Summon] [a Sacred Assembly].
¹⁶[{You} Elders!] [Round up] [a People],
 [Make [a Congregation] holy],
 [Round up] [Infants]
 [And those nursing] [{at the} Breasts].
 [A Bridegroom] [will come out [of His Inner Room];
 [And a Bride], out] [of her Bridal Tent Canopy].

¹⁷[The Priests]—[The Ministers of] [His Majesty]—
 [Will weep] [between] [The Porch] [and {the} Altar],
 [And they will say]: “[Your Majesty],
 [be concerned] [about] [Your People],
 [And do [not] turn] [Your **Inheritance**]
 [into a Disgrace]—
 [Into a Parable]—[among them], [{the} Gentiles].
 [Why] [should they say] [among {the} Peoples],
 ‘[Where is] [their God]?’”
¹⁸[So [His Majesty] will be zealous] [for His Land],
 [And He will take pity] [on] [His People].
¹⁹[Then [His Majesty] will respond],
 [And He will say] [to His People]:
 “[Guess what! I am] [going to send] [you] [The Grain]
 [And The New Wine] [and The Fresh Olive Oil],
 [And you will be satisfied] [with it],
 [And I will [never] [again] make] [you]
 [A Disgrace] [among {the} Gentiles].
²⁰[But I will make [The **Zaphonite**]
 go far away] [from you],
 [And I will banish him]
 [into] [a [parched] [and desolate] Land]—
 [His Face] [into] [The **Qadmonite** Sea],
 [And his Back End] [into] [The Sea] [behind].
 [Then [his Stench] will ascend]—
 [Even [his Foul Odor] will ascend]—
 [Because] [he vaunted himself] [by acting].”
²¹[Ground], [You must [not] fear],
 [Be happy] [and rejoice],
 [Because] [His Majesty] [will vaunt Himself] [by acting].
²²[Beasts of] [My Field], [you must [not] fear],
 [Because] [{the} Oases of] [{the} Wilderness]
 [will sprout green grass].
 [When] [a Tree] [bears] [its Fruit],
 [A Fig Tree] [and a Vine] [will put forth]
 [their Entourage].
²³[So, Sons of] [Zion], [be happy]
 [And rejoice] [in His Majesty], [your God],
 [Because] [He will give] [you] [The Teacher]
 [for a Declaration of Not Guilty].
 [And he will bring down] [Rainfall] [for you]—
 [An Early Rain] [and a Latter Rain] [as earlier].
²⁴[Then [The Threshing Floors] will be filled with]
 [Winnowed Grain],
 [And [The Wine Vats] will overflow with] [New Wine]
 [and Fresh Olive Oil].

²⁵“Then I will settle up by giving back [to you]
 [The Years]
 [That] [The Swarming Locust] [consumed]—
 [The Nymph Locust] [and The Newly Hatched Locust]
 [and the Solitary Locust],
 [My [great] Entourage] [that] [I sent] [among you].
²⁶[Then you will [definitely] eat] [and be satisfied]
 [And praise] [The] [Name] [of His Majesty],
 [your God],
 [Who] [has done] [Incomprehensible Things] [with you];
 [So that [My People] will [not] be ashamed]
 [for a Burning Eternity].
²⁷[Then you will know] [that] [I {am}] [within] [Israel],
 [And I {am}] [His Majesty], [your God],
 [And there is not] [anyone else];
 [So [My People] will [not] be ashamed]
 [for a Burning Eternity].
²⁸[And [after] [that] it will happen that]
 [I pour out] [My Spirit] [on] [all] [Flesh],
 [So that [your Sons] [and Daughters] prophesy],
 [Your Elders] [dream] [Dreams],
 [Your Chosen Sons] [see] [Visions].
²⁹[And even] [on] [The Male Slaves]
 [and on] [The Female Slaves]
 [I will pour out] [My Spirit] [in [those] Days].
³⁰[And I will put] [Harbingers]
 [in {the} Sea of Waters] [and on {the} Earth]—
 [Blood] [and Fire] [and Billows of] [Smoke].
³¹[The Sun] [will be turned] [into Darkness]
 [And The Moon] [into Blood]
 [Before] [the great] [and fearsome]
 [Day] [of His Majesty] [comes].
³²[And it will happen that] [everyone] [who] [calls]
 [On {the} Name] [of His Majesty] [will escape],
 [Because] [there will be] [a {female} Escapee]
 [In Mount] [Zion] [and in Jerusalem]—
 [Just as] [His Majesty] [said]—
 [Even among {the} Survivors]
 [whom] [His Majesty] [is going to call].”
 (Joel 2:1–32) —my interim translation

If I were you, I wouldn’t take any of Joel’s statements *literally*, but especially those concerning edible items that “sprout” out of the “ground.” My suggestion would be that you 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 this passage:

¹“You must guard yourselves [by doing] [all of]
 [The Commandment] [that] [I] [am commanding You]
 [Today], [so that] [You may live] [and become many],
 [and go in] [and take possession of] [The Land] [about
 [which] [His Majesty] swore an oath] [to your Fathers].
²[And You must remember] [all of] [The Way] [that] [His
 Majesty], [Your God], [has made You walk] [This] [forty]
 [Years] [in {the} Wilderness] [in order to] [humble
 You]—[to test You], [to know] [what] {is} [in Your
 Heart]: [Would You guard] [His Commandments] [or]
 [not]? ³[So He humbled You], [and He let You be hun-
 gry], [and He made You eat] [The Manna]—[which] [You
 had [not] known] [and [Your Fathers] had not known]—
 [in order to] [make You know] [that] [The Adam] [will
 [not] live] [by] [The Bread] [alone], [because] [The
 Adam] [will live] [in accordance with] [all of] [what
 comes out of] [{the} Mouth] [of His Majesty].”
 (Deuteronomy 8:1–3) —my interim translation

Joel 3 (ca. 830 B.C.)

¹“Because] [Guess what!] [In [those] Days]
 [and at [that] Time]—
 [When] [I bring] [Judah] [and Jerusalem]
 back from] [Captivity]—
²[Then I will gather] [all] [The Gentiles],
 [And I will bring them down] [into] [{the} Valley]
 [Where His Majesty Will Make a Decision
 Based on the Truth].
 [And I will make a decision based on the truth]
 [for them] [there]
 [Concerning] [My People] [and My **Inheritance**]—
 [Israel]—
 [Whom] [they scattered] [among {the} Gentiles]
 [When they divided up] [My Land]
³[And [cast] [a Lot] for] [My People]
 [And gave] [the Boy] [for a **Zonah**]
 [And [sold] the Girl] [for Wine] [so that they could drink].

⁴[So {you}, too], [Tyre] [and Sidon] [and all] [{the}
 Districts of] [Philistia], [what] {are} [you] [to Me]? [Are
 [You] going to settle up [with Me] by giving {Me}]
 [What I Deserve]? [But if] [you] [are going to settle up]
 [with Me], [I will [swiftly] {and} [quickly] put [What
 you Deserve] back] [on your Head], ⁵[because] [you took]
 [My Silver] [and My Gold] [and brought] [the best of]
 [My Desirable Things] [into your Temples], ⁶[and you
 sold] [{the} Sons of] [Judah] [and {the} Sons of]

[Jerusalem] [to {the} Sons of] [The Greeks], [so that] [they took them far] [away from] [their Boundary]. ⁷[Guess what! I am] [going to wake them up] [from] [The Place] [where] [you sold] [them], [and I will put [What you Deserve] back] [on your Head]. ⁸[Then I will sell] [your Sons] [and] [your Daughters] [into {the} Hand] [of {the} Sons of] [Judah], [and they will sell them] [to {the} Sabeans]—[to] [a Gentile] [far away],” [because] [His Majesty] [has spoken].

⁹[Proclaim] [this] [among {the} Gentiles]:
 [Make a holy] [War];
 [Wake up] [The **Gibbors**]!
 [All] [{the} Men of] [War]
 [Will approach]! [They will ascend]!
¹⁰[Beat] [your Mattocks] [into Swords]
 [And your Pruning Knives] [into Spears];
 [The Weakling] [will say], “[I {am}] [a **Gibbor**]!”
¹¹[All] [The Gentiles] [from round about]
 [Will hasten] [and come] [and be gathered] [there].
 [Your Majesty], [bring down] [Your **Gibbors**].
¹²[The Gentiles] [will wake up] [and come up]
 [Into] [{the} Valley] [where His Majesty Will Make
 a Decision Based on the Truth],
 [Because] [I will sit down] [there]
 [to make a decision based on the truth]
 [Concerning] [all] [The Gentiles] [from round about].
¹³[Send out] [a Sickle], [because] [{the} Harvest]
 [is ripe].
 [Come], [exercise authority],
 [Because] [{the} Winepress] [is full];
 [The Wine Vats] [are overflowing],
 [Because] [their Bad Behavior]
 {is} [more than enough].
¹⁴[Multitudes]—[Multitudes]!—
 [{Are} in {the} Valley] [of The Verdict]
 [Because] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [near]
 [In {the} Valley] [of The Verdict].
¹⁵[The Sun] [and The Moon] [will become gloomy],
 [And Stars] [will round up] [their Illumination].
¹⁶[Then His Majesty] [will roar] [from Zion],
 [And [He will raise] [His Voice] from Jerusalem].
 [Then {the} Sea of Waters] [and {the} Earth]
 [will quake],
 [But His Majesty] {will be} [a Shelter]
 [for His People]
 [And a Place of Refuge] [for {the} Sons of] [Israel].
¹⁷[Then you will know] [that] [I {am}]
 [His Majesty], [your God],

[Who resides] [in Zion], [My holy] [Mountain].
 [Then [Jerusalem] will be] [holy],
 [And Strangers] [will [never] [again] pass]
 [through Her].

¹⁸[And it will happen] [on [That] Day] that]
 [The Mountains] [will drip] [New Wine],
 [And The Hills] [will flow with] [Milk],
 [And all] [{the} Channels of] [Judah]
 [will flow with] [Water],
 [And a Natural Spring] [will go out]
 [from [His Majesty’s] House]
 [And water] [{the} Gully] [of The Shittim].
¹⁹[Egypt] [will become] [desolate],
 [And **Edom**] [will become] [a [desolate] Wilderness],
 [Because of {the} Maliciousness]
 [of {the} Sons of] [Judah],
 [In [whose] Land] [they spilled] [innocent] [Blood].
²⁰[But Judah] [will be inhabited] [for a Burning Eternity]
 [And Jerusalem] [for Generation] [after Generation],
²¹[And I will acquit {them}] [of their Bloodshed].
 [I, {Joel}, will [not] acquit {them}];
 [but His Majesty] [Who resides] [in Zion] {will}.
 (Joel 3:1–21) —my interim translation

The point of Joel’s parable is to explain what the circumstances will be LIKE right before the seventh “day” begins. 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. Happy hunting!

Amos 5 (ca. 755 B.C.)

¹[Listen to] [this] [Word] [that] [I] [am taking up]
 [as] a Funeral Hymn [against you], [House] [of Israel]:
²[Virgin] [Israel] [will fall];
 [She will [not] [rise up] again].
 [She will be forsaken] [on] [her Ground],
 [Without any] [one to raise her up].
³[Because] [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty],
 [has said],
 “[The City] [that goes out] [as] a Thousand,
 [A Hundred] [will be left as a remnant],
 [And the one that goes out] [a Hundred],
 [Ten] [will be left as a remnant]
 [to {the} House] [of Israel].”
⁴[Because] [this is what] [His Majesty] [has said]
 [To {the} House] [of Israel],

“[Diligently seek Me] [and live].
⁵[But you must [not] diligently seek] [Bethel],
 [And you must [not] go into] [Gilgal],
 [And [you must [not] cross over to] Beersheba],
 [Because] [Gilgal] [will [definitely] go into exile]
 [And Bethel] [will become] [contentious].
⁶[Diligently seek] [His Majesty] [and live],
 [So that] [He does [not] rush over] [the] House
 [of Joseph] [and consume {it}] [like Fire]
 [And without [Bethel having] any]
 [one to extinguish {it}].
⁷[Those who turn] [a Decision Based on the Truth]
 [into Wormwood]
 [Also [rest] a Declaration of Not Guilty] [on The Earth].”
⁸{The} One Who makes] [The Pleiades] [and Orion]
 [And turns] [The Shadow of Death] [into Morning]
 [Can also make [Day] dark] [as] Night].
 [The One Who summons] [the] Waters of] [The Sea]
 [And pours them out] [on] [the] Surface of] [The Earth]?
 [His Majesty] {is} [His Name]—
⁹[The One Who smiles at] [Violence]
 [against] [Anyone Who Is Strong]
 [So that Violence] [comes] [against] [a Fortress].
¹⁰[They hate] [Anyone Who provides correction]
 [at {the} Gate],
 [And they consider [Anyone Who speaks]
 [with] Integrity] an abomination].
¹¹[Therefore], [simply because of] [you imposing
 a heavy tax] [on] [Anyone Who Is Destitute]
 [And [taking] a Portion] [of Winnowed Grain]
 [from them],
 [You have built] [Houses] [of Ashlar Stone],
 [But you will [not] dwell] [in them];
 [You have planted] [desirable] [Vineyards],
 [But you will [not] drink] [their Wine].
¹²[Because] [I know] [your Transgressions] {are} [many]
 [And [your Sinful Acts] {are} numerous]:
 [Being hostile to] [Anyone Who Is Not Guilty],
 [Taking away] [Atonement],
 [And [confusing] Those Who Are Needy] [at {the} Gate].
¹³[Therefore], [the one who has insight] [at [that] Time]
 [will keep still],
 [Because] [that] {will be} [a [bad] Time].
¹⁴[Diligently seek] [What Is Good] [and not]
 [What Is Bad], [so that] [you may live],
 [And [so] [His Majesty], [The [Supreme] God], may be]
 [with you],
 [Just as] [you said].

¹⁵[Hate] [What Is Bad] [and love] [What Is Good],
 [And leave [a Decision Based on the Truth] behind],
 [at {the} Gate]!
 [Perhaps] [His Majesty], [The [Supreme] God],
 [Will show favor to] [the] Remnant] [of Joseph].
¹⁶[Therefore], [this is what] [His Majesty],
 [My Master], [The [Supreme] God], [has said]:

“[Lamentation] {will be} [in all] [the] Plazas],
 [And in all] [the] Streets] [they will say],
 ‘[Oh, my!] [Oh, my!]
 [Then they will invite] [the] Farmer] [for] [Mourning]
 [And Lamentation] [for] [those who know]
 [a Mournful Song].
¹⁷[And [Lamentation] {will be} in all] [the] Vineyards],
 [Because] [I will pass through] [within You],”
 [Says] [His Majesty].

¹⁸[Woe to] [those who desire]
 [the] Day] [of His Majesty]:
 [For what] {is} [this] [Day] [of His Majesty]
 [to you]?
 [It {is}] [Darkness] [and not] [Light]!
¹⁹[Just as] [when [a Man] flees] [away from] [The Lion]
 [And [The Bear] confronts him].
 [Or he goes into] [The House],
 [And lays] [his Hand] [on] [The Vertical Surface],
 [And [The Serpent] bites him].
²⁰[Is not] [the] Day] [of His Majesty] [Darkness]
 [And not] [Light]?
 [Even Nether Gloom], [with no] [Illumination]
 [to it]?

²¹“[I hate]—[I reject]—[your Feasts],
 [And I do [not] smell] [during your Sacred Assemblies].
²²[Although] [you offer [Burnt Offerings] up] [to Me],
 [I will [not] take great pleasure in] [your Cereal Offerings],
 [And [I will [not] look {at}] [the] Peace Offering]
 [of your Fatlings].
²³[Remove] [Your [Large Number of] Songs]
 [from in front of Me];
 [I will [not] even listen to] [the] Melody of] [Your Lutes].
²⁴[Then [a Decision Based on the Truth] will roll away]
 [like Waters],
 [And a Declaration of Not Guilty]
 [like a [permanent] Gully].

²⁵[Did you present] [The Communal Sacrifices]
 [and a Cereal Offering] [to Me] [in {the} Wilderness]

[forty] [Years], [House] [of Israel]? ²⁶[You also carried] [Sikkuth], [your King], [and Kiyyun], [your Images], [the] Star [of your Gods], [that] [you made] [for yourselves]. ²⁷[So I will send [you] into exile], [away from beyond] [Damascus],” [says] [His Majesty]; [The [Supreme] God] {is} [His Name].

(Amos 5:1–27) —my interim translation

The ostensible purpose of the things Amos tells us about the seventh “day” of Creation 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. He shares that mission with the Prophet Hosea. But Isaiah saw an opportunity in the things Amos says here 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. He explains that *parabolic imagery* more fully in Isaiah 29–35. My only interest here is how Isaiah 29 expands on the *parabolic* “darkness” Amos mentions in verse 18, which is also the “nether gloom” he mentions in verse 20.

Isaiah 29 (716–715 B.C.)

¹[Woe to] [The Lioness of God]! [The Lioness of God]!
[The] Village [where] [David] set up camp].

[Add] [Year] [onto] [Year]!

[Let] [Feasts] go around]!

²[Then I will constrain] [The Lioness of God]!

[Then She will be] [Begging] [and Pleading],

[And She will] [belong to Me] [as The Lioness of God]!

³[Then I will set up camp] [like a Sphere] [over You]

[And hem {You} in] [with an Entrenchment] [against You]

[And raise up] [Siegeworks] [against You].

⁴[Then You will be brought down]; [You will speak]

[from {the} Earth]!

[And [You will cast [Your Statements] down]

from {the} Dust].

[Then [Your Voice] will be] [like a Ghost]

[from {the} Earth],

[And [Your Statements] [will chirp] from The Dust].

⁵[And [the] Multitude] [of Your Strangers] will be]

[like [fine] Dusty Powder],

[And [the] Multitude] [of Those Who are Ruthless],

like Chaff] [passing by].

[And it will happen] [suddenly], [in {the} Blink of an Eye]!

⁶[You will be levied] [by] [His [Supreme] Majesty]

[With Thunder] [and Earthquake] [and a [loud] Sound],
[A Medicane] [and a Cyclone] [and {the} Flame]

[of a [consuming] Fire]!

⁷[Then [The Multitude] [of all] [The Gentiles]

Will be] [like a Dream], [a Vision] [of Night]—

[Those who wage war] [against] [The Lioness of God],

[Even all] [who wage war against her] [and Her Fortress],

[Even the ones who constrain] [Her].

⁸[Then it will be] [just like] [The One Who Is Hungry]

[dreaming].

[And guess what!] [He is eating]!

[Then he wakes up], [and [his Soul] is empty]!

[Or just like] [The One Who Is Thirsty] [dreaming].

[Guess what!] [He is drinking]!

[Then he wakes up], [and guess what]!

[He is weary], [and his Soul] [is rushing back and forth]!

[So will be] [The Multitude] [of all] [The Gentiles],

[The ones who wage war] [against] [Mount] [Zion]!

⁹[Wait around] [and express bewilderment]!

[Blind yourselves] [and be blind]!

[Get drunk], [but not] [on] [Wine];

[Move to and fro], [but not] [because of] Liquor];

¹⁰[Because] [His Majesty] [has poured out a libation]

[on you]—

[A Spirit] [of Deep Sleep]—

[And He has tightly shut] [your Eyes].

[He has completely covered {the meaning of}]

[The Prophets] [and your Heads], [The Seers].

¹¹[So [The [entire] Vision] has become] [for you]
[like {the} Words of] [The [sealed up] Scroll] [that]
[they give] [to one who knows {how to read}] [a
Scroll], [saying], “[Read] [this], [please]!” [But he will
say], “[I am [not] able] [because] [it] [is sealed up].”

¹²[Then [The Scroll] will be given] [to] [one who] [does
[not] know {how to read}] [a Scroll], [saying], “[Read]
[this], [please]!” [But he will say], “[I do [not] know
{how to read}] [a Scroll].” ¹³[But [My Master] has
said]:

“[For the simple reason] [that] [This] [People]

[has come close] [with his Mouth],

[And they have glorified Me] [with his Lips],

[But his Heart] [has kept far away] [from Me],

[And [their fearing] [Me] has become]

[A Commandment of] [Men] [that has been learned],

¹⁴[Therefore], [Guess what! I am] [going to continue]

[To cause [This] [People] [total] incomprehension],

[and Something Incomprehensible].
 [So [The Wisdom of] [his Wise Men] will go to Hell].
 [And {the} Understanding of] [his understanding ones] [will hide itself].”
¹⁵[Woe to] [the ones who make {understanding} deep],
 [To hide] [a Plan] [from His Majesty],
 [So [The Things they Have Done] will be] [in a Dark Place];
 [So they can say], “[Who] [sees us]?”
 [or “Who] [knows us]?”
¹⁶[You are turning {it} around]!
 [If] [the One Who is forming] [is considered to be] [like The Clay],
 [Then] [What He Makes] [could say] [to the One Who made him],
 “He did [not] make me!”
 [And a Thing Formed] [could say] [to {the} One Who formed him],
 “He can [not] provide understanding!”
¹⁷[Is it not] [still] [a little [insignificant] while]?
 [Then Lebanon] [will be turned back] [into an Orchard],
 [And The Orchard] [will be considered to be] [a Forest].
¹⁸[In [That] Day], [The Ones Who Are Deaf] [Will hear] [{the} Words of] [a Scroll];
 [And out of Nether Gloom] [and Darkness],
 [{The} Eyes of] [Those Who Are Blind] [will see].
¹⁹[And [Those Who Are Humble] [in His Majesty] will add more] [Joy],
 [And Those Who Are [Adam’s] Needy] [will be happy] [in Israel’s] [Holy One]!
²⁰[Because] [Anyone Who is Ruthless] [will come to an end],
 [And [anyone who scoffs] will be finished].
 [All] [who keep watch over] [Contention] [will be cut off]!
²¹[Those who—[by a Word]— cause [{the} Descendants of Adam] to sin] [And [lay a snare] for the one who provides direction] [at {the} Gate],
 [And confuses] [One [in a Wasteland] Who is Not Guilty]!
²²[Therefore], [this is what] [His Majesty] [has said] [To] [{the} House] [of Jacob], [Who] [will ransom] [Abraham]:
 “Now! [Jacob] [will [not] be ashamed]!
 [Now!] [His Faces] [will [not] turn pale]!
²³[Because], [when He sees] [His Children]— [What [My Hands] Have Made]—[within Him],
 [They will make [My Name] holy]!

[And they will make [Jacob’s] [Holy One] holy]!
 [But they will make [Israel’s] [God] terrifying]!
²⁴[Then [those who are wandering around] [{in} Spirit] will know] [Understanding]!
 [And those who gossip] [will learn] [Instruction]!”
 (Isaiah 29:1–24) —my interim translation

Isaiah’s point is, most folks are going to have a late wake-up call when the seventh “day” “dawns” on them. So 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 the “day.” That’s why I showed you what he says about “darkness” and “nether gloom.”

Now, let’s get back to what the Prophets have to say about the Lord’s “day.” The prophecy of the Prophet Zephaniah, who came along nearly a century after Isaiah, has a laser-focus on it.

Zephaniah 1 (ca. 625 B.C.)

¹{The} Word] [of His Majesty] [that] [came] [to] [Zephaniah], [Son] [of Cush], [Son] [of Gedaliah], [Son] [of Amariah], [Son] [of Hezekiah], [in {the} Days of] [Josiah], [Son] [of Amon], [King] [of Judah]:

²[I will [most definitely] bring [everything] [Above] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground] to an end],” [Declares] [His Majesty].

³[I will bring [{the} Descendants of Adam] [and {the} Beast] to an end];
 [I will bring [{the} Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] to an end]

[As well as The Fish of] [The Sea],
 [Even The Stumbling-Blocks] [along with] [Those Who Are Guilty];

[And I will cut off] [The Descendants of Adam] [Above] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground],” [Declares] [His Majesty].

⁴[But I will stretch out] [My Hand] [over] [Judah] [And over] [all] [{the} Inhabitants of] [Jerusalem].
 [Then I will cut off] [from] [this] [Place] [The Remnant] [of its Owner]—

[The Name] [of The Idolatrous Priests] [along with] [The Priests].

⁵[Both] [those who are prostrating themselves] [on] [The Roofs]

[To {the} Army] [of The Sea of Waters],
 [And] [those who are prostrating themselves],
 [swearing an oath] [to His Majesty]
 [But swearing an oath] [by their King],
⁶[Both] [those who have pulled back]
 [from following] [His Majesty],
 [And {those} who] [have [not] sought] [His Majesty]
 [Or have [not] diligently sought Him].”

⁷[Keep quiet] [in the presence of] [My Master],
 [His Majesty]!
 [Because] [The Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [near],
 [Because] [His Majesty] [will prepare]
 [a Communal Sacrifice],
 [He will make [those He called {to the feast}] holy].

⁸“[And it will be] [on {the} Day] [of His Majesty’s]
 [Communal Sacrifice]
 [That I will levy] [against] [The Princes]—[against]
 [{the} Sons of] [The King]—
 [And against] [all] [who clothe themselves with]
 [a [foreign] Garment].

⁹[Then I will levy] [against] [all] [who leap] [over]
 [The Threshold] [on [that] Day]—
 [Those who fill [{the} House] [of their Master] with]
 [Maliciousness] [and Deceit].

¹⁰[And [on [that] Day],” [declares] [His Majesty],
 “There will be] [{the} Sound] [of an Outcry]
 [from [The Fish] Gate],
 [A Wailing] [from] [the second {gate}],
 [And [great] Brokenness] [from The Hills].

¹¹[{The} Inhabitants of] [The Grinder] [will wail],
 [Because] [all] [{the} People] [of Canaan]
 [will be put to sleep];
 [All] [{who are} laden with] [Silver] [will be cut off].

¹²[And it will be [at [that] Time] that]
 [I will search] [Jerusalem] [with Lamps],
 [And I will levy] [against] [The Men]
 [Who become solid] [on] [{the} Dregs],
 [Who say] [in their Heart],
 ‘[His Majesty] [will [not] do good things],
 [And He will [not] do bad things!’
¹³[But [their Entourage] will become] [Loot];
 [And their Houses], [a Desolate Area];
 [So they may build] [Houses],
 [But they will [not] dwell in {them}],
 [And they will plant] [Vineyards],
 [But they will [not] drink] [their Wine].”

¹⁴[{The} [great] Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [near],
 [Near], [and moving [very] quickly];
 [The Sound] [of {the} Day] [of His Majesty]
 {is} [bitter]!

[A Gibbor] [will sound a war-cry] [there].
¹⁵[That] [Day] {is} [A Day] [of Unbounded Rage],
 [A Day] [of Distress] [and a Reason for Anxiety],
 [A Day] [of a Devastating Storm]
 [and Total Devastation],

[A Day] [of Darkness] [and Nether Gloom],
 [A Day] [of Cloud] [and Dense Fog],

¹⁶[A Day] [of Trumpet] [and Teruah]
 [Against] [The [enclosed] Cities]
 [And against] [The [high] Corners].

¹⁷[Then I will be hostile]
 [to {the} Descendants of Adam];
 [And they will walk] [like those who are blind],
 [Because] [they sinned] [against His Majesty];
 [So their Blood] [will be poured out] [like Dust]
 [And their Bowels] [like Dung].

¹⁸[Neither] [their Silver] [nor] [their Gold]
 [Will be able] [to snatch them away]
 [On {the} Day] [{of the} Unbounded Rage]
 [of His Majesty],
 [When [The [entire] Earth] [will be consumed]
 by {the} Fire] [of His Jealousy];

[Because] [He will make] [a Complete End]—
 [One that is [definitely] frightening]—
 [Of all] [the Inhabitants of] [The Earth].
 (Zephaniah 1:1–18) —my interim translation

Zephaniah 2 (ca. 625 B.C.)

¹[Gather yourselves together] [and be gathered together],
 [The Nation] [will [not] be yearning for {anything}].

²[Before] [{the} Statute] [engenders],
 [{The} Day] [will pass away] [like Chaff].
 [When] [The [burning] Anger] [of His Majesty]

[has [not yet] come] [upon you],
 [When] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty’s] [Anger]
 [has [not yet] come] [upon you].

³[All] [you Humble of] [The Earth]
 [Who] [have put together]

[His Decision Based on the Truth],
 [Seek] [His Majesty],
 [Seek] [a Declaration of Not Guilty],
 [Seek] [Humility]!
 [Perhaps] [you will be hidden]

[On {the} Day] [of His Majesty’s] [Anger].

⁴[Because] [Gaza] [will be] [abandoned],

[And Ashkelon], [a Desolate Area];

[Ashdod] [will be driven away] [at Noon],

[And Ekron] [will be uprooted].

⁵[Woe to] [The Inhabitants of] [the} Region]

[by} The Sea]—

[The Nation] [of the} Cherethites]!

[The} Word] [of His Majesty] {is} [against you],

[Canaan], [the} Land] [of the} Philistines];

[And I will send You to Hell]

[so that there is not any] [Inhabitant].

⁶[Then {the} Region] [by} The Sea]

[will be] [Habitats]—

[Dugouts]—[for} Shepherds], [with Walls]

[for} a Flock].

⁷[So there will be] [a Region]

[For {the} Remnant] [of the} House] [of Judah].

[They will be shepherded] [over to them];

[They will lie down] [in {the} Houses of] [Ashkelon]

[in {the} Evening],

[Because] [His Majesty], [their God], [will levy them]

[And bring them back from] [Captivity].

⁸[I have heard] [the} Disgrace of] [Moab]

[And {the} Taunts of] [the} Sons of] [Ammon],

[Who] [challenged] [My People]

[And vaunted themselves] [against] [their Boundary].

⁹[Therefore], [I] [swear on My life],”

[Declares] [His [Supreme] Majesty], [God of] [Israel],

“[That] [Moab] [will be] [like Sodom],

[And {the} Sons of] [Ammon] [like Gomorrah]—

[A Holding] [of a Perennial Thistle] [and a [Salt]-Pit],

[Even a Desolate Area] [as long as] [a Burning Eternity].

[The Remnant] [of My People] [will despoil them],

[And What is Left] [of My Nation] [will inherit them].”

¹⁰[They {will have}] [this] [instead of] [their Loftiness],

[Because] [they challenged] [and vaunted themselves]

[Against] [the} People] [of His [Supreme] Majesty].

¹¹[His Majesty] [will be fearsome] [to them],

[Because] [He will starve] [all] [the} Gods of]

[The Earth];

[Then [all] [the} Coastal Lands of] [The Nations]

Will prostrate themselves] [to Him],

[Each One] [from his own Place].

¹²[Even] [you], [Cushites], [are going to be pierced by]

[My Sword].”

¹³[Then He will stretch out] [His Hand] [over] [Zaphon],

[But send [Assyria] to Hell];

[And He will turn [Nineveh] into] [a Desolate Area]—

[Parched] [like {the} Wilderness].

¹⁴[Then [Herds] will lie down] [in her Midst]—

[Every] [Living Being] [He has]—[His Nation];

[Both] [Pelican] [and] [Porcupine]

[Will spend the night] [in her Seedcases];

[A Voice] [will be singing] [in {the} Window],

[A Dry Heat] {will be} [on {the} Threshold],

[Because] [He will make {the} Cedar Wood] bare].

¹⁵[This] {is} [The [jubilant] City],

[The one who is dwelling] [securely],

[The one who is saying] [in her Heart],

“[I {am}], [and there is not] [anyone else].”

[How] [did she become] [devastated]?

[A Place for [an Animal] to Lie Down]?

[Everyone] [who passes] [by her] [will whistle];

[He will move [his Hand] to and fro].

(Zephaniah 2:1–15) —my interim translation

Zephaniah 3 (ca. 625 B.C.)

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} [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 do an about face].
 [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

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. A key takeaway from what he says is the identification of the city, which can be determined by this verse:

[This] {is} [The [jubilant] City],
 [The one who is dwelling] [securely],
 [The one that is saying] [in her Heart],
 “[I {am}], [and there is not] [anyone else].”
 (Zephaniah 2:15a) —my interim translation

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. Then 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. In case you need a reminder, take a look at what Isaiah says about “The Woman” who “reigns” over all the midget-minded morons who currently rule the nations:

Isaiah 47 (716–715 B.C.)

¹“[Go down] [and sit down] [on] [the] Dirt,
[Virgin] [Daughter] [of Babylon];
[Sit down] [on the] Earth [without any] [Throne],
[Daughter] [of Chaldeans],
[Because] [You will [not] continue to]
[have them call] [You]
[Delicate] [and delightful].
²[Take] [a Pair of Millstones] [and grind] [Flour].
[Uncover] [Your Veil], [strip off] [Your] Skirt,
[Uncover] [Your] Thigh, [pass through] [the] Rivers.
³[Your Nakedness] [will be uncovered];
[Your Disgrace] [will [also] be seen];
[I will take] [Vengeance], [but I will [not] confront]
[Adam].”
⁴[His [Supreme] Majesty] [is going to redeem us];
[His Name] {is} [Israel’s] [Holy One].
⁵“[Sit down] [in silence] [and go in] [to Darkness],
[Daughter] [of Chaldeans],
[Because] [You will [not] continue to]
[have them call] [You]
‘[Mistress of] [Kingdoms].’
⁶[I was filled with wrath] [against] [My People];
[I polluted] [My Inheritance],
[And I gave them] [into Your Hand].
[You did [not] afford] [them] [Compassion];
[You made [Your Yoke] [very] heavy]
[on] [an Old Person].
⁷[And You said], ‘[I will be] [Mistress]
[for a Burning Eternity].’
[As long as] [You did [not] take] [These Things]
[to] [Your Heart],
[You did [not] remember] [its Outcome].
⁸[So now], [listen to] [this], [dainty {one}]—
[The one who is dwelling] [securely],
[The one who is saying] [in her Heart]:

‘[I {am}], [and there is not] [anyone else].
[I will [not] sit] {as} [a Widow],
[And I will [not] know] [Bereavement].’

⁹[Yet [These [two] Things] will come] [to You]
[in a Moment]:
[In [one] Day], [Bereavement] [and Widowhood]
[Will come] [on You] [to their fullest {extent}]—
[Via {the} Large Amount] [of Your Sorceries],
[Via {the} Potency] [of Your [many] Spells].
¹⁰[You trusted] [in Your Badness];
[You said], ‘[There is nobody] [who sees me].’
[Your Wisdom] [and Your Knowledge]?
[It] [has turned You back],
[So that You say] [in Your Heart],
‘[I {am}], [and there is not] [anyone else].’
¹¹[So [a Bad Thing] will come] [upon You];
[You will [not] know] [its Dawning];
[A Disaster] [will fall] [on You];
[You will [not] be able] [to cover it up];
[A Devastating Storm] [You do [not] know]
[Will [suddenly] come] [upon You].
¹²[Please] [stand] [via Your Spells]
[And via {the} Large Amount] [of Your Sorceries]
[For which] [You have gotten tired] [since Your Youth];
[Perhaps] [You will be able] [to benefit],
[Perhaps] [You will terrify].
¹³[You have a hard time] [with {the} Large Number]
[of Your Plans].
[Please] [let these stand up] [and save You]
[From what] [is coming] [upon You]:
[Those who segment] [The Sea of Waters],
[Those who gaze] [at {the} Stars],
[Those who make known] [by {the} New Moons].
¹⁴[Guess what!] [They are] [like Stubble];
[A Fire] [will burn them up];
[They will [not] snatch [their Soul] out]
[Of {the} Hand] [of The Flame];
[There will not be] [a Burning Coal] [to warm them],
[A Light] [to sit] [right in front of]!
¹⁵[Those who have traded with You]
[since Your Youth],
[Those whom] [You have gotten tired of], [have become]
[like this] [to You];
[Each One] [has wandered off] [to his own Area Beyond].
[There is not any] [one who is going to gain salvation]
[for You].”
(Isaiah 47:1–15) —my interim translation

If the information I have given you thus far is now neatly packed away in your "carry-on," you should be able to "see" Revelation 17–18 is concerned with events here on Earth that will occur during the run-up to, and aftermath of, the sixth "day" of Creation coming to an end. Don't be a dingbat! Look at the text! John the Revelator is obviously pointing his reader back to Isaiah 47:7–8 in Revelation 18:7 so you can "see" what he is *talking about*—if you want to.

All you need to know now to round out the set is why Isaiah calls Planet Earth "Babylon." And if you know what happened at the Tower of Babel, where God set a limit that imbecilic *Utopians* and their stupid "Artificial Intelligence" 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 and plans to catch the unsuspecting totally off-guard.

But I digress; 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 it out fairly clearly (provided you have enough intelligence to accept it).

Malachi 4 (ca. 460 B.C.)

¹"[Because] [guess what!] [The Day] [is coming], [burning] [like an Oven]; [and all] [who are arrogant] [and all] [who are doing] [Something That Incurs Guilt] [will be] [Stubble]. [And [The Day] [that is coming] will set [them] afire]," [says] [His [Supreme] Majesty], "[so that] [it does [not] leave] [Root] [nor Limb] [for them]. ²[But [for you] [who fear] [My Name], [the} Sun] [of a Declaration of Not Guilty] will rise] [with Healing] [in Her Wings]; [and you will go out] [and jump around] [like Calves] [from} a Stall]. ³[And you will tread on [Those Who Are Guilty] like grapes] [because] [they will be] [Ashes] [under] [the} Soles of] [your Feet] [on {the} Day] [that] [I] [am making]," [says] [His [Supreme] Majesty].

⁴"[You must remember] [The Teaching of] [My Slave] [Moses]—[the} Statutes] [and Decisions Based on the Truth] [for] [all] [Israel] [that] [I commanded] [him] [in Horeb].

⁵[Guess what!] [I] [am going to send] [The Prophet] [Elijah] [to you] [before] [The [great] [and fearsome] Day] [of His Majesty] [comes]. ⁶[And he will restore] [the} Heart] [of Fathers] [to] [Sons] [and

{the} Heart] [of Sons] [to] [their Fathers], [so that I do [not] come] [and viciously attack] [The Earth] [as} Someone Under the Ban]."

(Malachi 4:1–6) —my interim translation

What Did the Apostles Believe?

To this point, I have shown 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 seventh "day" of Creation. Without exception, they all knew that "day" of a blazing inferno was yet to come. So now I am going to show you the Apostles believed that very same thing. You need to be aware of that, if you have any interest at all in knowing the Truth, so I need to explain it for you. Otherwise, you may make a very big misstep and have me to blame.

I have already shown you 2 Peter 3, where the Apostle Peter clearly reveals he knew all about the conflagration that will come on "the Lord's Day." He also confirms the Apostles were still waiting for the seventh "day" to begin when he spoke on the Day of Pentecost and quoted what Joel wrote about that "day":

¹Then, when the day of Pentecost was nearly over, they were all together at the same place. ²And a report suddenly came out of Heaven—indeed, just like a gale-force breath was being taken—and it completely filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Then tongues that were being divided up as though they were a fire were seen by them, and it sat down on every one of them. ⁴Then they were all filled full of a Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit was giving them {the ability} to speak loud and clear.

⁵Now there were Jews dwelling in Jerusalem, reverent men from every nation of those that are under Heaven. ⁶So, when this sound came, the multitude came together and were confounded because everyone was hearing them speaking in his own language. ⁷So they were beside themselves and amazed, saying: "Guess what! Are not all of these individuals who are speaking Galileans? ⁸So how can every one of us hear {them speaking} in our own language—in the one to which we were engendered? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those who dwell in Mesopotamia, as well as Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰as well as Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya that are alongside Cyrene, and the visiting

Romans—¹¹both Jews and proselytes—Cretans and Arabs? We are hearing them talking about the magnificent acts of the {living} God in our own tongues.”

¹²So they were all beside themselves and at a loss, saying to one another, “Why does {God} want this to be?”

¹³But others who were scoffing were saying that “they are filled with sweet wine.”

¹⁴But then Peter, after standing up along with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke to them loud and clear: “Jewish men—even all who dwell in Jerusalem—let this be known to you, and heed the statements I make.

¹⁵For these individuals are not intoxicated, as you take it; for it is the third hour of the day; ¹⁶but this is what has been stated via the Prophet Joel:

¹⁷AND IT WILL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,
says the {living} God,

I WILL POUR OUT SOME OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH,
AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS
WILL PROPHECY,

AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISUAL APPEARANCES,
AND YOUR ELDERS WILL DREAM DREAMS.

¹⁸AND INDEED, IN THOSE DAYS

I WILL POUR OUT SOME OF MY SPIRIT
ON MY MALE SLAVES AND ON MY FEMALE SLAVES,
And they will prophesy.

¹⁹AND I WILL PUT WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE
AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH DOWN BELOW:
BLOOD AND FIRE AND A HAZE OF SMOKE.

²⁰THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO NETHER DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
BEFORE HIS MAJESTY’S DAY—

THE MOST IMPORTANT AND APPEARING ONE—COMES.

²¹THEN IT WILL BE THAT ANYONE WHO IT MIGHT BE WHO
MAKES AN APPEAL TO THE NAME OF HIS MAJESTY
WILL BE SAVED.”

(Acts 2:1–21) —HSSB

That takes care of Peter, but what about Paul? Well, if you care anything at all about the Truth, what Paul says in that regard will seal the deal.

1 Thessalonians 5

Like Peter, the Apostle Paul reveals the seventh “day” of Creation was at the very forefront of his mind. Take a look at what he tells the members of the local church at Thessalonica about “the Lord’s Day”:

¹(1) But about the spans of time and the times, brothers, you do not have any need that {anything} be written to you. ²For you yourselves accurately know that His Majesty’s day is going to come like this: like a thief in {the} night.

³(a) When they are saying, “PEACE AND CERTAINTY!”

(b) then devastation is going to confront them unexpectedly, indeed, just as the birth pangs in the one who has a baby in her tummy;

(c) and they will definitely not escape.

⁴(2) But you, brothers, are not in nether darkness, so that the day grasps you like a thief.

⁵(a) For you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of nether darkness. ⁶So then, therefore, we must not sleep like the rest of {mankind}; but we must stay awake and be sober.

⁷(b) For those who sleep, sleep at night; and those who become intoxicated are intoxicated at night.

⁸(3) But we who are of day must be sober, after slipping on a breastplate of **belief in God’s promise and love** and a helmet—a hope of salvation—

⁹(a) because the {living} God has not put us down for anger, but for an acquisition of salvation via our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, ¹⁰the One Who died for our sake, so that whether we stay awake or are sleeping, we may live together with Him at the same time.

¹¹(b) Wherefore, encourage one another and build yourselves up into the One, just as you are also doing.

(1 Thessalonians 5:1–11) —HSSB

Paul makes it clear in that passage that those who believed *The Apostolic Teaching* would know when the seventh “day” was about to begin. 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. But in his other letter to that same local church, Paul reveals something even more astounding as to why the agents of Satan have worked so hard to distort the Truth regarding the nuclear holocaust that is going to occur at the very beginning of the seventh “day” of Creation:

2 Thessalonians 2

¹(1) So, brothers, we are asking you {to do the following}

(a) for the sake of

- (i) the coming of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, and
- (ii) our assembling to Him,

²(b) so that you:

- (i) would not be quickly shaken out of your mind, or
- (ii) be alarmed—

- (a) neither by a spirit
- (b) nor by a word
- (c) nor by a letter

- (i) as if it were {written} by us—
- (ii) as though it is currently the day of His Majesty.

³(2) Do not let anyone dupe you in any way at all, that it may not be that:

- (a) **the apostasy must come first** and
- (b) the man of the lawless one—the son of eternal damnation—must be revealed,

⁴(i) the one who is opposed to, and exalts himself over, everything that is called "god" or an object of worship, with the result that he sits down in the sanctuary of the {living} God, presenting himself as convincing evidence that he is God. ⁵(Do you not remember that I was telling you these things while {I} was still with you? ⁶So you are aware of what is holding {them} fast now so that he can be revealed in his own time. ⁷For the mystery of the lawless one is already working in {them}—the one who is only holding {them} fast at this time until he comes out of {their} midst.) ⁸So then the one who is lawless will be revealed.

(ii) The one whom His Majesty, Jesus,

- (a) will put away by the spirit of His mouth and
- (b) abrogate by the appearance of His coming;

⁹(iii) the one whose arrival is in accordance with Satan's energy: with all

- (a) supernatural power and
- (b) signs and
- (c) wonders—lies—¹⁰and with all
- (d) {the} deceitfulness of injustice

(i) for those who are going to be done away with

(ii) because **they did not accept the love of the truth so that they could be saved.**

¹¹(1) So for this reason the {living} God will send them a deceptive energy

- (a) so that they believe the lie,
- ¹²(b) so that all who did not believe the truth but were delighted with his injustice can be judged.

¹³(2) But we have an obligation to always give thanks to the {living} God for you, brothers—those who have been loved by His Majesty—because

(a) the {living} God preferred you {as} first fruits for salvation through:

- (i) the process of {your} Spirit being made holy and
- (ii) {your} **belief in God's promise** concerning {the} truth. ¹⁴For which {salvation}

(b) He also invited you:

- (i) via the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** we have,
- (ii) for an acquisition of {the} glory of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One.

¹⁵(1) So then therefore, brothers,

- (a) you must stand;
- (b) and **you must hold on to the oral traditions that you were taught, whether**

- (i) via speech or
- (ii) via our letter;

¹⁶(c) *but our Master Himself, Jesus, the Anointed One—and the {living} God, our Father—{is} the One Who*

- (i) *loved us and*
- (ii) *gave {us}*

- (a) *an eternal encouragement and*
- (b) *a good hope through a favor,*

- ¹⁷(i) *to encourage your hearts and*
- (ii) *to make {you} resolute in every good work and word.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:1–17) —HSSB

As you read what Paul wrote in that passage, did you happen to notice what he says about “the Lord’s Day”? He is warning True Believers against believing one specific lie—what he calls “the lie.” Take another look:

¹(1) *So, brothers, we are asking you {to do the following}*

(a) *for the sake of*

- (i) *the coming of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, and*
- (ii) *our assembling to Him,*

²(b) *so that you:*

- (i) *would not be quickly shaken out of your mind,*
or
- (ii) *be alarmed—*

- (a) *neither by a spirit*
- (b) *nor by a word*
- (c) *nor by a letter*

- (i) *as if it were {written} by us—*
- (ii) *as though it is currently the day of His Majesty.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:1–2) —HSSB

Paul is saying the lying Snake Satan was already using numbskulls to float the nonsense notion that God has finished this Creation and the seventh “day” of Creation has already come! Therefore, Genesis 1:26–27

must refer to our forefather Adam instead of Christ. So that dimwit was able to kill two basic beliefs with one bald-faced lie! Paul refers to that lie again in verse 11:

¹¹(1) *So for this reason the {living} God will send them a deceptive energy*

(a) *so that they believe the lie,*

¹²(b) *so that all who did not believe the truth but were delighted with his injustice can be judged.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:11–12) —HSSB

In verse 11, Paul is referring to “the lie” that he mentions in verse 2—“the lie” I have put to rest in the minds of True Believers by what I have written here. Therefore, his warning does not bode well for anyone who wants to *stubbornly* cling to the mistaken notion that the Church has not already gone through “the apostasy” he mentions in verse 3:

(2) *Do not let anyone dupe you in any way at all, that it may not be that:*

(a) *the apostasy must come first and*

(b) *the man of the lawless one—the son of eternal damnation—must be revealed.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:3) —HSSB

Although it will not be obvious to those who cannot read the original Greek text, 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 with the possessive pronoun. Here is the first:

¹(2) *It has been heard {that there is} inordinate sexual promiscuity among you, even sexual promiscuity like this—which {is} not even among the Gentiles—with the result that someone has his father’s woman.*

²(a) *Yet you are condescending, and*

(b) *you have not mourned instead, so that the one who was involved in this work would be taken out*

of your midst. ³(For I—while absent in body, but there in spirit—have, in fact, as one who is there, already decided—{regarding} the one who brought this {sexual promiscuity} about in this way—⁴in the name of our Master, Jesus, when you and my spirit have been gathered, together with the supernatural power of our Master, Jesus, ⁵to hand such a person over to Satan for {the} devastation of his flesh, so that his spirit might be saved on the day of His Majesty.)

(1 Corinthians 5:1–5) —HSSB

In a couple of other places, Paul uses the phrase "day of the Lord" to refer to the seventh "day" of Creation; but he links it 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:

⁴(1) I always give thanks to my God for you,

(a) for the favor of the {living} God that was given to you in the Anointed One, Jesus,

⁵(b) because in Him you were made wealthy in every way—

(i) by every word and

(ii) by {your} knowledge of the whole truth,

⁶(a) just as the testimony of the Anointed One has been confirmed by you,

⁷(b) with the result that you do not come up short—not in any gift—while eagerly looking forward to the revelation of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, ⁸the One Who will also confirm that you are above reproach **until the consummation on the day of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One.**

(1 Corinthians 1:4–8) —HSSB

The second time Paul refers to "the Lord's Day" as a "consummation" occurs in 2 Corinthians:

⁸(i) For we do not want you to not understand, brothers, about our turmoil—the {turmoil} that occurred in Asia—that we were weighed down by a more than incredible supernatural power, with the result that we even despaired of living. ⁹But we only had the verdict of death in ourselves so

that we would not have confidence in ourselves, but in the {living} God:

(a) the One Who is going to raise the dead;

¹⁰(b) the One Who has delivered us, and will deliver {us}, from so tremendous a death;

(c) the One in Whom we have placed {our} hope that He will also still deliver {us}, ¹¹with you also joining in ministering with {us} through your petition for us, so that for our sake He would be given thanks by many—via many—faces for His gift to us.

¹²(ii) For this—the testimony of our conscience—is our boast, because we have conducted ourselves in the world with the {living} God's generosity and sincerity, and not with a fleshly wisdom, but with God's favor—yet especially for you.

¹³(iii) For we are not going to write {anything} else to you except what you are reading and, more than {that}, recognizing {that it is true}. So I hope that

(a) you will recognize {that it is true} **until the consummation,**

¹⁴(b) just as you have also, in part, recognized us; because

(i) we are what you boast about,

(ii) even as you also {will be} ours **on the day of our Master, Jesus.**

(2 Corinthians 1:8–14) —HSSB

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 that the seven "days" of Creation are, in fact, "Ages":

¹(2) For I do not want you to not understand, brothers, that

(a) all our fathers were under the cloud, and

(b) all passed through the sea; ²and

(c) all were baptized into Moses

(i) in the cloud and

(ii) in the sea. ³And

(d) all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴and
 (e) all drank the same spiritual beverage, for they were
 drinking from a spiritual Rock that followed {them}.
 Yet the Rock was the Anointed One. ⁵But the {living}
 God was not delighted with the majority of them, for
 (f) they were strewn about in the desert.

⁶(3) So these things {are} our patterns. They occurred so
 that we would not be those who desire awful things just
 as those individuals also desired {awful things}.

⁷(a) You must not be idolaters {either}, just as some of
 them {were}; indeed, just as it has been written, “THE
 PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND GOT UP TO
 PLAY.”

⁸(b) We should not be sexually promiscuous {either},
 just as some of them were sexually promiscuous; and
 twenty-three thousand fell on one day.

⁹(c) We should not put the Anointed One to the test
 {either}, just as some of them tested {Him} and were
 done away with by the snakes.

¹⁰(d) You must not grumble, even as some of them
 grumbled and were done away with by the destroyer.

¹¹(4) But these things happened to those individuals as a
 pattern {for us}, and then **it was written down for our
 admonition, those on whom the consummation of the
 past ages has come down.**

(1 Corinthians 10:1–11) —HSSB

Now that you know Paul refers to the seventh
 “day” of Creation as the “consummation” of the things
 God has done on the first six “days,” let me show you
 something that should increase your understanding of
 what he had in mind when he used that expression:

²⁰(4) But now the Anointed One has arisen from those who
 are dead—a first fruit of those who have fallen fast asleep.

²¹(a) For since death {was} via a man, resurrection of
 those who are dead {is} also via a Man.

²²(b) For, indeed, just as all die in Adam, so also all
 will be given life in the Anointed One. ²³But **each
 one in his own place in line:**

- (i) **the Anointed One, a first fruit;**
- (ii) **then those who belong to the Anointed One
 at His coming;**

²⁴(iii) **then the consummation,**

(a) **when He hands over the kingdom to the
 {living} God and Father—**

(b) **when He has abrogated every ruler and
 every authority and supernatural power.**

(1 Corinthians 15:20–24) —HSSB

Conclusion

Now that I have shown you the Prophets and
 Apostles knew the seventh “day” of Creation will begin
 with a blazing inferno as soon as the sixth “day” comes
 to a “consummation,” I am going to conclude with a
 gentle reminder of what Paul said when he warned his
 readers to be careful to make sure they do not believe
 “the lie” that the seventh “day” has already begun:

¹(3) Consequently,

(a) holy brothers,

(b) partners in an invitation to what is in Heaven,
 you must take a close look at

(i) the Apostle and

(ii) High Priest of our confession, Jesus, ²Who was
 trustworthy to the One Who made Him, even as
 Moses {was trustworthy} in the entirety of his house.

³(a) For This Individual has been deemed
 worthy of more glory than Moses—in as much
 as the One Who constructed it has much more
 honor than the house.

⁴(b) For every house is constructed by someone,
 but God {is} the One Who constructed every-
 thing!

⁵(i) And on the one hand, Moses {was}
 trustworthy as an attendant in the entirety
 of his house as a testimony of the things
 that were going to be spoken;

⁶(ii) but on the other hand, the Anointed
 One {is trustworthy} as a Son over His
 house, **Whose house we are**—only if we
 firmly hold fast our self-assurance and the
 boast of our hope.

⁷(4) Wherefore, just as the Spirit that is holy says:

"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
 8DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS
 AS {they did} DURING THE PROVOCATION
 IN THE DAY OF THE TEST IN THE DESERT,
 9WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED {Me} FOR APPROVAL
 AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.
 10WHEREFORE, I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION;
 AND I SAID, 'THEY ARE BEING LED ASTRAY
 CONTINUALLY IN THEIR HEART,
 SO THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.'
 11AS I SWORE AN OATH IN MY ANGER:
 'THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST!'"

¹²(1) Watch out, brothers, lest perhaps there might be a nasty heart in any of you because of a lack of **belief in God's promise** so that {you} withdraw from {the} living God.

¹³(2) But encourage one another each and every day within the span of time that is called "today," so that none of you are hardened by {the} deceitfulness of your sin.

¹⁴(a) For we have become partners of the Anointed One only if we hold fast to the beginning of our certitude confirmed up to the time of the consummation, ¹⁵while {it} is said:

"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS
 AS {they did} DURING THE PROVOCATION."

¹⁶(b) For after some heard {what He said}, they provoked {Him}, but not all who came out of Egypt with Moses {did so}.

¹⁷(i) So then, with whom was He angry for forty years? {Was it} not

- (a) those who sinned—
- (b) those whose limbs fell {off Israel} in the desert?

¹⁸(ii) So then, to whom did He swear an oath that {they} would not come into His rest except those who were not persuaded by **God's promise**?

¹⁹(iii) So we see that they could not come in because of a lack of **belief in God's promise**.

¹(c) Therefore, we should be afraid lest perhaps, while a promise is left behind that {we} may

come into His rest, any of you might seem to come up short of {it}.

²(i) For we also are those who have had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to us}, even as those individuals also {did}. But the word of the news did not benefit those individuals who, when they heard {it}, were not mixed together with {it} by their **belief in God's promise**.

³(ii) For those who have **believed God's promise** are going to come into His rest, just as He has said:

"AS I SWORE AN OATH IN MY ANGER:
 'THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST.'"

And yet His works have been done since the establishment of the world!

⁴(iii) For He has stated somewhere about the seventh {day} like this, "AND THE {living} GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORKS ON THE DAY—{that is}, THE SEVENTH." ⁵And again in this instance,

"THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO MY REST!"

⁶(d) Therefore, since it is left for some to come into it, and those who had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to them} previously did not come in because of apathy, ⁷He stipulates a specific day—**today**—saying again by David so long a span of time later just as had been stated before:

"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

⁸(i) For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have talked about another day after these things. ⁹So then a **Sabbath day rest is left for the people of the {living} God**.

¹⁰(ii) For He—the One Who has come into His rest—has also rested from His works, indeed, just as the {living} God from His Own {works}.

¹¹(e) Therefore, we must make every effort to come into that rest, so that no one would fall by the same perfect example of their apathy.
 (Hebrews 3:1–4:11) —HSSB ■

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Consider This

As you read the article in this issue, consider what the Prophets are warning us is certain to come—and very shortly. It may be wise to keep this admonition in the forefront of your mind from here to the inevitable End:

God is currently getting ready to put the Body of Jesus Christ through the most intensive refining process the world has ever known. If one does not understand that God has always dealt that way with those who stand on His “side,” the persecution of True Believers by the Antichrist will make no sense at all. In fact, Pretenders will see it as nothing more than the Wicked getting their just desserts. To those who know the Truth however, the desperate antics of a ridiculous little man who piously sits in the rebuilt Temple and pretends to be Jesus Christ will make perfect sense. Will they to you? That depends entirely on what you choose to believe between now and then. When the Antichrist appears, those born-again Believers who have prepared themselves by attaining a knowledge of the Truth will step forward to face down the Liar. Everyone else will fall for his delusions. As the Early Church Father Irenaeus describes it:

“For this is the last contest of the righteous, in which, when they overcome, they are crowned with incorruption.”
(Irenæus, “Against Heresies,” Book v, Chap. xxix; see also The AntiChrist, p. 23, and The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist, p. 75)
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In Him,

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it had stamped on itself certain signs and forms at the moment of sinning, will see a kind of history, as it were, of all the foul, and shameful, and unholy deeds which it has done, exposed before its eyes: then is the conscience itself harassed, and, pierced by its own goads, becomes an accuser and a witness against itself. And this, I think, was the opinion of the Apostle Paul himself, when he said, "Their thoughts mutually accusing or excusing them in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel." From which it is understood that around the substance of the soul certain tortures are produced by the hurtful affections of sins themselves.

5. And that the understanding of this matter may not appear very difficult, we may draw some considerations from the evil effects of those passions which are wont to befall some souls, as when a soul is consumed by the fire of love, or wasted away by zeal or envy, or when the passion of anger is kindled, or one is consumed by the greatness of his madness or his sorrow; on which occasions some, finding the excess of these evils unbearable, have deemed it more tolerable to submit to death than to endure perpetually torture of such a kind.

You will ask indeed whether, in the case of those who have been entangled in the evils arising from those vices above enumerated, and who, while existing in this life, have been unable to procure any amelioration for themselves, and have in this condition departed from the world, it be sufficient in the way of punishment that they be tortured by the remaining in them of these hurtful affections, i.e., of the anger, or of the fury, or of the madness, or of the sorrow, whose fatal poison was in this life lessened by no healing medicine; or whether, these affections being changed, they will be subjected to the pains of a general punishment.

Origen, "De Principiis," Book ii, Chap. x, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 4, pp. 294-295.

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