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Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

Take a Little Truth, Mix It With a Lie

God, then, being not a subject for demonstration, cannot be the object of science. But the Son is wisdom, and knowledge, and truth, and all else that has affinity thereto. He is also susceptible of demonstration and of description. And all the powers of the Spirit, becoming collectively one thing, terminate in the same point—that is, in the Son. But He is incapable of being declared, in respect of the idea of each one of His powers.

And the Son is neither simply one thing as one thing, nor many things as parts, but one thing as all things; whence also He is all things. For He is the circle of all powers rolled and united into one unity. Wherefore the Word is called the Alpha and the Omega, of whom alone the end becomes beginning, and ends again at the original beginning without any break. Wherefore also to believe in Him, and by Him, is to become a unit, being indissolubly united in Him; and to disbelieve is to be separated, disjoined, divided.

“Wherefore thus saith the Lord, Every alien son is uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh” (that is, unclean in body and soul): “there shall not enter one of the strangers into the midst of the house of Israel, but the Levites.”

He calls those that would not believe, but would disbelieve, strangers. Only those who live purely being true priests of God. Wherefore, of all the circumcised tribes, those anointed to be high priests, and kings, and prophets, were reckoned more holy. Whence He commands them not to touch dead bodies, or approach the dead; not that the body was polluted, but that sin and disobedience were incarnate, and embodied, and dead, and therefore abominable. It was only, then, when a father and mother, a son and daughter died, that the priest was allowed to enter, because these were related only by flesh and seed, to whom the priest was indebted for the immediate cause of his entrance into life.

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A Note From the Editor

Recently, I have been thinking about something I was told a little more than fifteen years ago. Voice of Elijah, Inc. had just started the Monthly Contributor program and was, for the first time, requesting regular monthly contributions to support the ministry. Up until that time, we had been making do with subscription contributions and with the contributions from the handful of individuals who had been instrumental in the incorporation of Voice of Elijah, Inc. Shortly after we began requesting contributions under the Monthly Contributor program, one long-time subscriber said, "It never dawned on me to contribute to VOE. You've never asked for contributions." And we hadn't. We still don't. So today, rather than ask you for a contribution, I'll leave room for the Spirit to do His work in True Believers who read the remaining paragraphs of this column.

With every issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® we provide a pre-addressed envelope. Has it ever crossed your mind to use that envelope for a one-time contribution to VOE? The bigger question is, Do you believe what you have read within the pages of *The Voice of Elijah*® and *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*? Do you support the ministry of Voice of Elijah, Inc.?

The Monthly Contributors to Voice of Elijah, Inc. receive *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update* (eight issues per year). The back issues of *The Update* contain an incredible amount of information that has never been presented in the newsletter. As I thought about it, two back issues that touch on the subject at hand came to mind for me to share with you: "Time to Start Countin' (The Cost of Building 'The House'), *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, May 1993; and "Where's Your Treasure?" *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, June 1993. For the benefit of the subscribers who have not had the opportunity to read what Larry has written in past issues of *The Update* concerning where you are being fed, tithing, winnowing, sharing the Gospel, etc., I hope the passages I quote here will strike a chord in you. Consider this:

In no other area of your life will you be more consistently tested than in the area of this world's wealth. If you love money or the things money can buy, I know you'll fail God's testing and will come up short at the End. But long before that, like the rich young ruler who came to Jesus seeking to become His disciple so long ago, you too will turn away from the eternal wealth of The Teaching. I'll guarantee it.

(*The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, May 1993, p. 24)

You must accept the fact that God requires you to be diligent in learning The Teaching. He also expects you to share it with others. But if you aren't currently equipped to teach others, how do you intend to fulfill your obligation to put the understanding you now have (the "talent" God has given you)

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to work for your master—the One Who makes a point of “reaping where He did not sow, and gathering where He scattered no {seed}”? (In case you missed it, that’s an allusion to the point of the parable—the spreading of the Gospel to others by those to whom it has been given.)

Perhaps you should follow Jesus’ advice and put your understanding of The Teaching “in the bank” where it can earn a bit of interest. [He’s alluding to your helping this ministry financially.] It’s something you should consider.

(**The Voice of Elijah® Update**, May 1993, p. 27)

If you are a member of Israel—the Body of Jesus Christ—you have certain obligations God expects you to fulfill. You have obligations toward God and obligations toward your brothers and sisters in Christ. You had best not fail to live up to those obligations. It is true that the law as a means of attaining salvation has been “done away” in Christ. However, it is also true that the law sets forth a moral requirement you must meet in order to maintain your salvation. That part of the law is still very much in force.

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

It is not by accident that God has come to the richest nation on the face of the Earth to begin His work in these Last Days. He intends for the wealthy Believers here to make it possible for the poorer Believers around the world to hear the Truth. So I will tell you pointedly that if you fail God in this, it is only because you do not believe. You and I both know we can always find the money for the things we consider most important. ...

Just so there isn’t any mistake, the parabolic imagery of Scripture teaches that God expects your tithe to go to the place where you are “eating” His “food.” You must decide where that is for you personally. Are you “eating” from this “table” or some other? True Believers are going to garner favor with God by starting to pay their tithes to **The Voice of Elijah®**. Notice I said “Pay.” I did not say “Give.”

(**The Voice of Elijah® Update**, June 1993, p. 26)

I want to say a final few words to those of you who have come to consider yourselves True Believers over the past several years/months you’ve been reading along with us. The appropriate response to what you have read in this article is to ask yourself one simple question: “Is all this true?” If you can honestly answer that question in the affirmative, you have an obligation to fulfill. You have, first of all, an obligation to God—to love the Lord with all your being. Just remember: Love is not some emotional feeling of wonderment; it’s concrete action, day in and day out.

Second of all, you have an obligation to your fellow Believers, especially those who have not yet heard the Truth—to love them as you love yourself. If you believe you have heard the Truth, God expects you to leave no stone unturned in your efforts to let them know the Truth. ...

I have not been called to cajole people into giving financially to **The Voice of Elijah®** by telling them how wonderful they are for doing so, and I have not done that here. Instead, I have been called to set forth God’s requirements in terms you can easily understand. That is what I have tried to do on this occasion.

(**The Voice of Elijah® Update**, June 1993, pp. 27–28)

If those excerpts from past issues of *The Voice of Elijah® Update* have prompted you to contribute to this ministry, you may do so by mailing that pre-addressed envelope back to VOE with whatever contribution you feel led to make. If they have piqued your interest to the point of participating in the Monthly Contributor program, you may also indicate your desire to stand with this ministry on the back of the enclosed Order Form and return it with your first month’s contribution. You can also contribute online at www.voiceofelijah.org or by calling the VOE office at 972-635-2021. If you have questions, my email address is marcia@voiceofelijah.org.

In Him,

Marcia Woody

The Eighth “Day” Always Follows the Seventh

In the January 2012 issue of this newsletter, I began giving you my standardized translation of the Book of Revelation along with my comments on the text. I will continue that in this issue, but first I want to review what I have already stated in regard to the meaning and significance of the things John wrote.

Revelation 1

I began by telling you the things that John saw and heard can only be understood in terms of *parabolic imagery*. That is, one must learn to think *parabolically* in terms of the *parabolic imagery* of *The Teaching of Moses* rather than *literally*, as most people tend to do. I said this:

In the first chapter of the Book of Revelation, John is focused on first explaining the purpose of the things that he saw in a vision and then defining a few of the parabolic images he is going to mention later on in the book. So I will briefly explain what you need to know about those two things and then move on.

*(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 3)*

The first *parabolic image* I pointed to is the one in which the “Spirit” of the Living Word of God is “The Light” of “The Glory” of God:

A parabolic image you need to “keep” in mind when you read the Book of Revelation is the one in which Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. That Living Word is a “fire” that exists in the fifth dimension of this Creation as parabolic Light. But that parabolic Light

has also been hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures as a dead written Word that comes to life as a “burning” spoken Word in the one who understands and believes the meaning and significance of the seven sealed messages the Prophets hid in the Hebrew Scriptures.

*(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 3)*

I went on to explain how the *parabolic image* of “The Glory” of the Living Word of God relates to the *parabolic image* in which the heavenly beings who “carry” the Living Word of God are depicted as “stars”:

I assume you are aware that the sun is nothing but a star. Like all the other stars in the universe, it “sheds” its small share of “The literal Light” that fills the universe. That’s why the seven messengers of the Lord are parabolically depicted as “stars.” Those seven messengers have been appointed to “carry” the seven sealed messages that make up “The Glory” of “The parabolic Light” of the Living Word of God. “The Glory” they “carry” is the same image and likeness of the Living Word of God that all True Believers will “carry” after they are resurrected in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

*(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 4–5)*

I then reminded you once again that you must keep in mind the fact that everything John tells us relates *parabolically* to the *parabolic image* of “The Glory” of God in some way:

Don’t misunderstand what I am saying: Those who love the Truth of the Living Word of God are going to live forever in the “fire” of the Truth that provides “The

parabolic Light" of "The Glory" of that Living Word. John tells us seven messengers have been appointed to "carry" that Living Word. In that, they are parabolically LIKE stars. But that is just the beginning of the parabolic imagery related to the seven messages those messengers have been appointed to "carry." John also tells us the seven churches are seven "lampstands" that have been appointed to "shed" "The parabolic Light" of "The Glory" of the Living Word of God on the Earth. ("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 5)

After pointing out the fact that an accurate understanding of the parabolic imagery in which seven local churches are depicted as seven parabolic "lampstands" from which seven parabolic "lamps" give "light" must be based on an understanding of the parabolic pantomime of the priesthood in which a literal lampstand stood in the Tabernacle, I told you this:

To understand the parabolic significance of the lampstand in the Tabernacle, you need to know that each of the seven lamps on the lampstand represents one of the seven "sealed" messages the Prophets hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. So the essential bit of insight you need to take away from the first chapter of the Book of Revelation is this: "The parabolic Light" emitted by the seven parabolic "lamps" on the parabolic "lampstands" of the seven churches was "The parabolic Light" in the seven sealed messages of The Apostolic Teaching. That same information was "carried" by the seven messengers who are parabolically depicted as "stars" that emit "The parabolic Light" of the Living Word of God.

But get this: The seven churches (**ekklesias**) are parabolically depicted as seven "lampstands" because each of them was a separate and distinct repository of the Church's insight into the seven sealed messages in The Apostolic Teaching that the Apostles **handed down** to the Church. The point is, the mission of each local church was to be parabolically LIKE a **menorah**, "shedding" "The parabolic Light" of the Living Word of God on the inhabitants of Planet Earth. Keep that in mind when you read Jesus' warning that He might move a "lampstand" out of its place. He eventually did exactly what He warned them He might do.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 6)

Revelation 2

In Chapter 2, I went on to explain the significance of the warning that Jesus issued to the seven churches. I told you it relates to the fact that the leaders of the local churches were supposed to excommunicate Pretenders in order to protect *The Apostolic Teaching*:

As you read the text of this chapter and the next, you need to "keep" in mind the fact that the Church that exists today is a far cry from the Church the Living Word of God intended it to be. Take the practice of excommunication, for example. The Truth is, the Apostles established local churches (**ekklesias**) that were supposed to govern themselves and maintain the holiness of the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ by "cutting off" anyone who proved to be a source of contamination to The Apostolic Teaching. That is, each local congregation was considered to be "one" Person—just like Corporate Israel in the Old Testament—Who would be contaminated by the sins of the individual members. Therefore, the leaders of the local churches were supposed to use excommunication to preserve the holiness of the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ by "cutting off" Pretenders who said one thing and did another.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 8)

I pointed out the fact that, instead of carrying out their charge and excommunicating those who were obviously Pretenders, Early Church leaders allowed them to remain in their midst, thereby ensuring the loss of *The Apostolic Teaching*. I did that by showing you the significance of the singular and plural forms of the second person personal pronoun:

By what He says in this chapter and the next, Jesus is indicting the seven local churches because they have all, in one way or another, failed to keep out Pretenders who pose a threat to The Apostolic Teaching. But my point is, when He is speaking to the local church as the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ, He uses the singular form of the noun, verb, and personal pronoun. When He is addressing the individuals within the Corporate Body, He uses the plural form. That's why I capitalized every "You" in the text when it is singular, and I didn't capitalize it when the "you" is plural. I do my best to do that throughout my translation of the biblical text just because

you need to know that information before you can understand the meaning and significance of the biblical text.

If you read the text of this chapter and the next with the Corporate nature of the Body of Jesus Christ in mind, you will find that even when Jesus doesn't hold out much hope for the continued existence of the local churches as the Corporate Body of Christ, He does offer hope for the individual members of the Body of Christ. Remember that; it's important. Just as Jesus warned, the Corporate Body of Christ no longer exists as a distinct entity in any one location. But the individual members of the Body of Christ do.

*(“What's So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 8–9)*

I told you the refusal of Early Church leaders to do what was necessary to protect *The Teaching* resulted in the current situation in which individual Believers can no longer rely on the support of any identifiable body of True Believers but must instead focus on their own salvation:

My point is, when Jesus uses the singular form of the personal pronoun in the first two chapters of the Book of Revelation, He is addressing His remarks to the Corporate Body of Christ found in the local church, not at the individuals in that Corporate Body. So, now that you know the dire warnings in the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation are directed at the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ in each local church because it has failed to accomplish the specific task it had been assigned, perhaps you can better appreciate what Jesus says to the individual Believer.

*(“What's So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 10)*

Revelation 3

In commenting on Chapter 3, I explained that Jesus holds out hope to individual Believers in spite of the warnings He issues to the local churches:

*The Truth is, the warnings directed at the local churches in the Book of Revelation apply to any local church that holds itself out to be a gathering of True Believers. Every local church has failed to do what is necessary to protect and preserve the Truth that was **handed down** to the Church in The Apostolic Teaching. But the point that Jesus makes in what He told John about the*

failure of the local churches is this: Every True Believer, as one individual Believer, still has hope, in spite of the failure of the local churches.

*(“What's So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 11)*

Finally, I emphasized the significance of everything I had already told you regarding the failure of the local churches:

The point of what John says in the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation is this: When it comes time for the current Age to come to an end, individual Believers will be on their own. But woe be unto any dimwitted dimlight who seeks to hide from the Truth by desperately clinging to the absolutely horrific caricature found in any corporate body he mistakenly assumes to be the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ. He will undoubtedly be sorely disappointed when he discovers his mistake far too late to do anything about it. As Jesus said, “Let the one who has an ear hear.”

*(“What's So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 12)*

Revelation 4

In Chapter 4, I focused on the statement made in this verse:

And [Flashes of Lightning], [Voices], and [Rolling Thunder] [are coming out] from [The Throne], and [seven] [Lanterns] of [Fire]—which [are] [The [seven] Spirits] of [The {Living} God]—[that are made to burn] [before] [The Throne].

(Revelation 4:5) —my interim translation

I said the following about the “lanterns” that are mentioned in that verse:

To understand the Truth, you need to know the seven parabolic “lanterns” mentioned in the verse above are the heavenly originals on which Moses patterned the seven “lamps” on the “lampstand” in the Tabernacle. I have already told you those seven “lamps” parabolically represent the seven “sealed” messages in The Apostolic Teaching. I have also told you that insight into those seven “sealed” messages made the seven churches seven parabolic “lampstands” that were supposed to “shed” “The parabolic Light” of the Truth of The Apostolic

Teaching on the inhabitants of this parabolically "dark" world.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 13)

Revelation 5

Beginning in Chapter 5, I began to explain the significance of the insight I had already provided you into the *parabolic imagery* related to the seven parabolic "lamps" on the parabolic "lampstands" that the seven churches were supposed to be:

*I have not been shy about telling you this chapter has to do with the reason why God called me to do what I am doing. I have also told you it is describing the "opening" of the seven parabolic "seals" that the Prophets placed on the seven messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures. They placed those seven "seals" on the things they wrote so that what they wrote could only be understood if it was explained by someone who actually had insight into what they wrote. Jesus Christ had that insight, and He revealed the meaning and significance of the things the Prophets wrote to His disciples. He then told them to **hand** that information **down** to the Church as an oral tradition. I call that oral tradition The Apostolic Teaching.*

*I have repeatedly told you the Church failed to carry out its assigned task. In **The Voice of Elijah**® **Update**, I have even been showing you how that happened. But the real tragedy in the Church's loss of The Apostolic Teaching is the fact that, down through the centuries, the Hebrew Scriptures have remained "sealed." That is, it has been impossible for anyone to read and understand them without first hearing an explanation of the meaning and significance of the things found there. That sad situation has existed because the leaders of the Church lost an understanding of those things fairly early on. Unfortunately, that has not stopped loudmouth intellectual bozos from speculating as to what they think the Hebrew Scriptures are saying.*

Now that the End of the Age is almost upon us, Jesus Christ, the "Little Lamb" Who was slaughtered, is finally "opening" the Hebrew Scriptures so that anyone who really wants to know the Truth can understand them. Pay attention now: I said, "Jesus Christ, the 'Little Lamb' Who was slaughtered, is finally

'opening' the Hebrew Scriptures so that anyone who really wants to know the Truth can understand them." That does not mean every ridiculous interpretation that any Tom, Dick, or Harry wants to attribute to the Hebrew Scriptures is true. It merely means I am nobody special. I was called to restore The Apostolic Teaching. But to do that, I am doing nothing more than anyone else with the appropriate skills could do—if they really wanted to know the Truth. The problem is, those who have the skills necessary to do what I am doing have a vested interest in not knowing the Truth when it disagrees with the dumb doctrines they have already decided to believe.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 14–15)

Revelation 6

In Chapter 6, where John begins to describe the "opening" of the seven "seals" that the Prophets placed on the things they wrote, I told you the single most important thing you need to know about the events related to the "opening" of each "seal":

The thing to remember about the "opening" of each of the seven "seals" described in this chapter is this: The events described begin with the "opening" of the "seal," but they do not end when the next "seal" is "opened." That is, the "opening" of a "seal" merely signals the beginning of a series of events, nothing more. Those events may well take decades to be completed.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 17)

Then I said the following about the account of the "opening" of the first "seal":

*That is describing an event that began in April 1974, and has not yet been completed. At that time, the first "seal" was "opened," and the Living Word of God began to come out of His hiding place in the Hebrew Scriptures. ("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 17)*

After I told you that, I gave you a brief rundown of the titles and the basic message that is hidden behind the first six "seals."

Revelation 7

In the April issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I gave you my translation of Revelation 7–10 along with a brief commentary on each chapter. I began by telling you Chapter 7 describes the final census of the members of Corporate Israel that began with the “opening” of the sixth “seal,” which is described in Revelation 6. I said this about Chapter 7:

That passage is describing the “sealing” of True Believers with the Truth of the Living Word of God that they have freely chosen to believe. That will be completed before the End.

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 11)*

After that, I went on to explain one of the *literal* events that correspond to the events that John describes *parabolically*:

The “sealing” of the final generation of True Believers, as it is described in the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation, began only recently. It took off in earnest after the publication of the booklet titled The Old Testament Gospel of Jesus Christ. In that booklet, I presented the Truth of the Gospel without any “sugar-coating.” That is because there is no longer any middle ground. One must either be willing to accept the cold, hard fact that, in His wrath, God intentionally hid the Truth in the Scriptures; or one must choose to reject the Truth outright. Ignorance of some parts of the Truth will no longer remain a legitimate defense for those who choose to remain “in the dark.”

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 11–12)*

Revelation 8

In Chapter 8, John begins giving us a *parabolic* description of events that occur after the “opening” of the seventh “seal.” He tells us that, after the final “seal” comes off the Hebrew Scriptures, there will be an indefinite span of time in which seven messengers sound seven trumpets. In my comments on this chapter, I focused my attention on just the event that John tells us will occur after the third messenger sounds his trumpet. He describes that event *parabolically* as a

“star” called “the wormwood” falling from Heaven and “poisoning” “the waters” on the Earth:

First, I should probably tell you the things that John wrote in this chapter are a parabolic description that tells us what certain future events are LIKE. Without that bit of information, you could still be waiting for physical stars to fall from Heaven even after Satan, who is “the star” called “the wormwood,” appears on the scene as the Antichrist.

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 12)*

I went on to explain that the *parabolic image* of “the waters” that are poisoned by “the star” called “the wormwood” actually refers to the distortion of the Truth of Christianity that would reveal the Truth concerning Satan’s appearance as the Antichrist:

I doubt that you, being accustomed to thinking in terms of time and space, will be able to readily understand an event that occurs outside of both. Just get ready; the world is about to feel its effects, nonetheless. But the world is not my concern here. My only concern is that those who honestly want to know the Truth can recognize and avoid “the waters” that have been contaminated by “the star” called “the wormwood.”

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 13–14)*

I also told you that I am firmly convinced the groundwork has already been laid to ensure that the majority of “Christians” are deluded by “the waters” that are “poisoned” when Satan makes his appearance here on Earth:

I am willing to admit I might be wrong about this—although I will never be willing to doubt it’s true—but I believe Satan has already gotten most “Christians” all primed and ready to believe “The Lie” that he is going to promote after he falls from Heaven LIKE a star that is called “the wormwood.” If you don’t already know what “The Lie” is, chances are you either haven’t read, or have chosen not to believe, what Irenæus and Hippolytus wrote about the Antichrist.

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 15)*

After I said that, I showed you a few places where "The Lie" of Satan is mentioned by the Prophets of Israel; and I told you this by way of warning:

"The Lie" that originated with the false prophets of Israel—you know, the ones the Pharisees chose to believe—has finally gone out "to all the Earth." That is, the majority of the decidedly dumb ducks in the Church today already believe that when Jesus Christ returns, the Jews will accept Him as their Messiah and He will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Nothing could be further from the Truth; but don't try telling that to anyone who has already drunk "The Cup" of "The Harlot." That "Cup" contains a whole lot more than the usual dose of "wormwood."
("If Only He Had Said, 'Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!'" The Voice of Elijah®, April 2012, p. 16)

Revelation 9

In Chapter 9, John *parabolically* describes events that occur after the fifth and sixth messengers sound their trumpets to initiate the first and second of three "woes." I said this in regard to the events that come about as a result of their actions:

This chapter contains a parabolic explanation of some pretty bad things. But just so you don't lose sight of where we are right now, I should probably remind you that the seventh "seal" has been, or is about to be, "opened." After that, seven messengers are going to sound seven "trumpets." It is probably going to take a while for them to make their way through that routine; but it is only after the first four messengers have sounded their "trumpets" that the really bad stuff begins. That is, when the fifth, sixth, and seventh messengers sound their "trumpets," a "woe" is also pronounced on Planet Earth. So if you think things are bad right now, you might want to make sure your seat belt is securely fastened. You ain't seen nothin' yet.
("If Only He Had Said, 'Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!'" The Voice of Elijah®, April 2012, pp. 17–18)

Revelation 10

In Chapter 10, John *parabolically* describes events that will occur shortly before the seventh messenger sounds the final trumpet. I explained how his *parabolic* description relates to *literal* events that are going to take place here on Earth:

The "little scroll that had been opened" is nothing other than the "scroll" on which Jesus Christ has either "opened," or is about to "open," the final "seal." That is, the Hebrew Scriptures are "the scroll—the {one} that has been opened"; and it is only after the seventh messenger sounds his "trumpet" that "The Mystery" that has been "sealed" inside that "scroll" will finally be "completed" in all those who have freely chosen to believe it. So it appears I will be casting aspersions at stupid folk for a few more years—at least until I have time to complete my "standardized" translation of that "little scroll."
("If Only He Had Said, 'Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!'" The Voice of Elijah®, April 2012, p. 18)

Revelation 11

In the July issue of *The Voice of Elijah®*, I gave you my translation of Revelation 11–13 along with a brief commentary on each chapter. I began by telling you John's focus in Chapter 11 is on "The Sanctuary" of the *Living* God that stands in Heaven, and the "opening" of that sacred complex so that "The Box" that contains "The Testament" of Jesus Christ can be "seen" by those who have a love for the Truth that is found therein. I pointed out that John spends most of the chapter describing events that occur "outside" "The Sanctuary," in the *parabolic* "Courtyard" that will be "trampled" by the Gentiles during the last few years of this Age. I also showed you the Early Church Father Hippolytus confirms that John is describing events that occur during the three and a half years that immediately precede the reign of the Antichrist. I said the following regarding those things:

I'll let you decide whether you want to believe what Hippolytus says in regard to Revelation 11 and the Book of Daniel. It is not my calling to convince anyone that what I tell you is true; I am merely here to inform those who sincerely want to know the Truth in regard to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. If the possibility of that event happening anytime soon is not of any great concern to you, you should probably move on and find something that is more meaningful to you. Continuing to hear and reject the Truth that I have been called to explain will do nothing for you but increase the downside of that unhappy experience for you. I wouldn't want that to happen to anyone, especially one who is obviously as "bright" as you are.

The seventh "seal" that the Prophets of Israel placed on the Hebrew Scriptures has been, or soon will be, "opened." From that point on, as each of the seven messengers sounds his parabolic trumpet, you can expect the circumstances here on Planet Earth to become increasingly inhospitable to everyone, but especially to those who strive to hold on to the Truth during that final three and a half years.

("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 8)

I went on to show you Isaiah 27, where Isaiah talks about Corporate Israel as God's "vineyard" and mentions the sounding of the parabolic "trumpet" that signals the End of the Age. Then I told you this:

The link that connects Isaiah 27 to Revelation 12 is the Greek word **drakon**, for which translators normally just use the English transliteration "dragon." I haven't done that simply because the Truth is, John uses the Greek term **drakon** in Revelation 12 to refer his reader back to what Moses and the other Prophets of Israel said about the **drakon** that Isaiah mentions in the passage above. But to know why I say that, you first need to know that the translators of the Septuagint used the Greek term **drakon** to translate the Hebrew term **tannin**; and the significance of that lies in knowing the mythical "sea serpent" called "Leviathan" was a **tannin** described as having seven heads. The Canaanites mention that frightening creature in a myth that tells how Baal came riding on the clouds, bringing the "rain," after overcoming the gods "Death" and "Sea" just prior to his "second coming."

("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 11)

Now, I suppose I could veer off on a tangent at this point and tell you the Canaanite name "Lotan" is exactly the same as the Hebrew name "Leviathan" if you leave out the two "vowel consonants" in the Hebrew name. I could also tell you how the mythical "sea serpent" known by those two names is exactly the same mythical creature that the ancient Egyptians called "Apep" and the Greeks called "Apophis."

I could also tell you how the Prophets all speak in terms of the parabolic imagery that I explained in The Passover Parable to tell us how Jesus Christ will overcome that hideous "sea serpent" right before He, like Baal,

comes "riding on the clouds" at His Second Coming. But I won't. I'll save all that for another time, another place. ;-) But I will tell you there is no "way," in this hell-hole in which we currently find ourselves, that you can understand "The Song of Moses," much less sing it with understanding, if you do not know how all the parabolic imagery of The Apostolic Teaching fits together into one coherent whole. That's just "The Way" it is.

("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 11)

Revelation 12

Regarding Chapter 12, I told you it should be obvious to everyone, even the most obtuse among us, that John is not speaking *literally*. I explained that he is speaking *parabolically* in terms of the same *parabolic imagery* the Prophets used to conceal the meaning and significance of the things they wrote. I reminded you that "the water" that comes out of the mouth of the "sea serpent" in Revelation 12:15 depicts false teaching, just as it does in Revelation 8:11. Then, after I quoted what Hippolytus said in regard to the chapter, I said this:

Hippolytus' explanation of the parabolic imagery in Revelation 12 is interesting, isn't it? He has clearly told us the Early Church understood Revelation 11 to be describing the three and a half years immediately prior to the reign of the Antichrist, and Revelation 12 to be describing the persecution of True Believers that occurs during the three and a half years the Antichrist reigns. But it would be a mistake to assume Church leaders understood the two chapters to be describing those events sequentially as part of the same account. That is because Revelation 12 is not simply a continuation of Revelation 11; it is instead a recapitulation of events that are described parabolically in Revelation 6–11.

The Truth is, the account found in Revelation 12–20 begins by parabolically describing the birth and Ascension of Christ before picking up again with the opening of the sixth "seal" in Revelation 6:12. But it gives a more detailed parabolic description of the events that lead up to and include the sounding of the final trumpet at the end of Revelation 11.

("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 14)

Revelation 13

In commenting on Chapter 13, I first quoted what Irenæus explained about the things John wrote and then said this:

I could point out the fact that, in that passage, Irenæus clearly discloses he knows the seventh "day" of Creation has not yet begun and mankind—who was merely "formed" by the hand of God initially—will be "made after the image and likeness of God" when the final "day" of Creation begins; but I won't. ;-) I will merely remind you that he links Revelation 13 to what Paul says about the Antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12. You need to know that just because you will undoubtedly encounter brainless dimwits at some point who have bought into the lunatic belief that John is not talking about the Antichrist in Revelation 13 simply because he never uses that specific term.

*It might help if you face one stubborn fact: Most folks have never read the things that Irenæus and Hippolytus wrote about the insane little man that is commonly called the "Antichrist." And the Truth is, those who have taken the time to do so were most likely only looking to confirm the things they have already chosen to believe. So much for any "love of the truth." ("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, pp. 16–17)*

Revelation 14

With regard to Chapter 14, I told you that insight into the *parabolic imagery* of the Prophets is absolutely essential to an understanding of the things that John says, not only in this chapter but also in the entire Book of Revelation. Then I outlined the essential elements in the things that John heard so that you would be able to get the basic gist of it. I said this:

The first thing that John mentions is the fact that the 144,000 members of Corporate Israel that were "sealed" in Revelation 7 have finally been prepared to go through the Tribulation. That is, they have a complete understanding of the parabolic imagery in The Teaching of Moses that Moses used to lay out what God had planned for Corporate Israel.

By his reference to True Believers as "virgins," John discloses he is referring to "The Remnant" of Corporate

*Israel. He is using the same parabolic imagery that Jesus used in the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Both are speaking parabolically in terms of the "virgins" who participated in the Canaanite sacred marriage ritual the Prophets were mocking when they talked about the "Ground" of Planet Earth as "The Woman" who abandoned God and became a **zonah** ("Harlot"). ("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 9)*

I then showed you what Isaiah and Zephaniah said about "The Harlot" "city" to emphasize the fact that they knew the True Believers who face down the Antichrist at the End of the Age would know the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses*. I quoted the entirety of Zephaniah to show you what he says God is going to do to that "Woman." Then I said this:

*I have explained the basics regarding Zephaniah elsewhere; so I see no need to cover that ground again. Just keep in mind the fact that he is speaking parabolically in terms of Planet Earth as a "Woman" who is also a "City," and he is talking about events that occur just prior to the incineration of that "City" at the End of the Age. (See "On Fairy Tales and Holy Hell," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1992, p. 20; "Two Perspectives, One Truth," **The Voice of Elijah**® Update, August 2010, pp. 14 ff.; "To 'Make' a God, You First Have to Light a 'Fire,'" **The Voice of Elijah**® Update, December 2010, pp. 17 ff.) ("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 14)*

I told you a final thing to note about Revelation 14 is the *parabolic image* of the "harvest" because it is also an integral part of the *parabolic imagery* the Prophets used. I explained that Jesus had that *parabolic image* in mind when He told the Parable of the Tares, which I quoted. Then I said this about that parable:

*It should be obvious that Jesus is talking about the "harvest" of True Believers and the "winnowing out" of Pretenders at the End of the Age. That is, He is parabolically describing a time when the Church will face precisely the same set of circumstances that the Jews faced when all but Jesus were "cut off from" Corporate Israel, leaving only Jesus as "The Remnant" of Corporate Israel. ("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 14)*

After showing you a few passages from the Gospel of Matthew, I said this:

If you scrutinize what John says, you will find that he describes two parabolic "harvests" at the End of the Age. The first is the "harvest" of "wheat," when all Pretenders will be "winnowed" out of "The Kingdom." That "harvest" occurs when the "wheat" "grain" has finally "dried up." Anyone who has ever participated in a wheat harvest knows exactly what that statement means. Wheat grain must be as dry as possible when it is harvested simply because wheat with a high moisture content does not store well. It rots. So the wheat grain must not only be "cleaned" by being separated from the chaff of the wheat plant, it must also be separated from any weeds (think: "tares") that could cause it to rot.

*If you take another look at the four passages from the Gospel of Matthew that I showed you, you will find that all of them describe an exclusion of some folks who think they have no reason to be concerned. The Truth is, what you don't know can kill you. If the End of the Age really is upon us, as many in the Church purport to believe, one would think now is the time for diligence in seeking to know what is true rather than dawdling and dalliance with the world. But that's another matter. For now, it is only important that you understand Planet Earth—"The Woman" who is the "City," Mystery Babylon—is headed for a "fall." ("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 15)*

After I quoted the Parable of the Wise Man, I said this about the meaning of that parable:

Did you notice that, right before Jesus describes the "fall" of Satan's "house," He not only mentions a "harvest," but also an outright rejection of folks who are absolutely convinced they have a lock on Heaven? He is talking about the very same events that He described in the Parable of the Virgins and the Parable of the Tares. That is precisely what John is describing in Revelation 14. So pay attention: The significance of the Parable of the Wise Man is hidden in the parabolic images of "The House," a "Rock," "sand," and "Rain."

Keeping in mind the fact that the Hebrew idiom "build a house" actually means "engender a son," just think of it this "Way": Satan has assiduously striven to "build" his "house" over the past 2000 years; and the

Lord has just as assiduously striven to "build" His. Unfortunately, Satan has "built" his "house" on an unending series of lies ("tares"/"sand") and the liars ("tares"/"sand") who believe them; while the Lord has "built" His "House" on the Living Word of God—which is "the Rock" of one coherent body of Truth—and those who believe the Truth of that Living Word. The "Rain"? That's just what happens when a drought finally ends. So let's just wait and see if the ridiculous shenanigans of the "prophets of Baal" can actually make it "rain."

Don't be dense! Take your head out of the "sand" and take a good, long look around you. Can you honestly say that you see all that much agreement among the individual grains of "sand" that have kept Satan's "house" from "falling"? The agreement ain't there, and it never will be. But before "the fall" of Satan's "house," those who believe "the Rock" of the Truth of the Living Word of God will be in absolute agreement regarding the things they know and believe.

In Revelation 14, John is merely telling us that after True Believers gain a complete understanding of the Truth, the lies that Satan has "sown" in the world at large are going to accomplish precisely what God intended all along. That is, civilization is going to rush headlong over "the brink" just because political leaders are too stupid to agree on what needs to be done to keep them and everyone else from going over "the brink." We aren't there yet, but we soon will be. The "time of distress" that Jesus alluded to in His explanation of the Parable of the Tares has only just begun.

*("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 16)*

Revelation 15

I began my commentary on the things that John tells us in Revelation 15 by telling you this:

Revelation 15 is a parabolic description of the "ordination" of the heavenly "tabernacle" after it has been "built." That is, in this chapter John is describing the spiritual union of True Believers with "The One" Who is "The House" of the Living Word of God. But, since it is impossible for anyone to fully understand what John says in this chapter without an understanding of all the parabolic imagery in The Teaching of Moses, I won't even try to explain it. I will simply tell you he is parabolically describing the reality to which the parabolic pantomime

described in Exodus 40 points.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 10)

After giving you my interim translation of Exodus 40:1–38, I said this:

As you may have noticed, I did not translate the Hebrew term that is normally translated "ark" the "way" it is normally translated. Instead, since I am in the process of "standardizing" a translation of the Scriptures, I just translated it "The Way" it is normally translated in this passage.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 11)

Then I showed you the Hebrew term that is normally translated "ark" is translated "coffin" in this verse:

[Then [Joseph] died] [a Son] {of} [a hundred] [and ten] [Years]; [so they embalmed] [him] [and put {him}] [in a Coffin] [in Egypt].

(Genesis 50:26) —my interim translation

After I showed you that, I said this:

Let me explain something plainly for the benefit (or detriment) of those who may still be "sitting on the fence" with regard to believing the things I have been explaining over the years: God called me to restore The Apostolic Teaching and teach those who really want to know the Truth. He did not call me to make it easy for anyone to understand, much less accept, the things I teach. Consequently, because dimwits will always be what dimwits have always been, you will find the Truth in what I write is more often than not stated just "The Way" Isaiah said it would be.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 11)

Then, after I quoted what the Prophet Isaiah says in Isaiah 28:9–13 about "The Way" the Prophets scattered bits and pieces of the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses* throughout their writings, I issued a warning to anyone who might be tempted to "explain" the things I teach by "summarizing" them for others who have a hard time understanding them. Then I began to explain the Truth a bit more openly:

In accordance with the parabolic imagery of the Passover Parable, the "tabernacle" that the sons of Israel constructed under the direction of Moses was actually a portable mortuary. There; I said it. The sons of Israel were, in parabolic pantomime, carrying around a coffin that contained the "dead body" of the Living Word of God etched in stone. But to understand the Truth regarding the death and Resurrection of "The One" Who is, was, and always will be the Living Word of God, you must always keep in mind the fact that the true "tabernacle"—the One that was parabolically depicted by the "tabernacle" that Moses "built"—is in Heaven. But even then you must learn to think inside the box. That is, you have to understand how the contents of the coffin parabolically depict the dead body of "The Man" Jesus Christ. Only then will you be able to master The Teaching of Moses. And I can tell you right now, that ain't gonna happen if you are doing even the slightest bit of "explaining" to others the things you learn from me.

If you are willing to listen, learn, and believe the Truth, you will eventually come to a comprehensive knowledge of The Teaching of Moses. Only then will you be able to fully appreciate the fact that the sacrificial cult of ancient Israel was nothing more than a parabolic explanation of how and why the Living Word of God "died," and what He had to do to be resurrected. That is, the parabolic rituals of the priesthood were instituted to fully explain why Jesus Christ left "The Light" of the "land of the living" to willingly come down here into "the darkness" to completely convince some of those who have already been condemned to unwillingly die the second death. But it does so by speaking parabolically in terms of the Passover Parable.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, pp. 12–13)

You see, The Teaching of Moses parabolically explains how the King of Israel—"The One" Who was none other than Corporate Israel Himself—parabolically died and made His trek through the realm of the dead. Actually, "was crucified" is a more accurate "way" of describing the death of Christ; I just said "died" so that I could turn around and emphasize "The Way" that Corporate Israel died. Anyway, after His parabolic death, the parabolic "body" of the King of Israel was placed inside a portable coffin inside a portable mortuary, and He began His parabolic trek through the parabolic realm of the dead—just like the Pharaoh in ancient Egyptian

mythology.

(“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 13)

According to ancient Egyptian mythology, the deceased Pharaoh could only be resurrected after all eight parts of his person were “gathered” and brought back to life at the conclusion of their trek through the realm of the dead. You are undoubtedly already familiar with the body, soul, and spirit just because those are the Greek concepts reflected in the New Testament. My task is to explain the Hebrew/Egyptian concept that is reflected in the Old Testament and then tell you how the other five parts of a person fit into the “big picture.”

(“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 13)

In accordance with the beliefs inherent in ancient Egyptian mythology, the parabolic imagery of The Teaching of Moses explains how all eight parts of the Person of Jesus Christ have been, or will be, “gathered” after the Living Word of God has made His trek through history to be resurrected and become King over all others who have successfully found and followed “The Way” out of the realm of the dead.

(“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)

At the time of His Resurrection, the physical body of Jesus Christ was immediately snatched up into Heaven where it now lies in the coffin in the true “tabernacle.” I’m speaking parabolically, of course; and the parabolic imagery explains that all His other “parts” have yet to be “gathered” and united with that physical body. Those other parts are still in the realm of the dead, along with His Spirit, which is actively seeking to find and be reunited with the members of His Body—that is, True Believers—who are parabolically depicted as both “The Woman” and “The Name.” Consequently, you will find John speaking in terms of those two parabolic images in the Book of Revelation.

(“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)

After I explained that, I said Revelation 15:1–8 is a description of “the appointed time” for the reunion of all eight parts of the Body of Jesus Christ in the heavenly “tabernacle” and then told you this:

In that passage, John is parabolically describing events that are going to occur after True Believers (“The Woman”/“The Name”) have been spiritually united with the Spirit of Jesus Christ in preparation for those parts being united with all the other parts of His Person. But take note: That union will occur only after those who are alive at the End of the Age have come to a complete understanding of The Teaching of Moses. (“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)

Revelation 16

I introduced Revelation 16 this way:

Before you can even begin to understand what John says in this chapter, you first need to know how it fits together with what he has already said. The Truth is, he is parabolically explaining how, right before the End of the Age, the Living Word of God is going to ratchet up the debilitating “constriction” that He began to impose on “The Harlot” Planet Earth as each of the seven messengers sounded their “trumpets” in Revelation 8–11. That is, he is continuing with the recapitulation of Revelation 6–11 that he began in Revelation 12.

(“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 16)

The seven messengers who “pour out” the contents of seven “bowls” that contain seven different “beatings” is a parabolic description of an intensification of the “constrictions” the Living Word of God imposed after each of the messengers sounded a “trumpet” in Revelation 8–11. (“The Song of Moses’ Has Eight-Part Harmony,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 16)

To demonstrate the Truth of the things that I told you, I pointed out the parallel passages in which the following things are the recipients of the wrath of the Almighty God:

THE EARTH

(Revelation 8:7)

(Revelation 16:2)

THE SEA

(Revelation 8:8–9)

(Revelation 16:3)

THE “WATERS”

(Revelation 8:10–11)

(Revelation 16:4)

THE SUN

(Revelation 8:12)

(Revelation 16:8)

THE KINGDOM OF THE ANTICHRIST

(Revelation 9:1)

(Revelation 16:10)

THE “EUPHRATES”

(Revelation 9:13–14)

(Revelation 16:12)

THE END OF THE AGE

(Revelation 11:15)

(Revelation 16:17–18)

I concluded by pointing out Hebrews 12:25–26 and telling you that you might want to consider taking the advice offered there.

Revelation 17

Regarding this chapter, I told you that, before going any further, you needed to know what “beast” John had in mind when he wrote this:

[And] [He carried me away] [in] [Spirit], [into] [a Desert]; [and] [I saw] [a Woman] [who was sitting] [on] [a [scarlet] Beast], [{a beast} that is full of] [The Names] {of} [False Religious Claims], [{a beast} that has] [seven] [Heads] [and] [ten] [Horns].

(Revelation 17:3) —my interim translation

I told you the “beast” John had in mind is the same “beast” that he describes in Revelation 12:13–13:4. Then I explained a bit more about the “beast” who is yet to come:

*First, let’s talk about the “sea serpent.” I have already told you that the Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures used the Greek term **drakon** to translate the Hebrew term **tannin**. That identifies the “sea serpent” that John mentions in that passage as the mythical **Leviathan**, which is mentioned in the Hebrew*

*Scriptures. The Hebrew term transliterated as **leviathan** is equivalent to the Canaanite **lotan**, which is described in Canaanite mythology as a giant seven-headed snake that lives in the sea. Therefore, the question is, How does “the beast” that came up out of “the sea” come to have the same seven-headed characteristic as “the sea serpent” that lives in “the sea”? The answer lies in the Greek term translated “beast.”*

*(“Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 13)*

I told you the Greek term **therion** is normally translated “beast” throughout the New Testament; but I also showed you Luke uses the term in Acts 28:5 to refer to a snake. Then I said this:

*It should be obvious from that passage that the English term **beast** does not adequately capture the essence of the Greek term **therion**. The Truth is, that term was used by the Greeks to refer to any creature that posed a threat to mankind. Accordingly, several Greek authors use the term to refer to a shark—that is, a “sea monster.” So now you know why it could easily be used to refer to a snake that came up out of “the sea” to live on land. But to understand which “sea” John had in mind, one also needs to know the Greek term **therion** occurs in the Septuagint translation of the following passage as a translation of the Aramaic term **chevah**, which I have standardized as “beast” in the Hebrew Scriptures.*

*(“Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 14)*

I then showed you Daniel 7:1–8, where Daniel describes four “beasts” who came up out of “the great sea.” After I showed you that, I identified the “sea” from which the “beast” in Revelation 13 will emerge. I said this:

Just in case anyone needs the Truth explained in more detail, the “sea” from which “the Beast” is going to emerge is the “Sea of Waters.” That is, he will come out from the place we normally call “Heaven.” The point is, ... John is describing the point in time at which the “sea serpent” Satan becomes incarnate in the body of a man. He mentions the characteristics of the leopard, bear, and lion as a link to Daniel 7 so that his reader will understand Satan is going to exhibit the same characteristics he exhibited on the three other occasions he felt it necessary

to take on the form of a man.

(“Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, pp. 15–16)

Revelation 18

Concerning this chapter, I told you this:

*John is describing the extinction of the civilization on Planet Earth. Scoffers will choose to believe it is impossible that such a thing could ever happen. Unfortunately, the Truth is concealed behind a parabolic image in which the Earth is viewed corporately as a “harlot” who has produced children who are not God’s Children. The Apostle Peter described that event in detail (2 Pet. 3:1–13) because he understood what Zephaniah said in that regard. (“Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 17)*

I then showed you Zephaniah 1:2–3 and 3:8, where the Prophet describes the extinction of the civilization on Planet Earth.

Revelation 19

Here is what I said about Revelation 19:

In my comments up to this point, I have not been pointing out where the text of the Book of Revelation quotes or alludes to something stated in the Old Testament. I plan to remedy that in the future by providing a more comprehensive commentary on the text. In the meantime, what I say here will have to suffice.

In this chapter, there are various references to Old Testament passages, but I will only point out a few. I am going to quote those passages in full and point to their significance simply because it is absolutely impossible for anyone to fully appreciate the message of the Book of Revelation without a basic understanding of the things stated in the Old Testament passages to which the text points. John refers to both Psalm 19 and Deuteronomy 32 in verse 2.

*(“Beware of Sad-Sack Sea Serpents and Poisonous Grapes,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2013, p. 15)*

I then showed you my translation of Psalm 19 and told you this:

Let me summarize what the psalmist is saying. It is quite easy to understand if you have insight into a simple Truth in regard to the relationship between “spirit” and light. That Truth goes directly to the heart of the things John says in Revelation 19 about Jesus Christ as the Living Word of God. I may not have explained the basis for the following statements in any context outside The Next Step program. If not, so be it. The time has come for me to state openly some of the things I have been explaining privately for many years:

“The ‘Spirit’ of the Living Word of God—the Truth of The Teaching—exists in the fifth dimension, which is nothing other than the light particles (photons) that flash back and forth across the entire length of the universe (‘like a Bridegroom’). When the Believer hears and believes the Truth of the Living Word of God that runs the entire length of that dimension (‘like a Bridegroom’), his ‘spirit’ becomes ‘one’ with that ‘Spirit’ of Truth in the very small slice of the fifth dimension that exists within him, which is nothing other than the light particles (photons) that flash back and forth across the synapses in his nervous system. His belief in, and unity with, the Truth of the ‘Spirit’ of the Living Word that he has heard and believed will result in a declaration of not guilty and his acquittal before God on Judgment Day.”

*Now that I have stated that bit of Truth openly to tweak the nose of any ignorant numbskull who might happen to be reading this, let me go a bit further and see if I can’t send him into a fit of absolute apoplexy. I have stated in various contexts that, at the End of this Age, the Redeemed of the Lord will sing “The Song of Moses” with complete understanding of the meaning and significance of the things Moses stated in that song. (“Beware of Sad-Sack Sea Serpents and Poisonous Grapes,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2013, p. 16)*

Now that I have explained how John depicts events leading up to the End of this Age, let’s take a look at what he says about the Age to come.

Revelation 20—Text

¹[And] [I saw] [a Messenger]—[who had] [The Key] {of} [The Abyss] [and] [a [big] Chain] [on] [The Hand] [he had]—[coming down] [out of] [The Heaven]. ²[And] [He held on to] [The

Sea Serpent]—[The Snake], [the [ancient] {one}] [who] [is] [a False Accuser] [and] [Satan]—[and] [bound] [him] [a [thousand] Years]. ³[And] [He threw] [him] [into] [The Abyss] [and] [shut] [and] [sealed {it}] [over] [him], [so that] [he could [not] lead [The Nations] astray] [any longer]—[up to the time when] [The [one thousand] Years] [have been completed]. [After] [these {things}], [he] [has to] [be undone] {for} [a [little] Span of Time].

⁴[And] [I saw] [Thrones], [and] [they sat down] [on] [them], [and] [Judgment] [was given to] [them]. [And] [The Souls] {of} [the {ones} who had been beheaded*] [because of] [The Testimony] {of} [Jesus] [and] [because of] [The Word] {of} [The {Living} God], [and] [those who] [had [not] bowed down to] [The Beast] [nor] [The Image] [he has] [and] [had [not] received] [The Mark] [on] [The Forehead] [and] [on] [The Hand] [they had], [also] [lived] [and] [were kings] [with] [the [anointed] {One}] [one thousand] [Years].

⁵[The Others] {of} [The Dead] [did [not] live] [until] [The [one thousand] Years] [were completed]. [This] {is} [The Resurrection]—[the [first] {one}]. ⁶[Fortunate] [and] [holy] {is} [the {one} who has] [a Part] [in] [The Resurrection]—[the [first] {one}]. [The [second] Death] [does [not] have] [Authority] [over] [these], [but] [they will be] [Priests] {of} [The {Living} God] [and] {of} [the [anointed] {One}], [and] [they will be kings] [with] [Him] [The [one thousand] Years].

⁷[And] [when] [The [one thousand] Years] [are completed], [Satan] [will be undone] [from] [The Guard House] [he has]. ⁸[And] [he will go out] [to lead astray] [The Nations] [that are] [in] [The [four] Corners] {of} [The Earth]—[Gog*] [and] [Magog*]—[to gather] [them] [for] [The War]. {Of} [whom] [The Number] {of} [them] {is} [like] [The Sand] {of} [The Sea]. ⁹[And] [they went up] [over] [The Breadth] {of} [The Earth] [and] [encircled*] [The Fortification] {of} [the [holy] {ones}], [and] [The City] [that is] [beloved]. [And] [Fire] [came down] [out of] [The Heaven] [and] [devoured] [them]. ¹⁰[And] [The False Accuser] [who] [leads [them] astray] [was thrown] [into] [The Lake] {of} [The Fire] [and] [Sulfur], [where] [The Beast] [and] [The

False Prophet] [also] {are}. [And] [they will be tormented] [Day] [and] [Night] [into] [The Ages] {of} [The Ages].

¹¹[And] [I saw] [a [big] [white] Throne] [and] [the {One} Who was sitting] [on] [it]—[from] [The Face] {of} [Whom] [The Earth] [and] [The Heaven] [fled], [and] [a Place] [was [not] found] {for} [them]! ¹²[And] [I saw] [The Dead]—[the] [big] [and] [the] [little]—[standing] [before] [The Throne]. [And] [Scrolls] [were opened]; [and] [another] [Scroll] [was opened], [which] [is] [The Life]. [And] [The Dead] [were judged] [from] [the {things} that had been written] [in] [The Scrolls] [in accordance with] [The Works] [they had].

¹³[And] [The Sea] [gave up] [The Dead] [that were] [in] [her], [and] [The Death] [and] [The Underworld] [gave up] [The Dead] [that were] [in] [them], [and] [they were judged]—[every one] [in accordance with] [The Works] [they had]. ¹⁴[And] [The Death] [and] [The Underworld] [were thrown] [into] [The Lake] {of} [The Fire]. [This] [is] [The Death]—[the [second] {death}]: [The Lake] {of} [The Fire]! ¹⁵[And] [if] [anyone] [was [not] found] [written] [in] [The Book] {of} [The Life], [he was thrown] [into] [The Lake] {of} [The Fire]!

Revelation 20—Commentary

In this chapter, John is giving a brief description of things that will happen after the civilization on Planet Earth has been wiped out by the “fire” of God’s wrath. That is, he is giving a brief description of the beginning and end of the seventh “day” of Creation—which he *parabolically* depicts as a one-thousand-year span of time (read: “Age”) before the Lord wraps things up all neat and tidy with the “circumcision” of His “Children” on the eighth “day.” If you want more detail in regard to what will happen on the seventh “day,” you are going to have to read what the Prophets say. They describe those things in much greater detail. In this case, John mentions Gog (a person) and Magog (his “multitude”) so you will know where to start. When you do, you will find only one Prophet mentions those two names together. That Prophet is Ezekiel, and I am going to show you what he said.

Before you can understand what Ezekiel wrote in regard to the war with Gog and Magog at the end of

the seventh “day,” you must first understand a few things I have already explained. There is, first and foremost, the things I explained in *Not All Israel Is Israel* regarding the Hebrew idiom “cut off from.” Then you also need a fairly good understanding of how the Egyptian myth of Osiris relates to the things I have explained in *The Passover Parable*. I have explained that in bits and pieces over the past two decades just to make sure dilettantes and the merely curious would never take the time to sort it all out. Those things relate primarily to the *parabolic imagery* in which Satan is depicted as a “sea serpent” who patrols “many waters,” seeking unwary prey, constantly trying to prevent their resurrection to eternal life by loading up their “heart” with his lies. Finally, you need to know what happened at the Tower of Babel. I explained that in an article titled “So Why Would a Nomad ‘Build a House’ and Settle Down?” (See *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 1997.)

With those things readily at hand, you also need to know a few things about the ministry of the Prophet Ezekiel. Like the Prophet Jeremiah, Ezekiel was called to speak concerning God’s “plan” for the “nations” at large (read: “Gentiles”), rather than just His “plan” for “The House of Judah” (read: “Jews”). That is evident from the fact that Ezekiel accounts for an astounding 57 percent of the occurrences (78 out of 138) of the phrase “House of Israel” in the Hebrew Scriptures. He accounts for nearly two-thirds of the occurrences (78 out of 116) of that phrase in the Prophets. The significance of that mundane fact may not be immediately obvious to you, so let me explain it for you.

After the division of the Kingdom of Israel as a result of Rehoboam’s stupidity (1 Kin. 12), the phrase “House of Israel” was used to refer specifically to the Northern Kingdom (1 Kin. 12:21; 20:31), and the phrase “House of Judah” was used with reference to the Southern Kingdom (1 Kin. 12:21; 20:23). If you put that bit of information together with what Ezekiel says about the “tree” of “The House of Israel” and the “tree” of “The House of Judah” in Ezekiel 37, you should be able to connect the dots:

¹⁵[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] was] [to me] [saying]: ¹⁶[But You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [take] [for Yourself] [one] [Tree] [and write] [on it], '[For Judah] [and for {the} Sons] {of} [Israel], [His Companions].' [Then take] [another] [Tree] [and write] [on it], '[For Joseph]—[{the} Tree] {of} [Ephraim]—[and {the} [whole]

House] {of} [Israel], [his Companions].' ¹⁷[Then bring [them] together] [to Yourself]—[one] [to] [another]—[as one] Tree]. [Then they will become] [one] [in Your Hand].

¹⁸[And whenever] [{the} Sons] {of} [Your People] [speak] [to You], [saying], '[Will You [not] tell] [us] [what] [these] [you have] {are}]?' ¹⁹[state] [to them], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look!] [I] {am} [going to take] [{the} Tree] {of} [Joseph]—[which] {was} [in {the} Hand] {of} [Ephraim]—[and {the} Branches] {of} [Israel], [his Companions]; [and I will put] [them] [on Him]—[{the} Tree] {of} [Judah]. [Then I will make them] [one] [Tree], [and they will be] [one] [in My Hand].'"

(Ezekiel 37:15–19) —my interim translation

If that doesn’t convince you that Ezekiel uses the phrase “House of Israel” to refer to the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom, take a look at the way he uses the two phrases together in this passage:

⁴[So You] [must lie down] [on] [Your [left] Side] [and place] [{the} Reprehensible Activity] {of} [{the} House] {of} [Israel] [on it]; [You will bear] [their Reprehensible Activity] {for} [The [Number] {of} Days] [You lie down] [on it]. ⁵[But I] [have given] [You] [{the} Years] {of} [their Reprehensible Activity] [as {the} Number] {of} [Days], [three] [hundred] [and ninety] [Days]. [So You will bear] [{the} Reprehensible Activity] {of} [{the} House] {of} [Israel]. ⁶[When You finish] [these], [then, [second], You will lie down] [on] [Your [right] Side], [and You will bear] [{the} Reprehensible Activity] {of} [{the} House] {of} [Judah] [forty] [Days], [a Day] [for a Year]. [I have given it] [to You] [a Day] [for a Year]."

(Ezekiel 4:4–6) —my interim translation

Enough about that. If you read what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 37:11 very carefully, you should be able to see that he is not speaking in terms of “The House of Judah” (read: “Jews”) being “gathered,” he is instead describing the “grafting” of the “tree” of “The House of Israel” (read: “Gentiles”)—“The Remnant” of the “Nations” (read: “Gentiles” again)—onto the “tree” of “The House of Judah” (read: “Jesus Christ”). If you find that *parabolic imagery* intriguing, you will find Paul explains it a bit more fully in Romans 11. But you already knew that, provided you have read what I wrote in *Not All Israel Is Israel*. If not, too bad for you. Don’t look back; the “sea serpent” is right behind you.

To understand why God would be interested in "gathering" *"The House of Israel"* (read: "fullness of the Gentiles") out of all the "nations," you need to keep in mind what I have already explained in *The Inheritance of the Believer* regarding Jacob giving Ephraim the honor of "carrying *The Name*" of the fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 48:16). After he assigned Ephraim the task of "carrying *The Name*" of the fathers of Corporate Israel, Ephraim's "seed" played the fool; so God ended up "cutting off" Ephraim, along with the other tribes of the Northern Kingdom (read: "House of Israel"), "from" Corporate Israel. And Hosea rather conveniently tells us Ephraim got himself all "mixed up" with the Gentiles (Hos. 7:8) after God sent him off into captivity. Without that bit of insight, you would never be able to understand how Ezekiel 29–39 is nothing more than a *parabolic* account of the things that John explains in Revelation 12–20, which is, as I have already explained, a *parabolic* account of the things that he describes in Revelation 6–11.

So, now that you have those things firmly in hand, I am going to give you a brief explanation of some words and phrases that Ezekiel uses to depict *parabolic images* you need to pay close attention to as you read what he wrote about "Pharaoh"—that is, Satan the "sea serpent"—and the "multitude" of "Egypt" (Rev. 11:8) who are going to go on blindly believing his lies here at the End of the Age.

At the risk of sounding somewhat Freudian, I must first tell you the *parabolic images* of the Prophets that relate to "water" are basically the same as those related to the fifth dimension of light. That is, "river," "hollow," "channel," "sea serpent," "sea," "Sea of Waters," "Sea of El," "the Deep," and "muddied waters" are all *parabolic images* that depict various aspects of the same thing. That "thing" is what we commonly call "thought." Pure "water" (read: "Truth") falls to Earth from the "Sea of Waters" (read: "Heaven") as "rain" or "snow" (Is. 55) and flows back to a salty (thoroughly poisoned) "sea" through a vast network of "hollows," "channels," and "rivers." But on its way down to the "sea," pure "water" can also be contaminated with "mud" (read: "lies"), which then makes it completely unfit for human consumption. That would be the case if the "sea serpent" (Ezek. 32:2) or those who believe his lies (Ezek. 32:13) happened to be intentionally "muddying" the "waters"—or adding a whole bunch of "wormwood" to it (Rev. 8:11).

The next set of *parabolic images* that Ezekiel had in mind relates to the Egyptian royal myth in which the Pharaoh "carried *The throne Name*" Horus to do his part in ensuring the resurrection of the deceased Pharaoh, who supposedly became "one" with "Osiris," the god of the dead, and ascended in the resurrection as the sun god each morning. At one point in the myth, the deceased Osiris floats across the Mediterranean Sea and finds himself firmly bound up in a tree at the foot of the mountains in Lebanon. So pay close attention when Ezekiel mentions "trees," especially the phrase "trees of the field." He is *talking about* beings—either physical or metaphysical. What Ezekiel had in mind can easily be determined from context—provided you know what he is *talking about*. Jesus tacitly ridicules dimwits who have no insight into the Prophets' use of this particular *parabolic image* when He says this:

15["You must hold back] [from] [The False Prophets]—[those who] [come] [to] [you] [in] [Sheep's] [Clothing] [but] [are] [vicious] [Wolves] [on the inside]. 16[You will recognize] [them] [from] [The Fruits] [they have]. [They [certainly] do [not] collect] [Bunches of Grapes] [from] [Thorns], [or] [Figs] [from] [Thistles], {do they}? 17[Like this], [every] [good] [Tree] [makes] [excellent] [Fruit]; [but] [The [rotten] Tree] [makes] [nasty] [Fruit]. 18[A [good] Tree] [is [not] able] [to make] [nasty] [Fruit], [nor] [a [rotten] Tree], [to make] [excellent] [Fruit]. 19[Every] [Tree] [that is [not] making] [excellent] [Fruit] [is cut off] [and] [thrown] [into] [a Fire]. 20[So then], [indeed], [you will recognize] [them] [from] [The Fruits] [they have]."] (Matthew 7:15–20) —my interim translation

The *parabolic images* related to "water" and "trees" are linked by the Canaanite myth related to the death and resurrection of the god Baal, and the Egyptian myth related to the death and resurrection of the god Osiris. The Canaanites considered Baal to be the water that came up out of the sea as rain and flowed back to the sea through a network of hollows, channels, and rivers. The Egyptians venerated Osiris as a vegetation (read: "tree") god who somehow became "one" with the sun god who died every night and arose in the resurrection every morning. The Prophets' mocking appropriation of the mythology related to the two gods is based on the fact that both gods had to elude the deadly "sea serpent" who lived in the "sea" from which they were forced to escape before they could be resurrected.

Another *parabolic image* you need to keep in mind is that of the “sword.” Ezekiel mentions that *parabolic image* no less than forty times in Ezekiel 29–39. In many instances, he refers to those who have been “pierced” by it. The “sword” he has in mind is the “saber” that John mentions in this passage:

¹¹[And] [I saw] [The Heaven] [had been opened], [and] [Look!] [A [white] Horse!] [and] [the {One} Who was sitting] [on] [him] [is called] “[Believable] [and] [True].” [And] [He judges] [and] [wages war] [by] [a Declaration of Not Guilty]. ¹²[But] [The Eyes] [He has] {are} [like] [a Flame] {of} [Fire], [and] [many] [Diadems] {are} [on] [The Head] [He has], [Who has] [a Name] [that has been written], [which] [nobody] [is aware of] [except] [Him], ¹³[and] [{a Name} that has been wrapped in] [an Overgarment] [that has been dipped in] [Blood]. [And] [The Name] [He has] [is called] “[The Word] {of} [The {Living} God].” ¹⁴[And] [The Troops] [in] [The Heaven] [who had slipped on {something}] [made of fine linen], [clean], [white], [were following] [Him] [on] [white] [Horses]. ¹⁵[A [keen] Saber] [came out] [of] [The Mouth] [He had], [so that] [He might repeatedly strike] [The Nations] [with] [her]. [And] [He] [will shepherd] [them] [with] [a Staff] [of iron!] [And] [He] [is trampling] [The Wine Press] {of} [The Wine] {of} [The Rage] {of} [The Anger] {of} [The {Living} God], [The Almighty!] ¹⁶[And] [on] [The Overgarment] [and] [on] [The Thigh*] [He has], [He has] [a Name] [that has been written]: “[KING] {of} [KINGS] AND [LORD] {of} [LORDS].” (Revelation 19:11–16) —my interim translation

Throughout the text of Ezekiel 31–39, you will find various names mentioned: Cush, Dedan, Egypt (Mizraim in some translations), Gomer, Magog, Meshech, Persia, Put, Rosh, Sheba, Tarshish, Togarmah, and Tubal. Some of them are further defined as those “pierced” by the “sword.” Those who were “pierced” are also identified as a “multitude,” or “congregation,” rather than as a “people.” That contrasts with God’s “People,” who are designated as His “Flock,” “shepherded” by His “Shepherd.”

If you know your Bible, you already know the nations I listed above are all mentioned in Genesis 10. You also know they are the descendants of Ham and Japheth (Gen. 10:1–20). But you may not know why Ezekiel singles out Asshur (Assyria) and Elam as those “pierced” by the “sword,” so I should probably tell you

why that is. It is because those two fellows were sons of Shem. Ezekiel wants you to key 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 (Gen. 10:21–31; 11:10–32). He is telling you that, after the Tower of Babel, God considered the descendants of Asshur and Elam to be just another part of the Cursed.

Ezekiel’s account of Satan’s appearance as the “Sea Serpent” (read: “Antichrist”) at the End of the Age actually starts in Chapter 16, where he *talks about* the New Covenant. From Chapter 23 on, he gets into more of the specifics as to why the wrath of God is headed our way, but he ratchets up the intensity when he gets to Chapter 29. That’s when he *parabolically* depicts Satan as the “Sea Serpent” for the first time. Unfortunately, I did not have the space here to include Chapters 29–30; so I will begin with my translation of Chapter 31 and continue on through Chapter 39. To understand what Ezekiel is *talking about* in these chapters, you need only keep in mind the *parabolic images* I explained above.

Ezekiel 31

God “plans” to cast Satan out of Heaven because he drew “water” from an unending source of lies.

¹[Then it happened] [in {the} eleventh] [Year], [in the third {month}], [on {the} first {day}] [of The New Moon], [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] [occurred] [to me], [saying]: ²“[Son] {of} [Adam], [say] [to] [Pharaoh], [King] {of} [Egypt], [and to] [his Multitude]:

‘[To] [whom] [do You compare] [in Your Greatness]?

³[Look!] [Osiris] {was} [a Cedar] [in Lebanon]—

[Attractive] [Limbs], [and a Canopy] [casting a shadow], [And a [high] Rise].

[His Pinnacle] [was] [even between] [Thunderheads]!

⁴[Water] [made him grow], [The Deep] [brought him up] [With] [her Rivers] [walking]

[round about] [her Planting Place],

[She even sent [her Channels] out]

[to] [all] [{the} Trees] {of} [The Field],

⁵[With the result that] [his Rise] [was higher]

[Than all] [{the} Trees] {of} [The Field];

[And his Boughs] [became many]

[and his Twigs] [extended],

[Because of {the} [many] Waters] [she sent him].

⁶[All] [{the} Flyers] {of} [The Sea of Waters]
 [built a nest] [in his Forks],
 [And under] [his Twigs] [Every] [Animal]
 {in} [The Field] [engendered].
 [And [everyone]—[many] [Nations]—
 [dwelled] in his Shadow].
⁷[So he was attractive] [in his Greatness]—
 [in {the} Extent] {of} [his Leafage]—
 [Because] [his Root] [was] [into] [many] [Waters].
⁸[{The} Cedars] [in {the} Garden] {of} [God]
 [were [not] a match for him];
 [Cypress Trees] [could [not] compare] [to] [his Forks];
 [Plane Trees] [were] [not] [like his Twigs].
 [Not] [any] [Tree] [in {the} Garden] {of} [God]
 [Could compare] [to him] [in his Attractiveness].
⁹[I made him] [attractive]
 [by {the} Large Amount] {of} [his Leafage],
 [And [all] [{the} Trees] {of} [Eden]—[who] {were} [in
 {the} Garden] {of} [God]—were jealous of him].”

¹⁰[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[Simply because] [You were exalted] [in Rise] [and he put] [his Pinnacle] [between] [Thunderheads], [and his Heart] [was haughty] [in his Height], ¹¹[I will put him] [in {the} Hand] {of} [{the} Terebinth] {of} [Nations]. [He will [most definitely] deal with] [him] [according to his Guilt]. [I will drive him away], ¹²[and [Strangers]—[Those Who are Ruthless] [Gentiles]—will cut him off] [and forsake him]. [His Leafage] [will fall] [onto] [The Mountains] [and into all] [{the} Hollows], [and his Twigs] [will be broken] [in all] [{the} Channels] {of} [The Earth]. [All] [{the} Peoples] {of} [The Earth] [will go down] [out of his Shadow] [and forsake him]. ¹³[Every] [Flyer] {of} [The Sea of Waters] [will reside] [on] [The Place Where he Falls], [and [every] [Animal] {in} [The Field] [will be] on] [his Twigs], ¹⁴[so that] [all] [watered] [Trees] [are [not] exalted] [in their Rise], [and do [not] put] [their Pinnacles] [between] [Thunderheads], [and their Terebinths]—[all] [those who drink] [Water]—[do [not] stand up] [in their Rise]. [Because] [all of them] [have been given] [to Death], [to] [Earth’s] [Lower Parts] [in the midst of] [{the} Sons] {of} [Adam], [to] [those who are going down to] [a Pit].”

¹⁵[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[In {the} Day] [when he goes down to] [The Sea of El], [I will cause mourning]. [I will cover] [him over] [with] [The Deep], [and I will withhold] [her Rivers]. [Even [many] [Waters] will be held back], [and I will make

[Lebanon] gloomy] [on account of him]. [And all] [{the} Trees] {of} [The Field] [will be enshrouded] [on account of him]. ¹⁶[I will make [Nations] quake] [from {the} Sound] {of} [his Fall], [when I bring [him] down to] [The Sea of El] [with] [those who are going down to] [a Pit]. [Then [all] [{the} Trees] {of} [Eden], [{the} Choicest] [and best] {of} [Lebanon]—[all] [who drink] [Water]—will feel sorrowful] [in Earth’s] [Lower Parts]. ¹⁷[Even] [they] [will go down [with him] to] [The Sea of El]—[to those pierced by] [a Sword]—[and his Seed] [will dwell] [in his Shadow] [in the midst of] [Gentiles]. ¹⁸[To] [whom] [do You compare] [in Glory] [and Greatness] [among {the} Trees] {of} [Eden]? [But You will be brought down] [with] [{the} Trees] {of} [Eden] [to] [Earth’s] [Lower Parts]; [You will lie down] [in the midst of] [those who are uncircumcised], [with] [those pierced by] [a Sword]—[that] {is}, [Pharaoh] [and all] [his Multitude],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty].

Ezekiel 32

God will cast Satan out; he will foul the “waters”; and “multitudes” will die because of “wormwood.”

¹[Then it happened] [in {the} twelfth] [Year], [in {the} twelfth] [New Moon], [on {the} first {day}] [of The New Moon], [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] [occurred] [to me], [saying]: ²“[Son] {of} [Adam], [take up] [a Funeral Hymn] [about] [Pharaoh], [King] {of} [Egypt], [and say] [to him]:

‘[You have likened Yourself to]
 [an Alpha Lion] {of} [Nations].
 [But You] {are} [like {the} Sea Serpent] [in The Seas],
 [And You have surged] [into Your Rivers];
 [And You have muddied] [{the} Water] [with Your Feet],
 [When You stomped around in] [their Rivers].’

³[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]:
 ‘[So I will spread [My Netting] out] [over You]
 [In a Congregation] {of} [many] [Peoples],
 [And they will bring You up] [in My Fishnet].

⁴[Then I will forsake You] [on The Earth];
 [I will hurl You] [onto] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Field].
 [Then I will cause [every] [Flyer] {of} [The Sea of Waters]
 to take up residence] [on You],
 [And I will satisfy] [{the} Animal]
 {of} [The [whole] Earth] [with You].

⁵[Then I will put [Your Flesh] down]

[on] [The Mountains],
 [And I will fill [The Hollows] with] [Your Maggots*].
⁶[Then I will give [{the} Earth] a drink
 of] [Your Effluent*],
 [Some of Your Blood] [to] [The Mountains],
 [So that {the} Channels] [are filled] [because of You].
⁷[When You have been extinguished], [I will conceal]
 [The Sea of Waters];
 [And I will make [their Stars] gloomy].
 [I will conceal] [The Sun] [with a Cloud],
 [And The Moon] [will [not] shed] [his Light].
⁸[All] {of} [{the} Luminaries] {of} [Light]
 [in The Sea of Waters],
 [I will make them gloomy] [on account of You].
 [Then I will put [Darkness] down] [on] [Your Country],'
 [Declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

⁹'[Then I will exasperate] [{the} Heart] {of}
 [many] [Peoples] [when I bring] [Your Brokenness] [into
 Nations] [on] [Countries] [that] [You do [not] know].
¹⁰[Then I will devastate] [many] [Nations] [on account of
 You], [and their Kings] [will have [total] terror] [on
 account of You] [when I fly] [My Sword] [over] [their
 Surfaces]; [and they will tremble] [every Moment], [Each
 One] [for his Soul] [on {the} Day] {of} [Your Fall].'
¹¹[Because] [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty],
 [has said]: '[{The} Sword] {of} [{the} King] {of}
 [Babylon] [will go into You]. ¹²[I will make [Your
 Multitude] fall] [by {the} Swords] {of} [Gibbors]; [all of
 them] {are} [{the} Ruthless Ones] {of} [Nations].

[So they will vanquish] [Egypt's] [Lofty One],
 [And [all] {of} [her Multitude] will be wiped out].
¹³[Then I will send [her [every] Beast] to **Abaddon**—
 [From beside] [many] [Waters].
 [And [{the} Foot] {of} [Adam] will [not] muddy them]
 [any longer],
 [And {the} Hoofs] {of} [a Beast] [will [not] muddy them].
¹⁴[At that time], [I will make [their Waters] subside],
 [And I will make [their Rivers] walk] [like Oil],'
 [Declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].
¹⁵'[When I turn [{the} Country] {of} [Egypt] into]
 [a Desolate Area],
 [Then [{the} Earth] will be desolated] [of her Fullness].
 [When I viciously strike] [all] [who are dwelling] [in her],
 [Then they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].'
¹⁶[That] {is} [a Funeral Hymn], [and they will
 chant it as a funeral hymn]. [{The} Daughters] {of} [The

Nations] [will chant [it] as a funeral hymn]. [They will
 chant [it] as a funeral hymn] [about] [Egypt] [and about]
 [her [whole] Multitude],'' [declares] [My Master], [His
 Majesty].

¹⁷[Then it happened] [in {the} twelfth] [Year], [on
 {the} fifteenth {day}] [of The New Moon], [{the} Word]
 {of} [His Majesty] [occurred] [to me], [saying]: ¹⁸'[Son]
 {of} [Adam], [express sorrow] [over] [Egypt's]
 [Multitude]; [then bring him—[with her] [and {the}
 Daughters] {of} [{the} Nations]—down] [to] [Earth's]
 [Lowest Parts] [with] [those who are going down to] [a
 Pit]:

¹⁹'[Whom] [will You be [more] pleasant] [than]?
 [Go down] [and lie down] [with]
 [{those who are} uncircumcised]!'

²⁰[They will fall] [in the Midst of] [{those who have
 been} pierced by] [a Sword]. [She will be put down by] [a
 Sword]; [they will pull [her] [and all] [her Multitudes]
 back]. ²¹'[{The} Gods] {of} [Gibbors] [will speak] [to
 him]—[with] [those {who} are helping]—[out of the
 Midst of] [The Sea of El]. [The {ones who are} uncircum-
 cised] [will go down]; [they will lie down with] [{those
 who have been} pierced by] [a Sword].

²²[Asshur] {is} [there], [and all] [her Congregation]
 {is} [round about him]—[his Tombs]. [All of them]—[the
 {ones} who have fallen]—{are} [{those who have been}
 pierced] [by a Sword], ²³[whose] [Tombs] [will be put
 down] [in {the} Lower Parts] {of} [a Pit]. [Then [her
 Congregation] will be] [round about] [her Tomb]; [all of
 them]—[those who have fallen]—{are} [{those who have
 been} pierced] [by a Sword], [who] [put [Intimidation]
 down] [in {the} Country] {of} [{those who are} living].

²⁴[Elam] {is} [there], [and all] [her Multitude] {is}
 [round about] [her Tomb]. [All of them]—[those who have
 fallen]—{are} [{those who have been} pierced] [by a
 Sword], [who] [went down] [uncircumcised] [to] [Earth's]
 [Lowest Parts], [who] [put [their Intimidation] down] [in
 {the} Country] {of} [{those who are} living]. [So they
 will bear] [their Humiliation] [with] [those who are going
 down to] [a Pit]. ²⁵[They will put [a Bed] down] [for her]
 [in the Midst of] [{those who have been} pierced], [with
 all] [her Multitude]. [Her Tombs] {are} [round about
 him]—[all of them] [uncircumcised], [{those who have
 been} pierced by] [a Sword] [because] [their Intimidation]
 [was put down] [in {the} Country] {of} [{those who are}
 living]. [So they will bear] [their Humiliation] [with]

[those who are going down to] [a Pit]. [It will be put down] [in the Midst of] [{those who have been} pierced].

²⁶[Meshech], [Tubal], [and all] [her Multitude] {are} [there]. [Her Tombs] {are} [round about him]. [All of them] {are} [{those who are} uncircumcised], [those who have been pierced by] [a Sword] [because] [they put [their Intimidation] down] [in {the} Country] {of} [{those who are} living]. ²⁷[So they will [not] lie down] [with] [{the} **Gibbors**] [from {those who are} uncircumcised] [who have fallen], [who] [went down to] [The Sea of El] [with {the} Things] {of} [their Battle]—[they put] [their Swords] [under] [their Heads]. [But [their Reprehensible Activities] will be] [on] [their Bones] [because] [{the} Intimidation] {of} [**Gibbors**] {was} [in {the} Country] {of} [{those who are} living]. ²⁸[But You], [You will be broken] [in the Midst of] [{those who are} uncircumcised]; [and You will lie down] [with] [{those who have been} pierced by] [a Sword].

²⁹[Edom], [her Kings], [and all] [her Carriers] [who] [put [{those who have been} pierced by] [a Sword] down] {will be} [there]—[with their Valor]. [They] [will lie down] [with] [{those who are} uncircumcised] [and with] [those who are going down to] [a Pit]—³⁰[{the} Cast Images] {of} [**Zaphon**], [all of them], [and all] [{the} Sidonians] [who] [went down] [with] [{those who have been} pierced] [by their Intimidation], [those who are ashamed] [because of their Valor]. [So [{those who are} uncircumcised] will lie down with] [{those who have been} pierced by] [a Sword], [and they will bear] [their Humiliation] [with] [those who are going down to] [a Pit].

³¹[Pharaoh] [will see] [them], [and he will feel sorry] [because of] [all] [his Multitude]. [{Those who have been} pierced by] [a Sword] {will be} [Pharaoh] [and all] [his Entourage],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty], ³²“[because] [I will put [My Intimidation] down] [in {the} Country] {of} [{those who are} living]. [Then he—[Pharaoh] [and all] [his Multitude]—will be made to lie down] [with] [{those who have been} pierced by] [a Sword], [in the Midst of] [{those who are} uncircumcised],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

Ezekiel 33

Make sure you listen for the sound of the “trumpet”; miss it or mistake it, and you are on your own.

¹[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] occurred] [to me] [saying]: ²[Son] {of} [Adam], [speak] [to] [{the} Sons]

{of} [Your People] [and say] [to them]: ‘[Earth], [when] [I bring] [a Sword] [upon her], [and] [{the} People] {of} [The Earth] take] [one] [Man] [from their Ends] [and make him] [{one} who keeps watch] [for them], ³[and he sees] [The Sword] [coming] [on] [The Earth] [and blows] [on The Trumpet] [and enlightens] [The People], ⁴[and [the {one} who can hear] hears] [{the} Sound] {of} [The Trumpet] [but is [not] enlightened], [so that [a Sword] comes] [and takes him away], [his Blood] [will be] [on his Head]. ⁵[He heard] [{the} Sound] {of} [The Trumpet], [but he was [not] enlightened], {so} [his Blood] [will be] [on him]. [But {as for} that {one}] [who is enlightened], [his Soul] [will escape]. ⁶[But the {one} who is keeping watch], [when] [he sees] [The Sword] [coming] [but he does [not] blow] [on The Trumpet] [and The People] [is [not] enlightened], [and [a Sword] comes] [and takes [some of them] away], [that] [Soul] [will be taken away] [because of his Reprehensible Activity]; [but [I will diligently seek] his Blood] [from {the} Hand] {of} [the {one} who is keeping watch].’

⁷[But You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [I have made You] [{one} who is keeping watch] [for {the} House] {of} [Israel], [so that You hear] [a Word] [from My Mouth] [and You provide [them] enlightenment] [about Me]. ⁸[When I say] [to a Guilty Person], ‘[Guilty Person], [You will [definitely] die],’ [but You do [not] speak] [to provide [a Guilty Person] enlightenment] [about his Way], [that] [Guilty Person] [will die] [because of his Reprehensible Activity], [but [I will seek] his Blood] [from Your Hand]. ⁹[But You], [when] [You provide [The Guilty Person] enlightenment] [about his Way] [to turn {him} back] [from it] [and he does [not] turn back] [from it], [he] [will die] [because of his Reprehensible Activity]; [but You] [will snatch [Your Soul] away]. ¹⁰[So You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [say] [to] [{the} House] {of} [Israel], ‘[This is what] [you have said], [saying], “[Our Transgressions] [and our Sins] {are} [certainly] [upon us], [and [we] {are} [rotting away] in them], [so how] [could we live]?’” ¹¹[Say] [to them], ‘[I swear on My life!]’ [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]: ‘[I [will never] be pleased] [with {the} Death] {of} [The Guilty Person] [except] [when [a Guilty Person] turns back] [from his Way] [so that he may live]. [Turn back]! [Turn back] [from your [bad] Ways]! [So why] [would you die], [{O} House] {of} [Israel]?’

¹²[So You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [say] [to] [{the} Sons] {of} [Your People], ‘[{The} Declaration of Not Guilty] {of} [The One Who Is Not Guilty] [will [not] snatch him away] [in {the} Day] {of} [his Transgression]; [and {as for the} Guilt] {of} [The Guilty Person], [he will

[not] be caused to stumble] [by it] [in {the} Day] [when he turns back] [from {the} Thing That Incurs his Guilt]; [but One Who Is Not Guilty] [will [not] be able] [to live] [because of it] [in {the} Day] [when he sins].'

¹³[When I tell] [The One Who Is Not Guilty] [he will [definitely] live], [but he] [trusts] [in] [his Declaration of Not Guilty] [and makes [Deviance] happen], [not] [any] {of} [his Declaration of Not Guilty] [will be remembered]; [but because of his Deviance] [that] [he made to happen], [he will die] [because of it]. ¹⁴[But when I tell] [The Guilty Person], 'You will [definitely] die,' [and he turns back] [from his Sinful Act] [and makes] [a Decision Based on the Truth] [and a Declaration of Not Guilty], ¹⁵[a Guilty Person] [will return] [Collateral For a Loan], [he will settle up by giving back] [What Was Taken by Robbery], [{by} walking] [in {the} Statutes] {of} [The Ones Who Are Living] [in order not to] [make] [Deviance]. [He will [definitely] live]; [he will [not] die]. ¹⁶[Any] {of} [his Sinful Acts] [that] [he committed] [will [not] be remembered] [against him]. [He made] [a Decision Based on the Truth] [and a Declaration of Not Guilty]; [he will [definitely] live].

¹⁷[But [{the} Sons] {of} [Your People] will say], '[{The} Way] {of} [My Master] [can [not] be proven]'; [but {as for} them], [their own Way] [can [not] be proven]. ¹⁸[When [One Who Is Not Guilty] turns back] [from his Declaration of Not Guilty] [and makes] [Deviance], [then he will die] [because of them]. ¹⁹[When [a Guilty Person] turns back] [from {the} Thing That Incurs his Guilt] [and makes] [a Decision Based on the Truth] [and a Declaration of Not Guilty], [he] [will live] [because of them]. ²⁰[Since you say], '[{The} Way] {of} [My Master] [can [not] be proven], 'I will judge] [you], [{O} House] {of} [Israel], [Each One] [in accordance with his Way]."

²¹[Then it happened] [in {the} [twelfth] Year] [of our Exile], [in the tenth] [The New Moon], [on {the} fifth {day}], [The Escapee] [from Jerusalem] [came] [to me], [saying], "[The City] [has been attacked]." ²²[But {the} Hand] {of} [His Majesty] [had been] [on me] [in The Evening] [before] [The Escapee] [came], [and He opened] [my Mouth] [until he came] [to me] [in The Morning]. [So [my Mouth] was opened], [and I was [not] mute] [any longer]. ²³[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] occurred] [to me], [saying], ²⁴[Son] {of} [Adam], [{the ones} who are dwelling in] [these] [Ruins] [on] [Israel's] [Ground] [{are} speaking], [saying], '[Abraham] [was] [One] [when he took possession of] [The Earth], [but [to us]—we] {who are} [many]—[The Earth] [has been given] [as a Possession].' ²⁵[Therefore], [say] [to them],

'[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Regarding] [you eating] [The Blood] [and [raising up] your Eyes] [to] [your Idols] [and [spilling] Blood] [and [taking possession of] The Earth], ²⁶[You have stood] [by] [your Sword]; [you have done] [an Abominable Thing], [and Each One] {of} [you has made [his Neighbor's] [Woman] unclean], [yet [you would take possession of] The Earth?'" ²⁷[This is what] [You must say] [to them], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[I [most definitely] swear on My Life]; [whoever] {is} [in {the} Ruins] [will fall] [by The Sword]; [and whoever] {is} [on] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Field], [I will give him] [to The Animal] [to eat], [and whoever] {is} [in The Fortresses] [and in The Caves] [will die] [by Disease]. ²⁸[I will turn [The Earth] into] [a Desolate Area] [and Total Desolation]; [then {the} Loftiness] {of} [her Strength] [will keep Sabbath], [and [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel] will be desolate] [because there is not any] [{one} passing through]." ²⁹[Then they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty] [when I turn [The Earth] into] [a Desolate Area] [and Total Desolation] [on account of] [all] [their Abominable Things], [whatever] [they have done].

³⁰[But {as for} You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [{the} Sons] {of} [Your People] [who are talking] [about You] [next to] [Vertical Surfaces] [and in {the} Entrances] {of} [The Houses] [when [one*] speaks] [with] [another], [Each One] [with] [his Brother], [saying], '[Please] [come] [and hear] [what [The Word] [that comes out] [from] [His Majesty] is].' ³¹[Then they come] [to You] [like {the} Entry] {of} [a People], [and they sit] [before You] {as} [My People], [and they listen to] [Your Words]; [but they do [not] do] [them], [because] [they] [{are} doing] [{the} Lustful Desires] [in their Mouth]. [Their Heart] [{is} walking] [after] [their Ill-gotten Gain]. ³²[Look! You are] [to them] [like a Song] {about} [Lustful Desires] {with} [an [attractive] Voice] [and doing good] [playing a stringed instrument]. [So they listen to] [Your Words], [but [none of them] {are} doing] [them]. ³³[But when it comes to pass], [Look!] [it will come to pass]. [Then they will know] [that] [a Prophet] [was] [in their Midst]."

Ezekiel 34

Fools who claim to be "shepherds" don't know the Truth, but His "flock" will hear when He speaks.

¹[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] occurred] [to me], [saying]: ²[Son] {of} [Adam], [prophesy]

[against] [{the} Shepherds] {of} [Israel]! [Prophecy] [and say] [to them]—[to The Shepherds], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Woe to] [{the} Shepherds] {of} [Israel] [who] [have been] [grazing on] [them]! [Should] [The Shepherds] [not] shepherd [The Flock]? ³[You consume] [The Fat] [and you clothe yourselves] [with] [The Wool], [you sacrifice [The Fat One] as a communal sacrifice], {but} [you do [not] shepherd [The Flock]! ⁴[You did [not] strengthen] [the {ones} who were being tormented], [and you did [not] heal] [the {one} who was in torment], [and you did [not] provide a bandage] [for the {one} who was broken], [and you did [not] bring back] [the {one} who was banished], [and you did [not] seek] [the {one} who was going to **Abaddon**]. [But by Force] [and with Brutality] [you exercised authority over] [them]. ⁵[So, [without] [a Shepherd], they were dispersed]. [Then they became] [Foodstuff] [for every] [Animal] {of} [The Field] [and were dispersed]. ⁶[My Flock] [became intoxicated] [on all] [The Mountains] [and on every] [high] [Hill], [and [My Flock] [has been dispersed] over] [all] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Earth], [and there has not been any] [{one} diligently seeking {them}]. [There has not even been any] [{one} seeking {them}].'"

⁷[Therefore], [Shepherds], [hear] [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty]: ⁸"[I swear on My Life]," [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty], "[Most definitely], [simply because of] [My Flock] [becoming] [Spoils] [when [My Flock] became] [Foodstuff] [for every] [Animal] {of} [The Field] [because there was not any] [{one} shepherding], [and My Shepherds] [did [not] diligently seek] [My Flock], [but [The Shepherds] grazed on] [them] [and did [not] shepherd] [My Flock]; ⁹[therefore], [O Shepherds], [hear] [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty]: ¹⁰[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look! I am] [against] [The Shepherds], [and I will diligently seek] [My Flock] [from their Hand]. [Then I will make them keep Sabbath] [from shepherding] [My Flock] [and [The Shepherds] will [not] shepherd them] [any longer]. [Then I will snatch] [My Flock] [out of their Mouth], [and they will [not] be] [Foodstuff] [for them].'"

¹¹[Because] [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look! I [Myself] am here]! [And I will diligently seek] [My Flock], [and I will investigate concerning them]. ¹²[Like {the} Investigation {of} [a Shepherd] concerning*] [his Herd] {of} [those who have been spread out] [on {the} Day] [{when} he is] [in the Midst of] [his Flock], [so also] [I will investigate concerning] [My Flock], [and [on a Day] {of} [a Cloud] [and

Dense Fog] I will snatch them] [out of all] [The Places] [where] [they have been dispersed].

¹³[Then I will bring them out] [of The Peoples], [and I will gather them] [out of The Countries], [and I will bring them in] [to] [their own Ground]; [and I will shepherd them] [on] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel], [by The Channels], [and in all] {of} [The Earth's] [Places of Habitation]. ¹⁴[I will shepherd] [them] [in a [good] Pasture], [and [their Habitat] [will be] on {the} Mountains] {of} [{the} Highest Point] {of} [Israel]. [They will lie down] [there] [in a [good] Habitat], [and [they will graze on] a [robust] Pasture] [on] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel]. ¹⁵[I [Myself] will shepherd] [My Flock], [and I [Myself] will make them lie down]," [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. ¹⁶"[I will seek] [the {one} who is going to **Abaddon**], [and [I will bring back] the {one} who has been banished], [and [I will provide a bandage for] the {one} who has been broken], [and [I will strengthen] the {one} who is in torment], [but [I will wipe out] the robust] [and the strong]. [I will shepherd her] [with a Decision Based on the Truth].

¹⁷[So {as for} you], [My Flock], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: '[Look! I am] [going to decide] [between] [Lamb] [and Kid], [Rams] [and Billy Goats]. ¹⁸[Is it [so] insignificant] [that you] [graze on] [The [good] Pasture], [that [you must trample] What Is Left] {of} [your Pastures] [with your Feet]? [Or [{that} you drink] undisturbed] [Waters], [that [you must stomp around in] the {ones} that remain] [with your Feet]? ¹⁹[Then My Flock] [must graze on] [What you Trampled] [{with} your Feet], [and they must drink] [What you Stomped Around In*] [{with} your Feet].'" ²⁰[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [will say] [to them]: "[Look! I [Myself] am here], [and I will decide] [between] [a [fat] Lamb] [and] [a [starving] Lamb], ²¹[simply because] [you shoved {them} aside] [with Side] [and with Shoulder], [and [you butted] [all] {of} [the {ones} who were in torment] with your Horns] [until] [you dispersed] [them] [to] [The Outside]. ²²[So I will save] [My Flock], [and they will [not] be] [Spoils] [any longer]. [Then I will decide] [between] [a Lamb] [and a Kid]. ²³[Then I will raise up] [over them] [one] [Shepherd]—[My Slave] [David]—[and He will shepherd] [them]. [He will shepherd] [them] [Himself], [and He] [will be] [their] [Shepherd]. ²⁴[Then I], [His Majesty], [will be] [their] [God]; [and My Slave] [David] {will be} [a Carrier] [in their Midst]. [I], [His Majesty], [have spoken]. ²⁵[Then I will cut] [a Legal Agreement] {of} [Peace] [for

them], [and I will make [a [bad] Animal] keep Sabbath] [away from] [The Earth] [so that they may dwell] [securely] [in The Wilderness] [and fall asleep] [in The Forest].²⁶[Then I will make] [them] [and [round about] My Hill] [a **Blessing**]. [And I will bring [The Rainfall] down] [in its Time]; [they will be] [Rainfalls] {of} [a **Blessing**].²⁷[Then [{the} Tree] {of} [The Field] will put forth] [His Fruit] [and The Earth] [will put forth] [Her Produce], [and they will be] [secure] [on] [The Ground], [and they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty] [when I shatter] [{the} Yoke Bars] {of} [their Yoke] [and snatch them out] [of {the} Hand] {of} [those who have enslaved] [them].²⁸[So they will [not] be] [Spoils] [for The Nations] [any longer], [and {the} Animal] {of} [The Earth] [will [not] consume them]. [Then they will dwell] [securely], [and there will not be any] [{one} who causes trembling].²⁹[Then I will raise up] [a Twig] [as a Name] [for them], [and they will [not] be] [those who are rounded up by] [Famine] [any longer], [and they will [not] bear] [{the} Humiliating Statements] {of} [The Nations] [any longer].³⁰[Then they will know] [that] [I], [His Majesty], [their God], {am} [with them]; [and they], [{the} House] {of} [Israel], {are} [My People],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].³¹[But you], [My Flock], {are} [{the} Flock] {of} [My Pasture]. [You] {are} [Adam]; [I] {am} [your God],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

Ezekiel 35

A fake “house of the Lord” built on a fake “Mt. Zion” will ultimately be proven to be what it is—a fake.

¹[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] occurred] [to me], [saying], ²“[Son] {of} [Adam], [set] [Your Face] [against] [Mount] [Seir], [and prophesy] [against him], ³[and say] [to him], ‘[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]:

“[Look! I am] [against You], [Mount] [Seir], [And I will stretch out] [My Hand] [against You], [And I will make You] [a Desolate Area] [and Total Desolation].

⁴[I will turn [Your Cities] into] [a Ruin], [And You] [will become] [a Desolate Area]. [Then You will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].

⁵[Simply because] [You] [have] [an [eternally burning] Mutual Hatred], [You will turn [{the} Sons] {of} [Israel]

over] [to] [{the} Hands] {of} [a Sword] [at {the} Time] {of} [their Catastrophe]—[at {the} Time] {of} [Reprehensible Activity] [Ending]. ⁶[Therefore], [I swear on My Life],” [declares], [My Master], [His Majesty], “[that] [I will make You] [Blood] [so Blood] [can pursue You]. [You [most definitely] hated] [Blood], [so Blood] [will pursue You]. ⁷[Then I will turn [Mount] [Seir] into] [a Desolate Area]. [But a Desolate Area] [from which] [I will cut off] [{one} who crosses over] [and returns]. ⁸[Then I will fill [his Mountains] with] [those he has pierced]. {As for} [Your Hills] [and Your Hollows] [and all] [Your Channels], [those pierced with] [a Sword] [will fall] [in them]. ⁹[I will turn You into] [an [eternally burning] Desolate Area], [and Your Cities] [will [not] be inhabited]. [Then you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].

¹⁰[Simply because of] [You saying], ‘[The [two] Nations] [and The [two] Countries] [will be] [mine]; [then we will take possession of her] [and His Majesty] [will be] [there].’ ¹¹[Therefore], [I swear on My Life],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty], “[that I will deal with {You}] [in accordance with Your Anger] [and in accordance with Your Jealousy], [which] [You did] [because of Your Hatred] [against them]. [So I will be made known] [among them] [whenever] [I judge You]. ¹²[Then You will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty]. [I have heard] [all] {of} [Your Contemptible Things] [that] [You have said] [about] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel], [saying], ‘[They are devastated]; [they have been given] [to us] [as Foodstuff].’ ¹³[When you vaunted yourselves] [over Me] [with your Mouth] [and you made [your Words] [about Me] deceitful], [I] [heard].” ¹⁴[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[When [The [whole] Earth] rejoices], [I will make] [a Desolate Area] [for You]. ¹⁵[Like Your Joy] [over {the} **Inheritance**] {of} [{the} House] {of} [Israel], [concerning] [what] {is} [a Desolate Area], [so also] [I will do] [over You]. [You, [Mount] [Seir], [and all] [Edom], will become] [a Desolate Area]—[all of it]. [Then you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].”

Ezekiel 36

Imposters claim to be heirs of the promise; the Truth is, the promise now belongs to “The Remnant” of “The House of Israel.”

¹“[But You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [prophesy] [to] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel] [and say]: ‘[{O}

Mountains] {of} [Israel], [hear] [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty]. ²[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Simply because] [The Enemy] [has said] [regarding you], 'Ah!' [even [eternally burning] High Places] [will become] [our] [Possession]!" ³[Therefore], [prophesy] [and say], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[For that very reason] [{they} have devastated] [and panted after] [you] [from round about], [so that you would become] [a Possession] [of The Remnant] {of} [The Nations] [and would be taken up] [on] [{the} Lip], [Tongue], [and Gossip] {of} [a People]."' ⁴[Therefore], [{O} Mountains] {of} [Israel], [hear] [{the} Word] {of} [My Master], [His Majesty]. [This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said] [to The Mountains] [and to The Hills], [to The Channels], [and to The Hollows], [and to [the devastated] Ruins], [and to [the abandoned] Cities]—[which] [have become] [Spoils] [and an Object of Derision] [to {the} Remnant] {of} [The Nations] [that] {are} [round about], ⁵[therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[In {the} Fire] {of} [My Jealousy], [I will [most definitely] speak] [against] [{the} Remnant] {of} [The Nations] [and against] [all] [Edom], [to] [whom] [they have given] [My Earth] [as a Possession] [with {the} Joy] {of} [a [whole] Heart], [with Scorn] {of} [Soul], [in order to] [drive her away] [as Spoils]."

⁶[Therefore], [prophesy] [regarding] [Israel's] [Ground] [and say] [to The Mountains] [and to The Hills], [to The Channels] [and to The Hollows], "[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: '[Look! I am here!]' [I will speak] [in My Jealousy] [and in My Rage] [simply because] [you have borne] [{the} Humiliating Statements] {of} [{the} Nations].' ⁷[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: '[I] [have raised] [My Hand]. [The Nations] [that] {are} [round about] [you] [will [themselves] [most definitely] bear] [their Humiliating Statements]. ⁸[But you], [{O} Mountains] {of} [Israel], [will put forth] [your Limbs] [and [bear] your Fruit] [for My People] [Israel], [when] [they are near] [to coming]. ⁹[Because] [look! I am here] [for you], [and I will face] [toward you], [and you will be tilled] [and sown].

¹⁰[Then I will make [Adam] many] [on you]—[{the} [whole] House] {of} [Israel], [all of her]. [Then [The Cities] will be inhabited] [and The Ruins] [will be rebuilt]. ¹¹[Then I will make [Adam] [and Beast] many] [on you], [and they will become many] [and bear fruit]. [Then I will populate] [you] [like {the} Places of your Origin], [and I

will do better things] [than your First Things*] [so that you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty]. ¹²[Then I will make [Adam]—[My People] [Israel]—walk] [on you], [and they will take possession of you], [and You will become] [an **Inheritance**] [for them] [and not] [continue] [to cause them bereavement] [any longer].'

¹³[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: '[Simply because of] [those who are saying] [to you], "[You] [are] [consuming] [Adam] [and causing the bereavement of] [Your Nation],"' ¹⁴[therefore] [You will [not] consume] [Adam] [any longer], [and You will [not] cause [Your Nation] to stumble] [any longer],' [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. ¹⁵[And I will [not] cause [{the} Humiliating Statements] {of} [The Nations] to be heard] [by You] [any longer], [and [You will [not] bear] {the} Disgrace] {of} [Peoples] [any longer], [and You will [not] cause [Your Nation] to stumble] [any longer],"' [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]."

¹⁶[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] was] [to me] [saying]: ¹⁷"[Son] {of} [Adam], [{the} House] {of} [Israel] {was} [dwelling] [on] [their own Ground]; [then they made [her] unclean] [by their Way] [and by their Deeds]. [Their Way] [before Me] [was] [like {the} Uncleaness] {of} [The Impurity]. ¹⁸[So I poured out] [My Rage] [on them] [because of] [The Blood] [that] [they poured out] [on] [The Earth] [when they made her unclean] [with their Idols]. ¹⁹[Then I dispersed] [them] [among The Nations], [and they have been winnowed] [in The Countries]. [But [I will judge them] in accordance with their Way] [and in accordance with their Deeds]. ²⁰[When they went in] [to] [The Nations] [where] [they went], [they polluted] [My holy] [Name] [by saying] [to them], '[These] {are} [His Majesty's] [People], [and [they have come out] of His Country].' ²¹[So I took pity] [on] [My holy] [Name], [which] [{the} House] {of} [Israel] [polluted] [among The Nations] [where] [they went].

²²[Therefore], [say] [to {the} House] {of} [Israel], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[I] {am} [not] [going to make {it} happen] [for your sakes], [{O} House] {of} [Israel]—[{but} only] [for [My holy] Name], [which] [you polluted] [among The Nations] [where] [you went]. ²³[So I will make [My [great] Name] holy]—[the {one} that has been polluted] [among The Nations], [which] [you polluted] [in their Midst]—[so that they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty],"' [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty], "[when I have been made holy] [among them] [in their Sight]. ²⁴[Then I will take] [you] [out of] [The Nations], [and I will gather]

[you] [out of all] [The Countries] [and bring [you] in] [to] [your own Ground]. ²⁵[So I will toss] [clean] [Water] [on you], [and you will be clean]; [I will cleanse] [you] [from all] [your Uncleaness] [and from all] [your Idols]. ²⁶[And I will give] [you] [a [new] Heart], [and [I will put] a [new] Spirit] [within you], [and I will remove] [the Stone] [Heart] [from your Flesh] [and give] [you] [a Heart] {of} [Flesh]. ²⁷[And [I will put] My Spirit] [within you] [and make {it} happen] [that] [you walk] [in My Statutes] [and stand watch over] [My Judgments] [and make {them} happen]. ²⁸[Then you will dwell] [in The Country] [that] [I gave] [to your Fathers], [and you will be] [My] [People], [and I] [will be] [your] [God]. ²⁹[Then I will save] [you] [from all] [your Uncleaness], [and I will call] [to] [The Grain] [and increase] [it], [and I will [not] put] [a Famine] [on you]. ³⁰[Then I will increase] [The Tree's] [Fruit] [and [The Field's] Yield] [in order] [that] [you [not] receive] [{the} Disgrace] {of} [Famine] [among The Nations] [any longer]. ³¹[Then you will remember] [your [bad] Ways] [and your Practices] [that] {are} [not] [good], [and you will loathe yourselves] [because of yourselves]—[on account of] [your Reprehensible Activities] [and on account of] [your Abominations]. ³²[I] {am} [not] [going to make {it} happen] [for your sakes],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. “[It will be made known] [to you]. [Be ashamed] [and humiliated] [because of your Ways], [{O} House] {of} [Israel].”

³³[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[On The Day] [{that} I cleanse] [you] [from all] [your Reprehensible Activities] [and populate] [The Cities]; [then [The Ruins] will be rebuilt]. ³⁴[And The Country]—[the {one} that was devastated]—[will be tilled], [instead of] [what] [was] [a Desolate Area] [in The Sight] {of} [everyone] [who passed by]. ³⁵[Then they will say], ‘[This] [Country]—[the {one} that was devastated]—[has become] [like {the} Garden] {of} [Eden], [and The [parched] [and devastated] [and broken down] Cities] [are inhabited] [enclosed {cities}].’ ³⁶[Then [The Nations] [that remain] [round about you] will know] [that] [I], [His Majesty], [rebuilt] [the broken down {things}]; [I planted] [the {thing} that was devastated]. [I], [His Majesty], [have spoken]; [and I will make {it} happen].”

³⁷[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[I will [once again] be sought] [by {the} House] {of} [Israel] [to make [this] happen] [for them]. [I will make them many], [like [Adam's] Flock]— ³⁸[like a Flock] {of} [holy {ones}], [like [Jerusalem's] Flock] [at Her Appointed Times]—[so] [The [parched] Cities] [will be]

[full of] [Adam's] [Flock]. [Then they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].””

Ezekiel 37

“The House of Judah” has been resurrected; now it's time for the resurrection of “The House of Israel.”

¹{The} Hand] {of} [His Majesty] [was] [upon me], [and He brought me out] [by {the} Spirit] {of} [His Majesty], [and He made me rest] [in the Middle of] [The Broad Valley]. [But it] {was} [full of] [Bones]. ²[Then He made me pass by] [over them] [round about]. [Round about!] [And look!] [Very] [many] {were} [on] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Broad Valley]. [And look!] [They were [very] dried up]!

³[Then He said] [to me], “[Son] {of} [Adam], [will [these] [Bones] come to life]?” [And I said], “[My Master], [Your Majesty], [You] [know].” ⁴[So He said] [to me], “[Prophecy] [over] [these] [Bones], [and say] [to them], ‘[O [dried up] Bones], [hear] [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty].’” ⁵[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said] [to [these] Bones]: ‘[Look!] [I] {am} [going to bring] [a Spirit] [into you] [so that you may come to life]. ⁶[Then I will put] [Tendons] [on you], [and I will cause] [Flesh] to come up] [over you], [and I will spread] [Skin] [over you], [and I will put] [a Spirit] [in you], [and you will come to life]. [Then you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].”

⁷[So I prophesied] [just as] [I had been commanded], [and there was] [a Sound] [when I prophesied]. [Then look!] [A Shaking!] [Then [Bones] came together]—[Bone] [to] [its Bone]! ⁸[Then I saw], [and look!] [Tendons] {were} [on them], [and Flesh] [came up], [and [Skin] was spread] [over them] [from the top], [but [there was not any] Spirit] [in them].

⁹[So He said] [to me], “[Prophecy] [to] [The Spirit]! [Prophecy], [Son] {of} [Adam], [and say] [to] [The Spirit], ‘[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[O Spirit], [come] [out of four] [Spirits] [and blow] [into [these] who have been killed], [so that they may come to life].”” ¹⁰[So I prophesied] [just as] [He commanded me], [and [The Spirit] came] [into them], [and they came to life], [and they stood up] [on] [their Feet]—[a [tremendously] [great] Entourage]!

¹¹[Then He said] [to me]: “[Son] {of} [Adam], [these] [Bones] {are} [{the} [whole] House] {of} [Israel]. [Look!] [They] {are} [saying], ‘[Our Bones] [have dried

up], [and [our Hope] has gone to **Abaddon**]. [We have been split apart] [to ourselves].¹²[Therefore], [prophesy] [and say] [to them], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look!] [I] {am} [going to open] [your Tombs] [and bring [you] up] [out of your Tombs], [My People]; [and I will bring you in] [to] [The Ground] {of} [Israel].¹³[Then you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty], [when I open] [your Tombs], [and when I bring [you] up] [out of your Tombs], [My People].¹⁴[Then I will put] [My Spirit] [in you], [so that you come to life]; [and I will make [you] rest] [on] [your own Ground]. [Then you will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty]. [I have spoken], [and I will make {it} happen],"' [declares] [His Majesty].'"

¹⁵[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] was] [to me] [saying], ¹⁶"[But You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [take] [for Yourself] [one] [Tree] [and write] [on it], '[For Judah] [and for {the} Sons] {of} [Israel], [His Companions].' [Then take] [another] [Tree] [and write] [on it], '[For Joseph]—[{the} Tree] {of} [Ephraim]—[and {the} [whole] House] {of} [Israel], [his Companions].'¹⁷[Then bring [them] together] [to Yourself]—[one] [to] [another]—[as [one] Tree]. [Then they will become] [one] [in Your Hand].

¹⁸[And whenever] [{the} Sons] {of} [Your People] [speak] [to You], [saying], '[Will You [not] tell] [us] [what] [these] [you have] {are}]?'¹⁹[state] [to them], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look!] [I] {am} [going to take] [{the} Tree] {of} [Joseph]—[which] {was} [in {the} Hand] {of} [Ephraim]—[and {the} Branches] {of} [Israel], [his Companions]; [and I will put] [them] [on Him]—[{the} Tree] {of} [Judah]. [Then I will make them] [one] [Tree], [and they will be] [one] [in My Hand].'"²⁰[When [The Trees] [on] [which] [You have written] are] [in Your Hand] [in their Sight], ²¹[then state] [to them], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look!] [I] {am} [going to take] [{the} Sons] {of} [Israel] [from among] [The Nations] [where] [they have walked], [and I will gather] [them] [from round about] [and bring] [them] [into] [their own Ground]. ²²[Then I will make] [them] [one] [Nation] [on The Earth]—[on {the} Mountains] {of} [Israel]—[and [one] King] [will be] [King] [for all of them], [and they will [not] be] [two] [Nations] [any longer], [and they will [not] be divided] [into two] [Kingdoms] [any longer]. ²³[And they will [not] make themselves unclean] [any longer] [with their Idols] [and with their Disgusting Things] [and with [all] their Transgressions], [but I will save] [them] [from all] [their Places of Habitation] [in] [which] [they sinned], [and I will cleanse] [them]. [Then they will be]

[My] [People], [and I] [will be] [their] [God].²⁴[My Slave] [David] [will reign as king] [over them], [and [all of them] [will have] [one] Shepherd], [and [they will walk] in My Judgments] [and stand watch over] [My Statutes] [and make [them] happen]. ²⁵[Then they will dwell] [on] [The Earth], [which] [I have given] [to My Slave]—[to Jacob]—[in] [which] [your Fathers] [dwelled]. [And [they] [and their Sons] [and {the} Sons] {of} [their Sons] will dwell] [on her] [an [eternally burning] Forever]; [and David], [My Slave], {will be} [their] [Carrier] [for a Burning Eternity].

²⁶[Then I will cut] [a Legal Agreement] {of} [Peace] [for them]—[it will be] [an [eternally burning] Legal Agreement] [with them]. [And I will put them down] [and increase] [them], [and I will put] [My Sanctuary] [in the Midst of them] [for a Burning Eternity]. ²⁷[Then [My Sanctuary] will be] [with them], [and I will be] [their] [God], [and they] [will be] [My] [People]. ²⁸[Then [The Nations] will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty] [Who makes [Israel] holy], [when My Sanctuary] {is} [in the Midst of them] [for a Burning Eternity].'"

Ezekiel 38

The "Sea Serpent" will give it one last try.

¹[Then [{the} Word] {of} [His Majesty] was] [to Me], [saying], ²"[Son] {of} [Adam], [set] [Your Face] [toward] [Gog] {of} [{the} Country] {of} [Magog], [{the} Carrier] {of} [Rosh], [Meshech], [and Tubal]; [and prophesy] [against him] ³[and say], '[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: "[Look! I am] [against You], [Gog], [{the} Carrier] {of} [Rosh], [Meshech], [and Tubal]. ⁴[So I will turn You back] [and put] [Hooks] [in Your Jaws]; [then I will bring [You] [and all] [Your Entourage] out]—[Horses] [and Horsemen]—[all of them] [clothed] [perfectly], [a [more than enough] Congregation] {with} [Armament] [and Shield], [all of them] [taking hold of] [Swords]—⁵[Persia], [Cush], [and Put] [with them], [all of them] {with} [Shield] [and Helmet]. ⁶[Gomer] [and all] [her Troops], [{the} House] {of} [Togarmah]—[{the} Foothills] {of} [Zaphon]—[and] [all] [his Troops], [more than enough] [Peoples] [with You]. ⁷[Be prepared] [and make preparations] [for Yourself]—[You] [and all] [Your Congregation], [the {ones} who have congregated] [about You]—[so that You may be] [a Guard] [for them]. ⁸[After [many] Days], [You will be levied]; [in The [final]

Years] [You will come in] [to] [a Country]—[which has been restored] [from {the} Sword], [which has been gathered] [out of {many} Peoples]—[on] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel], [which] [had been] [a Ruin] [continuously]. [But she] [will be brought out] [from {the} Peoples], [and [all of them] will dwell] [securely]. ⁹[Then You will come up] [like a Devastating Storm]; [You will come in], [You will be] [like a Cloud] [covering] [The Earth]—[You] [and all] [Your Troops] [and {many} Peoples] [with You].”

¹⁰[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[On [that] Day], [Words] [will come up] [on] [Your Heart]; [and You will consider] [a [bad] Thought]. ¹¹[Then You will say], ‘[I will go up] [against] [a Country] {of} [Rural Areas]. [I will enter] [the {ones} who are tranquil], [those who are dwelling] [securely], [all of them] [dwelling] [in {an area} without any] [Wall] [or Bar] [or Doors]—[they have] [none]— ¹²[to take [Plunder] as plunder], [to take [Spoils] as spoils], [to bring [Your Hand] back] [against] [Ruins] [that have been inhabited] [and against] [a People] [who was rounded up] [out of {the} Nations], [who made [Tangible Assets] [and Technical Knowledge] happen], [who is dwelling] [at] [{the} Epicenter] {of} [The Earth].’

¹³[Sheba] [and Dedan] [and {the} Traders] {of} [Tarshish] [and all] {of} [her Settlements] [will say] [to You]: ‘[Have [You] come] [to take [Plunder] as plunder]? [Have You congregated] [Your Congregation] [to take [Spoils] as spoils], [to carry off] [Silver] [and Gold], [to take away] [Tangible Assets] [and Technical Knowledge] [to take [great] [Plunder] as plunder]?’”

¹⁴[Therefore], [Son] {of} [Adam], [prophesy] [and say] [to Gog], ‘[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[Will You [not] know] [when [My People] [Israel] are dwelling] [securely] [on [that] Day]? ¹⁵[So You will come] [out of {the} Foothills] {of} [Zaphon]—[You] [and {many} Peoples] [with You], [all of them] [riding] [Horses], [a [great] Congregation] [and [more than enough] Entourage]— ¹⁶[and You will come up] [against] [My People] [Israel]. [You will be] [like a Cloud] [covering] [The Earth] [in The [final] Days], [when I bring You] [against] [My Earth], [so that] [The Nations] [know] [Me] [when I am made holy] [in their Sight] [by You], [Gog].’

¹⁷[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[{Are} You] [that {one}] [about [whom] I spoke] [in {the} [Qadmonite] Days] [by {the} Hand] {of} [My Slaves], [{the} Prophets] {of} [Israel]—[the {ones} who prophesied] {for} [Years] [in [those] Days]—[in order to bring] [You] [against them]?”

¹⁸[So it will happen] [on [that] Day], [on {the} Day] [when [Gog] comes] [against] [{the} Ground] {of} [Israel],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty], “[My Rage] [will come up] [in My Anger]. ¹⁹[And in My Jealousy]—[in {the} Fire] {of} [My Unbounded Rage]—[I will [most definitely] speak] [on [that] Day]. [There will be] [a [great] Shaking] [on] [{the} Ground] {of} [Israel]. ²⁰[{The} Fish] {of} [The Sea] [and {the} Flyer] {of} [The Sea of Waters] [and The Animal] {of} [The Field] [and all] {of} [{the} Crawling Thing] [that crawls] [on] [The Ground], [and all] {of} [The Adam] [who] {is} [on] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Ground] [will quake] [because of Me]. [Then The Mountains] [will be broken down] [and The Mountain Paths] [will fall]; [even every] [Wall] [will fall] [to The Earth]. ²¹[Then I will summon] [a Sword] [against him] [for all] {of} [My Mountains],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. “[Each One’s] [Sword] [will be] [against his Brother]. ²²[Then I will judge] [him] [with Disease] [and with Blood]; [and I will cause [an [overflowing] Rainfall] [and Hailstones] {of} [Fire] [and Sulfur] to fall] [on him] [and on] [his Troops] [and on] [many] [Peoples]. ²³[And I will magnify Myself] [and make Myself holy], [and I will be made known] [in the Sight] {of} [many] [Nations] [so that they know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty].”

Ezekiel 39

When the time comes, they will make preparations for the “building” of the real “House of God.”

¹[But You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [prophesy] [against] [Gog] [and say], ‘[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty] [has said]: “[Look! I am] [against You] [Gog], [Carrier] {of} [Rosh], [Meshech], [and Tubal]. ²[So I will turn You back], [and I will motivate* You], [and I will bring You up] [out of {the} Foothills] {of} [Zaphon], [and I will bring You] [against] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel]. ³[Then I will viciously strike] [Your Bow] [out of [Your Left] Hand], [and I will make [Your Arrows] fall] [out of [Your Right] Hand]. ⁴[You] [and all] [Your Troops] [and {the} Peoples] [who] {are} [with You] [will fall] [on] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel]; [I will give You] [as Foodstuff] [for Raptors]—[a Bird] {of} [every] [Wing]—[and {the} Animals] {of} [The Field]. ⁵[You will fall] [on] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Field] [because] [I have spoken],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

⁶[Then I will send] [a Fire] [into Magog] [and into

those dwelling [securely] in] [The Coastal Lands], [so that they know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty]. ⁷[But I will make [My holy] [Name] known] [in the Midst of] [My People] [Israel], [and I will [not] let [My holy] [Name] be polluted] [any longer]. [Then [The Nations] will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty]—[a Holy One] [in Israel]. ⁸[Look!] [It is coming] [and will be made to happen],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. “[That] {is} [The Day] [about [which] I have spoken].

⁹[Those who are dwelling in] [{the} Cities] {of} [Israel] [will go out] [and burn], [even kindle a fire], [with Weaponry] [and Shield] [and Armament], [with Bow] [and with Arrows] [and with [Hand] Mace] [and with Spear]; [and they will burn] [a Fire] [with them] [seven] [Years]. ¹⁰[But they will [not] carry] [Trees] [from] [The Field], [and they will [not] cut wood] [from] [The Forest] [because] [they will burn] [a Fire] [with the Weaponry], [and they will take as plunder] [those who took [them] as plunder], [and they will take as spoils] [those who took [them] as spoils],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

¹¹“[And it will happen] [on [that] Day] [that] [I will give] [Gog] [a Place] {for} [a Tomb] [there] [in Israel]—[{the} Hollow] {of} [the {ones} who are crossing over to] [{the} East] {of} [The Sea]. [And [it] {will be} preventing] [the {ones} who are crossing over]. [So they will bury] [Gog] [and] [all] [his Multitude] [there], [and they will call {it}] [{the} Hollow] {of} [Gog’s Multitude]. ¹²[And [{the} House] {of} [Israel] will bury them] [in order to] [cleanse] [The Earth] [seven] [New Moons]. ¹³[And [all] [{the} People] {of} [The Earth] will bury {them}]; [and [{on the} Day] [when I am glorified] He will become] [a Name] [for them],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. ¹⁴[But [they will [continuously] separate out] Men] [who pass through] [in The Earth], [burying] [the {ones} who were passing through]—[the {ones} who remain] [on] [{the} Surface] {of} [The Earth]—[to cleanse her]. [At {the} End] {of} [seven] [New Moons], [they will thoroughly examine {her}]. ¹⁵[When [the {ones} who are passing through] [in The Earth] pass through] [and see] [a Bone] {of} [Adam], [then they will build] [a Monument] [next to it] [until] [the {ones} who are burying] [have buried] [it] [in] [{the} Hollow] {of} [Gog’s Multitude]. ¹⁶[And even] [{the} [City’s] Name] {will be} [Her Multitude*]. [So they will cleanse] [The Earth].

¹⁷[But as for You], [Son] {of} [Adam], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: ‘[Say] [to {the} Bird] {of} [every] [Wing] [and to every] [Animal] {in} [The Field]: “[Be gathered] [and come]! [Be rounded up]

[from round about] [to] [My Communal Sacrifice], [which] [I] {am} [going to sacrifice as a communal sacrifice] [for you]—[a [great] Communal Sacrifice] [on] [{the} Mountains] {of} [Israel]—[so that you may eat] [Flesh] [and drink] [Blood]. ¹⁸[You will eat] [{the} Flesh] {of} [Gibbors], [and [you will drink] {the} Blood] {of} [{the} Carriers] {of} [The Earth]—[Rams], [Young Rams] [and Billy Goats], [Bulls], [all of them] [Fatlings] {of} [Bashan]. ¹⁹[Then you will eat] [Fat] [to Satisfaction], [and you will drink] [Blood] [to Drunkenness], [from My Communal Sacrifice] [which] [I will sacrifice as a communal sacrifice] [for you]. ²⁰[At] [My Table], [you will be satisfied with] [Horse] [and Chariot], [Gibbor] [and every] [Man] {of} [Battle],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty].

²¹“[Then I will put] [My Glory] [into The Nations]; [and [all] [The Nations] will see] [My Decision Based on the Truth], [which] [I made], [and My Hand], [which] [I placed] [on them]. ²²[Then [{the} House] {of} [Israel] will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty], [their God] [from] [that] [Day] [and onward]. ²³[Then [The Nations] will know] [that] [{the} House] {of} [Israel] [uncovered themselves] [by their Reprehensible Activity] [on account of] [when] [they betrayed [My] trust]. [So I hid] [My Face] [from them], [and I gave them up] [into {the} Hand] {of} [their Adversaries], [and [all of them] fell] [by The Sword]. ²⁴[I dealt] [with them] [in accordance with their Uncleaness] [and in accordance with their Transgressions], [and I hid] [My Face] [from them].”

²⁵[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[Now], [I will bring [Jacob] back from] [Captivity], [and I will have compassion on] [{the} [whole] House] {of} [Israel], [and I will be jealous] [for [My holy] Name]. ²⁶[Then they will bear] [their Humiliation] [and] [all] [their Betrayal of Trust]—[when] [they betrayed [My] trust]—[when they dwell] [securely] [on] [their Ground] [and there is no] [{one} who causes trembling]. ²⁷[When I bring [them] back] [from] [The Peoples] [and I gather] [them] [from {the} Countries] {of} [their Enemies], [then I will be made holy] [among them] [in The Sight of] [The [many] Nations]. ²⁸[Then they will know] [that] [I] {am} [His Majesty], [their God], [when I reveal] [them] [to] [The Nations] [and bring them together] [on] [their own Ground] [and do [not] leave [any of them] behind] [there] [any longer]. ²⁹[And I will [not] hide] [My Face] [from them] [any longer] [when] [I have poured out] [My Spirit] [on] [{the} House] {of} [Israel],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. ■

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And they purify themselves seven days, the period in which Creation was consummated. For on the seventh day the rest is celebrated; and on the eighth he brings a propitiation, as is written in Ezekiel, according to which propitiation the promise is to be received. And the perfect propitiation, I take it, is that propitious faith in the Gospel which is by the law and the prophets, and the purity which shows itself in universal obedience, with the abandonment of the things of the world; in order to that grateful surrender of the tabernacle, which results from the enjoyment of the soul.

Whether, then, the time be that which through the seven periods enumerated returns to the chiefest rest, or the seven heavens, which some reckon one above the other; or whether also the fixed sphere which borders on the intellectual world be called the eighth, the expression denotes that the Gnostic ought to rise out of the sphere of creation and of sin. After these seven days, sacrifices are offered for sins. For there is still fear of change, and it touches the seventh circle.

The righteous Job says: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there;" not naked of possessions, for that were a trivial and common thing; but, as a just man, he departs naked of evil and sin, and of the unsightly shape which follows those who have led bad lives. For this was what was said, "Unless ye be converted, and become as children," pure in flesh, holy in soul by abstinence from evil deeds; showing that He would have us to be such as also He generated us from our mother—the water. For the intent of one generation succeeding another is to immortalize by progress. "But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out."

Clement of Alexandria, "The Stromata," Book ix, Chap. xxv, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 2, pp. 438–439.

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