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The Point Is: Either You Can See Him, or You Can't

The conclusion of the whole is this: I find that there was nothing made, except out of nothing; because that which I find was made, I know did not *once* exist. Whatever was made out of something, has its origin in something made: for instance, out of the ground was made the grass, and the fruit, and the cattle, and the form of man himself; so from the waters were produced the animals which swim and fly. The original fabrics out of which such creatures were produced I may call their *materials*, but then even these were created by God.

Besides, the belief that everything was made from nothing will be impressed upon us by that ultimate dispensation of God which will bring back all things to nothing. For "the very heaven shall be rolled together as a scroll;" nay, it shall come to nothing along with the earth itself, with which it was made in the beginning. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," says He. "The first heaven and the first earth passed away," "and there was found no place for them," because, of course, that which comes to an end loses locality.

In like manner David says, "The heavens, the works of Thine hands, shall themselves perish. For even as a vesture shall He change them, and they shall be changed." Now to be changed is to fall from that primitive state which they lose whilst undergoing the change. "And the stars too shall fall from heaven, even as a fig-tree casteth her green figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind." "The mountains shall melt like wax at the presence of the Lord;" that is, "when He riseth to shake terribly the earth." "But I will dry up the pools;" and "they shall seek water, and they shall find none." Even "the sea shall be no more."

Now if any person should go so far as to suppose that all these passages ought to be spiritually interpreted, he will yet be unable to deprive them of the true accomplishment of those issues which must come to pass just as they have been written. For all figures of speech necessarily arise out of real things, not out of chimerical ones; because nothing is capable of imparting anything of its own for a similitude, except it actually be that very thing which it imparts in the

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A Note From the Editor

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In Him,

Marcia Harper

God Set the Stage; All That Remains Is to See How It All Plays Out

If you have ever had the amazing experience of being absolutely broken, completely convinced you were sinful, begging God to forgive you, and suddenly being aware that all the guilt and condemnation you had felt before you went to the Lord were gone, you are part of a very small group of individuals known as “born-again Believers.” You knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God had forgiven you because, as the Apostle Paul indicates, your conscience was completely clear:

[So then], [if] [anyone] {is} [a [new] Creation] [in] [The Anointed One], [The [earlier] Things] [have passed away]. [Guess what!] [New {things}] [have come]!
(2 Corinthians 5:17) —HSSB

That verse describes the incredible transformation that occurs within the person who goes to God and honestly begs for forgiveness. If you have ever done that, you know what I am *talking about*. It is exactly what Paul describes in his letter to Titus:

⁴(6) [But] [when] [The] [Benevolence] [and] [Kindness] [of The] [{Living} God], [our] [Savior], [appeared],

⁵(a) [not] [on the basis] [of Works] [that] [we] [did] [that were] [for] [a Declaration of Not Guilty], [but] (b) [in accordance with] [His] [Mercy], [He saved] [us] [via]:

*(i) [a Bath],
(ii) [a New Birth], [and]
(iii) [a Renewing] [by {the} [holy] Spirit] ⁶[that] [He poured out]*

*(a) [on] [us] [as wealth]
(b) [via] [Jesus], [The Anointed One], [our] [Savior],
⁷(c) [so that], [after being acquitted] [by The] [Favor] [of That Individual], [we could become] [Heirs] [with respect to] [a Hope] [of [eternal] Life].*

(Titus 3:4–7) —HSSB

Things may have changed for you over the years since your encounter with the mercy of the *Living* God, but if you can still identify with the experience I just described, you need to be aware of some additional information God called me to provide. You will need it in coming months and years so you can be prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and avoid being one of those the Lord had in mind when He said this:

²¹“[Not] [everyone] [who] [says], ‘[Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]!’ [to Me] [will come in] [to] [The] [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens], [but only] [the one who] [acts in accordance with] [The] [Will] [of] [My] [Father], [Who is] [in] [The] [Heavens]. ²²[Many] [will say] [to Me] [on] [That] [Day], ‘[Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]! [Did we [not] prophesy] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [cast out] [Demons] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [do] [a lot of] [Supernaturally Powerful Things] [in] [Your] [Name]?’ ²³[And] [then] [I will acknowledge the truth about] [them], [that] ‘[I [never] knew] [you]! [YOU [WHO] [ARE COMMITTING] [THE] [LAWLESS DEED], DEPART] [FROM] [ME]!’”
(Matthew 7:21–23) —HSSB

The sad fact is, a lot of people in the Church today have no idea what it *means* to be “born again.” They *think* they know what it *means* just because the Liar,

Satan, has convinced all but a very, very few in this final generation that some of his most carefully crafted lies are the Truth. Unfortunately, the circumstance that John describes in the Book of Revelation is on the verge of becoming a stark, stone-cold reality no one will be able to avoid:

⁷(4) [Then] [there was] [War] [in] [Heaven]—[Michael] [and] [his] [Messengers] [waging war] [with] [The] [Sea Serpent]. [And]

(a) [The] [Sea Serpent] [and] [his] [Messengers] [waged war], ⁸[and]

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

⁹(b) [So] [The] [Sea Serpent]—

(i) [The] [Great One],
(ii) [The] [Snake],
(iii) [The] [Ancient One],
(iv) [the one that] [is called]
(a) “[False Accuser]” [and]
(b) “[Satan],”

(v) [the one who] [is going to lead [The] [entire] [Civilized World] astray]—[was thrown down].

(c) [He was thrown down] [to] [The] [Earth], [and]
(d) [his] [Messengers] [were thrown down] [with] [him].

¹⁰(5) [Then] [I heard] [a [loud] Voice] [in] [Heaven], [saying]: “[At this time],

(a) [The] [Salvation] [and]
(b) [The] [Supernatural Power] [and]
(c) [The] [Kingdom] [of] [our] [God]—[and]
(d) [The] [Authority] [of] [His] [Anointed One]—
[have come], [because] [The] [Accuser*] [of] [our] [Brothers]—[the one who] [makes accusations against] [them] [Day] [and] [Night] [before] [our] [God]—[has been thrown down]. ¹¹[And] [they] [have triumphed over] [him]

(i) [because of] [The] [Blood] [of The] [Little Lamb] [and]
(ii) [because of] [The] [Word] [of] [their] [Testimony], [and]
(iii) {because} [they did [not] love] [their] [Soul] [up to the time] [of Death].

¹²(e) [For] [This Reason] [The] [Heavens] [and] [you] [who] [are camping out] [in] [them] must celebrate].
(f) [Woe to] [The] [Earth] [and] [The] [Sea] [because] [The] [False Accuser]—[who has] [tremendous] [Rage], [aware] [that] [he has] [just a little] [Time]—
[has come down] [to] [you].”
(Revelation 12:7–12) —HSSB

John stated the case exactly the way he was told it would come to be in our generation. He tells us Satan:

[is going to lead [The] [entire] [Civilized World] astray].
(Revelation 12:9b) —HSSB

That simple statement of fact has finally become the reality in which we live. Therefore, if you believe you have not been led astray by the lies of Satan, there is no reason for you to continue reading or listening to anything God called me to provide for those who still yearn to know the Truth. It would be best that you not even consider anything I have been called to explain.

Why So Much Nonsense All of a Sudden?

As anyone but those who are completely deluded should have already noticed, the “winds” that Satan controls have sped things up quite a bit recently. They have done that because they never thought anyone would be able to peer into the twisted mind-set that stands behind the malevolence that old sad-sack Sea Serpent has planned. Too bad for them because, as the saying goes, a Certain omnipotent and omniscient Someone “let the cat out of the bag” more than twenty-five hundred years ago. As a consequence, that twisted reptile is about to suddenly reverse course and ring down the curtain on this Age in the flames of a nuclear holocaust that is nothing less than the wrath of God. So let me put a few things I have already explained in perspective so that you may view current events from an entirely different viewpoint—if you so choose.

Over the past thirty-two years, I have explained a variety of things True Believers need to know if they ever intend to withstand the “winds” that have already begun to “blow” at hurricane force here on Planet Earth. In this article, I am going to summarize a few things I have written and/or stated over that span of time so those who are interested can get a better grasp on the “big picture” and maybe understand what this civilization is facing here at the End of the Age. But before I do that, I am going to challenge you to think a bit outside the proverbial “box” in which we all find ourselves confined.

I have repeatedly quoted Isaiah 55 simply because it succinctly states what God seeks to accomplish in the minds of those who *choose* to believe the Truth here at the End:

¹“[Woe!] [Everyone] [who is thirsty],
[come] [for {the} Water];
[And whoever] [has] [no] [Silver], [come {for the water}].
[Buy grain] [and eat], [and come {for the water}].
[Buy grain] [with no] [Silver],
[And [Wine] [and Milk] with nothing] [of Market Value].
²[Why] [would you weigh out] [Silver]
[for {what is} not] [Bread]—
[Your Production] [for {what has} no] [Satisfaction]?
[Listen] [carefully] [to Me] [and eat] [a Good Thing],
[So that your Soul] [may take delight] [in {the} Grease].
³[Cup] [your Ear] [and come] [to Me];
[Listen], [so that [your Soul] may live].
[Then I will cut] [an [eternally burning]
Legal Agreement] [for you]—
[Those who believe] [{the} Loving-kindnesses of] [David].
⁴[Guess what!] [Kinfolk have] [a Witness].
[I will make Him] [a Leader]
[and one who gives commands to] [Kinfolk].
⁵[Guess what!] [You will call] [a Nation]
[You do [not] know],
[And a Nation]—[they will [not] know You]—
[will run] [to You]
[For the sake of] [His Majesty], [Your God],
[And to [Israel’s] Holy One],
[When] [He has made You beautiful].”
⁶[Diligently seek] [His Majesty] [while He can be found];
[Call out to Him] [while He is] [near].
⁷[Let [a guilty {man}] abandon] [his Way];
[And a [contentious] Man], [his Thoughts],
[So that he may return] [to] [His Majesty],

[So that He may have compassion on him],
[And to] [our God]:

(1) [Because] [He will [forgive] much].

⁸(2) “[Because] [My Thoughts]
{are} [not] [your Thoughts],
[And your Ways] {are} [not] [My Ways],”
[declares] [His Majesty].

⁹(3) [Because] [{the} Sea of Waters]
[are higher] [than {the} Earth],
[So also] [My Ways] [are higher]
[than your Ways];
[And My Thoughts], [than your Thoughts].

¹⁰(4) [Because], [just as] [The Rainfall] [and The Snow]
[Comes down] [from] [The Sea of Waters],
[And [he does [not] return] there]
[Unless]:

- (a) [He satisfies the thirst of] [The] [Earth],
- (b) [And causes her to engender]
- (c) [And causes her to sprout],
- (d) [And gives] [Seed]
[for {the} one who is sowing]
[And Bread] [for {the} one who is eating].

¹¹[So also] [My Word] [will be]
[One Who] [goes out] [of My Mouth];
[He will [not] return] [to Me]
[without {doing} anything]
[Unless]:

- (i) [He does] [what] [I want],
- (ii) [And makes [what] [I sent Him {for}]
successful].

¹²(5) [Because], [you will go out] [with Joy],
[And [you will be brought {back}] in Peace].
[The Mountains] [and The Hills]
[will break out with] [a Joyful Shout] [before you],
[And all] [{the} Trees of] [The Field]
[will clap] [{the} Palms of {their} Hands].
¹³[Instead of] [The Prickly Bushes],
[a Cypress Tree] [will come up];
[And instead of] [The Nettle*],
[a Myrtle Tree] [will come up],

[And He will become] [His Majesty's] [Name]—
[An [eternally burning] Sign];
[He will [not] be cut off]."
(Isaiah 55:1–13) —my interim translation

The Apostle Paul sums up the point of what Isaiah says in that passage in the first few verses of Romans 12, where he focuses on individual Believers as members of the resurrected Body of Jesus Christ:

¹(1) [Therefore], [I implore] [you], [Brothers], [via] [The] [Compassion] [of The] [{Living} God],

(a) [to present] [your] [Bodies] [as a [living], [holy] Sacrifice], [well-pleasing] [to The] [{Living} God]—
[your] [logical] [Priestly Service]; ²[and]
(b) [to [not] be shaped] [by] [This] [Current Age], [but]
(c) [to be transformed] [by The] [Renewing] [of your] [Mind], [so] [that] [you] [approve of] [what] [The] [Will] [of The] [{Living} God] {is}—[which is]

(i) [good] [and]
(ii) [well-pleasing] [and]
(iii) [complete].

³(2) [For] [I tell] [everyone] [who] [is] [among] [you]—
[via] [The] [Favor] [that] [was given] [to me]—

(a) [to [not] have a mind-set more high-minded*]
[than] [{the} mind-set [that] [one should] have], [but]
(b) [to have a mind-set] [so as] [to] [have good common sense]—[in each one] [as much as] [The] [{Living} God] [has divided out] [a Measure] [of Belief in God's Promise].

⁴(3) [For]

(a) [even as] [we have] [many] [Members] [in] [one] [Body], [yet] [The] [Members] [do [not] [all] have] [The] [same] [Activity],
⁵(b) [so also] [we, [The] [Many], are] [one] [Body] [in] [The Anointed One], [but] [each and every] [One] [Members] [of one another], ⁶[but] [having] [different] [Gifts] [in accordance with] [The] [Favor] [that] [was given] [to us]:

(i) [whether] [Prophecy], [in accordance with] [The] [Proportion*] [of his] [Belief in God's Promise];

⁷(ii) [or] [Serving], [in] [his] [Serving];
(iii) [or] [the one who] [teaches], [in] [his] [Teaching];
⁸(iv) [or] [the one who] [encourages], [in] [his] [Encouragement];
(v) [the one who] [contributes], [in {his}] [Generosity];
(vi) [the one who] [cares for {others}], [in {his}] [Concern For Others];
(vii) [the one who] [shows mercy], [in {his}] [Cheerfulness*].

(Romans 12:1–8) —HSSB

As anyone with even a modicum of common sense should be able to “see,” the Prophet Isaiah and the Apostle Paul are *talking about* the fact that the goal of every True Believer should be to think “The Way” the Living God thinks rather than “The Way” the “winds” have persuaded the unsuspecting inhabitants of this world to think. The cold, hard Truth is, “conventional wisdom” is the mind-set of a fool. Jesus could not have stated the Truth in that regard more succinctly than this:

³¹[Therefore], [Jesus] [was saying] [to] [The] [Jews] [who believed] [Him], “[If] [you] [continue on] [in] [The] [Word] [that] [I have], [you [truly] are] [My] [Disciples];
³²[and] [you will know] [The] [Truth], [and] [The] [Truth] [will set [you] free].”
(John 8:31–32) —HSSB

In the fourth chapter of his letter to the Galatian church, Paul describes the freedom Jesus was *talking about* on that occasion. He lets us know Jesus had in mind the freedom that God provides, which is clearly not something in the physical; it is instead freedom from believing the lies that the “winds” have firmly fixed in the minds of unregenerate men, which is what Paul had in mind when he wrote what he says in Galatians 4:

¹(1) [So] [I am saying {this}]:

(a) [For] [as long [a Span of Time] as] [The] [Heir] [is] [a Toddler],

(i) [he [who is] [Owner] [of everything] does [not] matter {any} more than] [a Slave], ²[but]

(ii) [he is] [under] [Supervisors] [and] [Managers]
[up to] [The] [Appointed Time*] [of The] [Father].

³(b) [So] [also] [we], [when] [we were] [Toddlers],
[were] [enslaved] [by] [The] [Elementary Beliefs]
[of The] [World].

⁴(c) [But then], [when] [The] [Fulfillment] [of The]
[Span of Time] [came], [The] [Living} God] [sent
out] [His] [Son]—

(i) [Who came] [from] [a Woman],
(ii) [Who came] [subject to] [Law]—

⁵(a) [so that] [He could buy back] [those who
are] [subject to] [Law],
(b) [so that] [we could get back] [The]
[Adoption].

⁶(d) [And then], [because] [you are] [Sons], [The]
[Living} God] [sent [The] [Spirit] [of] [His] [Son]
out] [into] [our] [Hearts], [shouting], “[Abba]!
[Father]!”

⁷(e) [So then] [You are] [no longer] [a Slave], [but] [a
Son]; [but] [if] [a Son], [also] [an Heir]—[of] [God].

⁸(i) [But] [on the one hand] [at that time],
[when {you} did [not] know] [God], [you were
slaves] [to The Things] [that are] [by Nature]
[not] [Gods];

⁹(ii) [but on the other hand], [now], [after
coming to know] [God]—[but] [rather], [after
being known] [by] [God]—[how] [can you turn
back] [again] [to] [The] [weak] [and] [poor]
[Elementary Beliefs] [from the outset], [to
which] [you want] [to be slaves] [again]?

(Galatians 4:1–9) —HSSB

To understand what Paul says in that passage, you need a mind-set in which the *Living* God is a Spirit—that is, a “Wind.” And just LIKE the “winds” (lies) of Satan, He is a Thought, Idea, or Concept that can reside in your mind. But God is the totality of everything that is true, which is the point of what John tells us about “the Word” of God in the introduction to his Gospel:

¹[In] [The Beginning], [there was] [The] [Word];
[and] [The] [Word] [was] [with] [The] [Living} God],
[and] [The] [Word] [was] [God]. ²[This Individual] [was]

[with] [The] [Living} God] [in] [The Beginning].
³[Everything] [has come into being] [via] [Him], [and]
[not even] [One Thing] [that] [has come into being] [has
come into being] [apart from] [Him]. ⁴[Life] [was] [in]
[Him], [and] [His] [Life] [was] [The] [Light] [of] [Men].
⁵[So] [The] [Light] [appears] [in] [The] [Darkness], [yet]
[The] [Darkness] [has never] [grasped] [it].

⁶[A Man] [who had been sent] [from] [God] [came];
[his] [Name] {was} [John]. ⁷[This Individual] [came] [for]
[a Testimony],

(1) [so that] [he could provide testimony] [about]
[The] [Light],

(2) [so that] [everyone] [could believe God’s promise]
[via] [Him].

⁸[That Individual] [was] [not] [The] [Light], [but]
{he came} [so that] [he could provide testimony] [about]
[The] [Light]. ⁹[The] [Light] [was] [the] [real {Light}],
[the One Who] [provides light for] [every] [Man] [who
comes] [into] [The] [World]. ¹⁰[He was] [in] [The]
[World], [and] [The] [World] [came into being] [via]
[Him], [yet] [The] [World] [did not] [know] [Him]. ¹¹[He
came] [to] [His] [Own], [and] [His] [Own] [did not] [take]
[Him] [to themselves]. ¹²[So then], [to as many as]
[accepted] [Him], [to them]—[to those who] [believe
God’s promise] [about] [His] [Name]—[He gave]
[Authority] [to become] [God’s] [Children]: ¹³[those
who] [were] [not] [engendered]

(1) [by] [Blood] [or]

(2) [by] [the} Will] [of Flesh] [or]

(3) [by] [the} Will] [of Man],

[but {were} only] {engendered} [by {the will}] [of God].

¹⁴[So] [The] [Word] [became] [Flesh] [and] [camped
out] [among] [us]; [and] [we got a good look] [at] [His]
[Glory]—[like] [the} Glory] [of an only engendered
{son}] [from] [a Father], {a glory} [completely full] [of a
Favor] [and] [Truth]. ¹⁵[John] [was providing testimony]
[about] [Him]. [He even] [shouted], [saying], “[This
Individual] [was] [the One about Whom] [I said], [The
One] [Who is going to come] [after] [me] [was] [before]
[me], [because] [He was] [better than] [me].”

¹⁶(1) [Because] [we] [have] [all] **received** [some] [of]
[His] [Fullness], [even] [a Favor] [in exchange for] [a
Favor].

¹⁷(2) [Because] [The] [Law] [was given] [via] [Moses];
[The] [Favor] [and] [The] [Truth] [came] [via]
[Jesus], [The Anointed One].

¹⁸[Nobody] [has ever] seen [God]; [{the} only engendered] God], [Who] [is] [in] [The] [Fold of [The] [Father's] Garment], [That Individual] [has described {Him} at length].

(John 1:1–18) —HSSB

The point that both Paul and John are making has to do with how a person becomes a Child of God. They do so by believing the “Seed” of the Truth contained in the Gospel—not the so-called “gospel” of the fictitious namby pamby god of unconditional grace that is bandied about by the unregenerate leaders of the Church today, but the actual Truth regarding the angry, jealous God of the Patriarchs that can be found in places like Genesis 3, Genesis 6, Genesis 11, 2 Samuel 7, and the prophecies of Isaiah. (See “What’s Left of the Right That Stayed Down When He Went Up?” *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, September 1995, and *The Old Testament Gospel of Jesus Christ*.)

A Recap

Over the years, I have punched holes in some of the most egregious lies that Satan has propagated regarding the Scriptures. I started by pointing out the blatant lie regarding the two “Adams” that Moses describes in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2, telling you that you can’t have it both ways. One of those “Adams” was created before the animals; the other was created after. One was created on the third “day” of Creation; the other, on the sixth “day.” The first “Adam” God created was our forefather, the Second “Adam” He created (the One He created in His Own image and likeness) is Jesus Christ, as Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 15. (See *In the Image and Likeness of God* and “Pay Now or Pay Later; Either Way, You Are Going to Pay,” *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 2017.)

I have also explained that God *meant* exactly what He said when He said He regretted creating Adam and Eve, and I showed you how Zephaniah and Habakkuk refer back to what He says about that in Genesis 6. (See “The Word of God Is a Brilliant Light—And a Raging Inferno,” *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, December 2017; and “Jonah Went Down, and Came Back, From the

Deep,” *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, September 2018.) I told you the point Moses makes in that account is, at that point in time, God gave up on mankind in general and switched His focus from the descendants of Adam to just the One Descendant of Adam, Jesus Christ, “The Man” He *promised* He would create in His Own image and likeness. And I told you the switch in focus can be found in Genesis 5:1–2, where Moses is referring to the Second “Adam,” Jesus Christ, rather than the first “Adam,” our forefather. (See “Questions & Answers,” *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2001.)

One of the most important things I have told you in recent years relates to Moses’ account of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. I simply cannot mince words with regard to the *significance* of what Moses states there. If you don’t understand what God did at that time, you will never be able to comprehend events that have already begun to occur in our time. So let me explain the *significance* of what happened way back then—when everyone was still “one people” and spoke the same language:

¹[Now [The [whole] Earth] was] [one] [Language] [and [one] Vocabulary]. ²[And it happened], [while they were journeying] [out of Qedem], [that they found] [a Broad Valley] [in {the} Land] [{of} Shinar] [and dwelled] [there]. ³[Then [Each One] said] [to] [his Neighbor]: “[Come on!] [Let’s make] [Bricks] [and burn {them} thoroughly] [by burning {them}].” [So [The Brick] became] [Stone] [for them], [and The Tar] [became] [Clay] [for them].

⁴[Then they said]: “[Come on!] [Let’s build] [a City] [and a Tower] [for ourselves]. [Its Top] {will be} [in {the} Sea of Waters]! [And let’s make] [a Name] [for ourselves], [lest] [we be dispersed] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth].”

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

⁸[So [His Majesty] dispersed] [them] [from there] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth], [and they

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

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

Stop for a moment and think about what that account actually says! And don't overlook the obvious! Before they built that stupid tower, there was no war! Then God stepped in and created the perfect conditions for constant warfare. Why would He do that? Well, Moses gives us an extremely precise reason for what God did:

"[Nothing] [that] [they intend] [to do] [will be withheld] [from them]."

(Genesis 11:6b)—my interim translation

Think about what that *means*: God set the stage for war in order to prevent mankind from attaining things He did not want them to attain. I have already explained what God found objectionable about the tower. (See "Is Iraq Mystery Babylon?" *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 1991 and "A Simple Definition: Inheritance Means Somebody Died," *The Voice of Elijah*®, July 2007.) I told you God did what He did because their intent was to *fulfill the promise* by uniting the Blessed and the Cursed under the leadership of a king. But you also need to know God created the conditions that would lead to warfare in order to prevent men from achieving anything and everything they set their mind to. The psalmist who wrote Psalm 2 refers to the restrictions God has placed on us, limits that fools are even now hard at work trying to remove:

¹[Why] [are] [Gentiles] conspiring together*,
[And Kinfolk] [cooing over] [Emptiness]?

²[The Kings] [of Earth] [will position themselves],
[And Authorities] [will be founded] [together]
[Against] [His Majesty]—

[even against] [His Anointed One]:

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

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

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

⁶"[But I] [have {already}] poured out [My King]
as a cast image]

[On] [Zion], [{the} Mountain] [of My Holiness]!"

⁷"[I will recount] [concerning] [{the} Statute]
[of His Majesty]:

[He said] [to Me]: '[You] {are} [My Son]!

[I engendered You] [Today]!

⁸[Ask] [of Me], [and I will give] [Gentiles]
[as Your **Inheritance**];

[The Ends] [of Earth], [as Your Property].

⁹[You will break them] [with an [iron] Staff];

[You will pulverize them] [like a Thing]
[that is being formed]."

¹⁰[So now], [O Kings], [gain insight];

[Accept admonishment], [O Judges] [of Earth].

¹¹[Work for] [His Majesty] [in Fear],

[And be happy] [with Shudders].

¹²[Kiss] [{the} Son], [lest] [He becomes angry]

[And you go [{the} Way] to Hell],

[Because] [His Anger] [will burn] [for a little {while}].

[Those Who Attain the Resurrection]

{are} [all] [who take refuge] [in Him].

(Psalm 2:1–12)—my interim translation

That third verse is the one you should pay very close attention to. It's the one that is about to—to quote Shakespeare once again—hoist this generation on its own petard. Or should I say "petards" plural, as in tens of thousands of them going off in a very short span of time, each one displaying that characteristic pillar and cloud in which Jesus Christ is going to return as the Glory of the Lord He became when He was resurrected in the very image and likeness of the *Living* God.

Take another look at how the psalmist describes the energy with which fools have set about trying to remove the restraints God has placed on us:

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

(Psalm 2:3)—my interim translation

Here's the deal: God has, over the millennia since Eve believed a lie and convinced Adam to do the same, imposed a variety of restrictions on their descendants. For example, as a result of Adam and Eve doing precisely what He told them not to do, God imposed the pain of childbirth on every woman who bears a child:

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

The pain of childbirth has now been muted, if not completely eliminated, by powerful painkillers. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? That’s not for me to say. I’m just telling you it is one restraint that God imposed and mankind has managed to mitigate. The same applies to the curse on the ground:

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

[The Ground] {is} [irrevocably cursed]
 [on account of You];
 [You will eat it] [in Pain]
 [All] [{the} Days of] [Your Life].
¹⁸[And [she will sprout] Weeds]
 [and Various Kinds of Thistles] [for You],
 [But You must eat] [the Vegetation] [{of} The Field].
¹⁹[You must eat] [Bread]
 {Obtained} [by the Sweat of] [Your Nose]
 [Until] [You return] [to] [The Ground],
 [Because] [you were taken] [from it]—
 [Because] [You] {are} [Dust],
 [And [You will return] to] [Dust].”
 (Genesis 3:17–19) —my interim translation

Mankind has invented all sorts of things designed to obviate the effects of the curse on the ground. Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, farm implements, and tractors with GPS make it possible for farmers to grow crops with a whole lot less effort than ever before. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? That depends on whose viewpoint you accept as valid; is it God’s viewpoint you value, or is it yours? I’m just pointing out the facts. So let’s look at a limitation you may not have yet considered an imposition:

¹[So it was] [that] [The Descendants of Adam]
 [began] [to increase] [on] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground],

[and Daughters] [were engendered] [for them]. ²[And
 [{the} Sons of] [The {Living} God] saw] [{the}
 Daughters of] [The Descendants of Adam]—[that] [they]
 {were} [good], [so they took] [Women] [for themselves]
 [from all] [that] [they chose]. ³[So [His Majesty] said]:
 “[My Spirit] [will [not] adjudicate the case of] [The
 Descendants of Adam] [for a Burning Eternity]. [When
 they were intoxicated], [he] {became} [Flesh]; [so [his
 Days] will be] [a hundred] [and twenty] [Years].”
 (Genesis 6:1–3) —my interim translation

That certainly is a nice round number, isn’t it? One hundred and twenty years is our limit; we can’t live beyond it. Or can we? According to the headline on the September/October 2019 issue of *MIT Technology Review*, “Old Age Is Over!” The entire issue is dedicated to current research into extending the human lifespan well past the 120-year limit Moses tells us God placed on it. Here’s what one of the articles in that magazine has to say about one of those involved in the effort to overcome the divine limitation:

Izpizúa Belmonte cautions that epigenetic tweaks won’t “make you live forever,” but they might delay your expiration date. As he sees it, there is no reason to think we cannot extend human life span by another 30 to 50 years, at least. “I think the kid that will be living to 130 is already with us,” Izpizúa Belmonte says. “He has already been born. I’m convinced.”
 (“The Mouse that Died of Young Age,” *MIT Technology Review*, September/October 2019, p. 26)

There’s only one fly in that ointment: God set an age limit, and He established war as the ultimate preventative measure. So guess what is going to happen if fools keep pushing at the limits He set? Peter describes the impending nuclear holocaust this way:

¹(1) [Beloved Brothers], [I am [already] writing] [This]
 [second] [Letter] [to you], [by] [which] [I am {trying to}
 wake up] [your] [unalloyed] [Understanding {of the
 truth}] [with] [a Reminder] ²[so that {you} would
 recall]:

(a) [The] [Statements] [that were made beforehand]
 [by] [The] [holy] [Prophets]; [and]
 (b) [The] [Commandment] [of your] [Master] [and]
 [Savior], {that was spoken} [via your] [Apostles],

³[knowing] [This], [first of all], [that] [in] [The] [last] [Days] [Mockers] [will come] [with] [Mockery*]— [those who are

(i) walking] [in accordance with] [their] [own] [Selfish Desires] ⁴[and]

(ii) [saying]: “[Where] [is] **[The] [Promise]** [of] [His] [Coming]? [For] [ever since] [The] [Fathers] [fell fast asleep]—[since] [The Beginning] [of Creation]—[everything] [continues to be] [the same].”

⁵(2) [For] [wanting [This] to be {true}], [it has escaped [their] notice] [that]

(a) [{the} Heavens] [were] [from long ago] [and] (b) [{the} Earth] [stood up together with {them}]

(i) [out] [of Water] [and]

(ii) [through] [Water]

(iii) [by The] [Word] [of The] [{Living} God], ⁶[by] [which] [The] [World] [at that time], [which was flooded by*] [Water], [was done away with].

⁷(3) [So] [now] [The] [Heavens] [and] [The] [Earth], [which have been stored up] [by The] [same] [Word], [are] [being kept] [for a Fire] [on] [{the} Day] [of {the} Sentencing] [and] [Eternal Damnation] [of] [depraved] [Men].

⁸(4) [So] [do not] let [this] [One Thing] escape [your] notice, [Beloved Brothers], [that] [with] [His Majesty] [one] [Day] {is} [like] [one thousand] [Years]; [and] [one thousand] [Years] {are} [like] [one] [Day].

⁹(a) [His Majesty] [is not] delaying] **[The] [Promise]**—[as] [some] [deem] [a Delay*]—[but] (b) [He is being patient] [with] [you], [determined]

(i) [that [no] [one] would be done away with], [but]

(ii) [that [everyone] would make room] [for] [an Apology].

¹⁰(5) [So] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty] [will come] [like] [a Thief], [on] [which {day}]

(a) [The] [Heavens] [will pass away]—[whistling*]— [and then]

(b) [Elementary Things], [which are going to be incinerated], [will be undone], [and]

(c) [{the} Earth] [and] [The] [Works] {done} [on] [her] [will be found to be {what they are}].

(2 Peter 3:1–10) —HSSB

The key to understanding what Peter is *talking about* in that passage is his mention of “the day of His Majesty” in verse 10. The rubric “Day of the Lord” always refers to the seventh “day” of Creation, and we know from Genesis 1:26–27 that the “male and female” Believers will be created in the image and likeness of God on the sixth “day.” Therefore, we know from what Peter says that the nuclear holocaust must be set on the sacred calendar as the beginning of the seventh “day.” That, in turn, agrees completely with what Malachi says in the following passage regarding the nuclear holocaust that will signal the beginning of the seventh “day”:

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

⁴“[You must remember] [The Teaching of] [My Slave] [Moses]—[{the} Statutes] [and Decisions Based on the Truth] [for] [all] [Israel] [that] [I commanded] [him] [in Horeb]. ⁵[Guess what!] [I] [am going to send] [The Prophet] [Elijah] [to you] **[before] [The [great] [and fearsome] Day] [{of} His Majesty] [comes]**. ⁶[And he will restore] [{the} Heart] [{of} Fathers] [to] [Sons] [and {the} Heart] [{of} Sons] [to] [their Fathers], [so that I do [not] come] [and viciously attack] [The Earth] [{as} Someone Under the Ban].”

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

Just for the sake of completeness, let me show you once again how Zephaniah describes what the

beginning of the seventh “day” will be LIKE. He agrees with Peter and Malachi that the fire of the nuclear holocaust will wipe mankind off the surface of the Earth at that time:

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

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

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

[As well as The Fish of] [The Sea], [Even The Stumbling-Blocks] [along with] [Those Who Are Guilty]; [And I will cut off] [The Descendants of Adam] [Above] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground],” [Declares] [His Majesty].

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

⁵[Both] [those who are prostrating themselves] [on] [The Roofs] [To {the} Army] [of The Sea of Waters], [And] [those who are prostrating themselves], [swearing an oath] [to His Majesty]

[But swearing an oath] [by their King],

⁶[Both] [those who have pulled back] [from following] [His Majesty], [And {those} who] [have [not] sought] [His Majesty] [Or have [not] diligently sought Him].”

⁷[Keep quiet] [in the presence of] [My Master], [His Majesty]! [Because] [The Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [near], [Because] [His Majesty] [will prepare] [a Communal Sacrifice],

[He will make [those He called {to the feast}] holy].

⁸[And it will be] [on {the} Day] [of His Majesty's] [Communal Sacrifice] [That I will levy] [against] [The Princes]—

[against] [{the} Sons of] [The King]— [And against] [all] [who clothe themselves with] [a [foreign] Garment].

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

¹⁰[And [on [that] Day],” [declares] [His Majesty], “[There will be] [{the} Sound] [of an Outcry] [from [The Fish] Gate],

[A Wailing] [from] [the second {gate}], [And [great] Brokenness] [from The Hills].

¹¹[{The} Inhabitants of] [The Grinder*] [will wail], [Because] [all] [{the} People] [of Canaan] [will be put to sleep];

[All] [{who are} laden with*] [Silver] [will be cut off].

¹²[And it will be [at [that] Time] that] [I will search] [Jerusalem] [with Lamps], [And I will levy] [against] [The Men] [Who become solid] [on] [{the} Dregs], [Who say] [in their Heart],

‘[His Majesty] [will [not] do good things], [And He will [not] do bad things]!’

¹³[But [their Entourage] will become] [Loot]; [And their Houses], [a Desolate Area]; [So they may build] [Houses], [But they will [not] dwell in {them}], [And they will plant] [Vineyards], [But they will [not] drink] [their Wine].”

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

[A Gibbor] [will sound a war-cry] [there].

¹⁵[That] [Day] {is} [A Day] [of Unbounded Rage], [A Day] [of Distress] [and a Reason for Anxiety], [A Day] [of a Devastating Storm]

[and Total Devastation], [A Day] [of Darkness] [and Nether Gloom],

[A Day] [of Cloud] [and Dense Fog],

¹⁶[A Day] [of Trumpet] [and Teruah]

[Against] [The [enclosed] Cities]

[And against] [The [high] Corners].

¹⁷[Then I will be hostile] [to {the} Descendants of Adam];

[And they will walk] [like those who are blind],

[Because] [they sinned] [against His Majesty];

[So their Blood] [will be poured out] [like Dust]

[And their Bowels] [like Dung].

¹⁸[Neither] [their Silver] [nor] [their Gold]
 [Will be able] [to snatch them away]
 [On {the} Day] [{of the} Unbounded Rage]
 [of His Majesty],
 [When [The [entire] Earth] [will be consumed]
 by {the} Fire] [of His Jealousy];
 [Because] [He will make] [a Complete End]—
 [One that is [definitely] frightening]—
 [Of all] [the Inhabitants of] [The Earth].
 (Zephaniah 1:1–18)—my interim translation

The only outstanding issue related to the awesome transition from the sixth “day” of Creation to the beginning of the seventh “day” is how we get from here to there. Fortunately for those who know what lies ahead, the die has already been cast. It was set in place when God created the conditions for war at the Tower of Babel so as to prevent mendacious men from endlessly improving the miserable conditions under which God intended mankind to labor until He had completed His purpose.

Mankind has been pushing the limits ever since, doing precisely what infuriates the God Who is—ignoring both Him and *the promise* He made, and focusing instead on crafting their physical circumstances into their own little version of a *utopia* here on Earth. That’s the key word, *utopia*. Folks are intently focused on living in a paradise in the here and now rather than striving for the paradise God has *promised* in the hereafter. God absolutely hates that nonsense, and He intends to shut it down—forever.

The “Winds,” How They Do “Blow”

I have already told you there are four major “winds” “blowing” here on Planet Earth, and each of those “winds” has produced a cohort of people who have a vested interest in controlling what other people say, think, and do. Those cohorts are the:

- Capitalists
- Christians
- Communists
- Constitutionalists

The “winds” controlling those four cohorts “blow” through the minds of this generation—sometimes in concert with other “winds,” sometimes solely to the

exclusion of all others. But they always “blow” some distorted vision of a *utopia* that can only be attained when certain conditions have been met. I have already told you that, as John says in Revelation 7:1, there is coming a time when the four major “winds” are going to be shut down. (See “It Ain’t No Fun Tryin’ ta Stand Up in a Hurricane,” *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2017.) What that *means* is, when the four “winds” of Satan have been shut down, they will no longer be the driving force that determines what people believe here on Earth. The driving force will instead be the dimwits who firmly believe the lies those four “winds” have inculcated in them.

I warn you: There is coming a time when the depravity of mankind will step in and take the lead. If you think what Hitler and his henchmen did to the Jews and other outcasts in their *utopian* society was as evil as any government could ever be, just wait; you are going to experience something a whole lot worse than that. The millions who died at the hands of the Nazi dead-heads during that era will pale in comparison to what is done by the avid believers in the tripe the four “winds” have peddled. Their belief in those lies is going to herd billions of unsuspecting sycophants and adversaries into a nuclear inferno.

The cold, hard facts related to the “winds” driving the constituents of all four of the above-named groups into a nuclear holocaust is two-fold:

1. the propaganda (lies) disseminated by the “winds” that “blow” their distinct belief system, and
2. the ignorance on the part of those who have chosen to believe the lies those “winds” have “blown.”

Consider this: The “winds” prey on the ignorance of the constituents of the four categories of thought by using the same propaganda tactic with each one. Figure it out: I have long since shown you how the wannabe “philosopher” Søren Kierkegaard redefined the biblical term translated “faith” in such a seductive way that a multitude have long since followed him off into his lunacy. (See “Satan’s Fools Are Satan’s Tools,” *The Voice of Elijah*®, April 1994.) As a result of Kierkegaard’s insipid stupidity, instead of *faith* retaining its original meaning of “belief in a specific content,” the term now *means* nothing more than “hope.” Therefore, this entire generation of “Christians” has no idea there ever was a specific content to Early Church beliefs. They ignorantly

cling to their ridiculous “leap of faith” nonsense and *hope* they will be saved just because they *hope* they will be saved.

The “winds” have done the same duplicitous sort of sleight of hand with the term *communism*. Nowadays, those who have no insight at all into the intent of the leaders of the worldwide *communist* movement call it “socialism,” even though Karl Marx knew full well socialism becomes Communism when the intent is to gain control of a country through a one-party system of government. So, like I said, figure it out.

The leaders of each of the four categories I listed above maintain their hold on their constituency by repeating the same propaganda (lies) the “winds” introduced into whatever belief system they bought into. Sometimes, a leader’s belief is an honest ignorance of the Truth; other times the leader is merely using the propaganda (lies) he has heard to gratify his own insatiable lust for something he would not otherwise be able to obtain.

If you have been reading what I have written for any length of time at all, you already know how I feel about the “pulpit parrots” who have a strangle-hold on Christian beliefs today; so I needn’t go there. The Truth is, I feel the same way about the leaders of the other three “causes” I listed. In each and every case, there are leaders who claim to be firm believers in “the cause,” yet have no real interest in anything other than their own aggrandizement. Those of that ilk are nothing more than fools, abject idiots who seek to fool others just as they have done everything possible to fool themselves. They deserve everything they have coming their way. But I digress.

Pawns Go Where the “Winds” “Blow”

I have already provided you a brief history of the rise of Capitalism in an article titled “Wanna Hear ANOTHER Whopper the Liar Came Up With? (I’m Certain You Won’t Believe It!)” [*The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2019]. In that article, I told you the beginning of the Industrial Revolution was partially the result of private ownership of patents granted to inventors in England. But it was also in part a result of Capitalism—which had already existed in various forms for at least three centuries prior—becoming the driving force behind more and more inventions as Capitalists sought to cash in on the profits those new inventions garnered.

This produced an increasingly better standard of living for everyone in developing countries, but it was better for some than others.

The fundamental problem with Capitalism is, and always has been, the fact that its financial benefits are not distributed equally. That is, those who “invest” their time and labor in a company do not reap the same rewards as those who “invest” their money. Therefore, over time, the Capitalists get richer and richer, while the workers who produce the profits that the Capitalists enjoy endure the drudgery of working day after day without the same benefit.

When the brainless “philosopher” Karl Marx saw the inequity inherent in Capitalism, he published his magnum opus *The Communist Manifesto*, in which he outlined his ivory-towered vision of Communism, which he saw as the ultimate better way. I have written about that as well in the article titled “Wanna Hear ANOTHER Whopper the Liar Came Up With? (I’m Certain You Won’t Believe It!)” [*The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2019].

The problem with the vapid *utopian* vision of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin is—and always has been—the fact that it has very little in common with the reality that exists in the real world outside the ivory towers in which those two wannabe “philosophers” resided. That is, folks don’t actually respond the way the “winds” convinced Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, and their fellow Communists that everyone *should* respond. Therefore, it has always been necessary for Communist governments to eliminate (exterminate) those who disagree with their delusional beliefs simply because those who disagree can see through the fallacy inherent in the Communist delusion. Consequently, Communist governments have eliminated (exterminated) more people than the Nazis ever even planned to eliminate.

I have also explained what you need to know about the history of Christianity and how the leaders lost *The Apostolic Teaching*. (See “The Protestant Confession: The Church Lost *The Teaching*,” *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 1992.) The Church today is nowhere near being the Church “without spot or wrinkle” that Paul says it will be when Christ returns (Eph. 5:27). That alone should tell anyone with half a brain who has at least one eye open to watch for the Second Coming that something is seriously amiss, but it won’t.

The Pretenders in the Church who see themselves as “Christians” today are completely enamored with

their mental *utopia* in which the angry, jealous God of the Old Testament has been replaced by a fictitious god of unconditional love. They revel in the notion that they will be rescued before the Tribulation begins by their fictitious god of unconditional grace. Little do they know, the “winds” have worked long and hard to get that lie firmly fixed in their mind. I put the kibosh on that delusional notion in an article titled “Wanna Hear the Whopper the Liar Came Up With? (I Doubt You’ll Believe It!)” [*The Voice of Elijah*®, October 1996]. The Truth is, the “Tribulation” the Dispensationalists are expecting will have come and gone before they realize their confidence in the misguided beliefs of a man named John Darby has been seriously misplaced.

Finally, let’s take a look at the Constitutionalists. After the Protestant Reformation, born-again Believers began to seek refuge from religious persecution by fleeing to the British colonies in North America. Therefore, it is not surprising that freedom of religion was inscribed in the Constitution the colonists created when they declared independence from England in 1776. But that freedom-of-religion refuge is being threatened by the Communist “winds” “blowing” through unsuspecting individuals here in the United States. Communist thinking “influencers” are using the safeguards built into the Constitution to avidly push a hidden agenda that would get rid of many of the constitutional safeguards so that anyone who believes in any religion—not just Christianity—would be subject to the wiles and whims of a Communist one-party system of government.

Will the Communists be successful in subverting the Constitution by packing the Supreme Court or by getting rid of the Electoral College and two Senators per state? Who knows? It doesn’t matter, one way or the other. They have already made the fatal mistake of going hard up against the Irresistible Force of a God Who does not take it lightly when folks *choose* not to believe Him. They did that when they adopted atheism as a fundamental part of their *religious* belief system. So now, True Believers are going to have a front-row seat from which to watch as idiotic Communist activists push to make their *utopian* vision a reality until all their hopes and dreams go up in the flames of a nuclear holocaust.

What Is the “Winds” End Game?

It is not surprising that Communists would push to get rid of the Constitution’s guarantee of freedom of

religion. Why would they do anything other? Atheism is the sole *religious* belief of the Communists, and the Communists’ mind-set is one in which everyone must agree with them on that point. There is no room for disagreement. Therefore, it should be obvious that the Communists are—and have been since 1922—intending to go head-to-head against the Capitalists, the Christians, and the Constitutionalists. That does not bode well for the world and its inhabitants.

If only the Communists would back off and stop their constant push to achieve what they have come to believe is their destiny—a *utopia* in which a one-world government is ruled by avid Communists—the impending nuclear holocaust could be avoided. But that ain’t gonna happen. A lot of other things ain’t gonna happen the way they have them planned, but they don’t know that. Yet. The Communists’ constant endeavor to craft a *utopia* here on Earth is futile. It is, like every other arrogant endeavor of mankind, headed for destruction by the Incredible Force of the awesome power of the Almighty God when He appears in all His Glory and lashes out from the nuclear pillar and cloud in which He appeared to the sons of Israel in an intricate *parabolic pantomime* so long ago.

The Communists’ stupidity in regard to the *utopia* they envision is only rivaled by their ignorance of the God Who is. As William Shakespeare so aptly put it, and they will eventually come to realize:

*Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day
To the last syllable of recorded time,
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!
Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.*

(William Shakespeare, Macbeth, Act 5, Scene 5)

A sinister lie of Satan lies at harbor in a distorted understanding of the following passage of Scripture, and it is one that has the awesome power not only to thwart the Communists’ plan to rule the world but also to usher in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The key to understanding the passage is the phrase “on that day.” That phrase is pointing to the seventh “day” of

Creation, the point in time when God will have completed His final act of Creation on the sixth “day.” That is, the creation (resurrection) of all “male and female” Believers in His Own image and likeness:

¹[Guess what!] [A Day] [that belongs to His Majesty] [is going to come], [and [Your Plunder] will be allotted as a share] [within You]. ²[Then I will round up] [all] [The Nations] [to] [Jerusalem] [for War], [and The City] [will be captured], [and [The Houses] will be looted], [and The Women] [will be raped]. [Then [Half] [of The City] will go out] [in {the} Exile], [but What Is Left of] [The People] [will [not] be cut off] [from] [The City]. ³[Then [His Majesty] will go out] [and fight] [against [Those] Nations] [like {the} Day] [when He fights] [on a Day] [of Military Engagement]. ⁴[And [on [That] Day], His Feet] [will stand] [on {the} Mount] [of Olives], [which] {is} [in front of] [Jerusalem], [toward Qedem]; [and {the} Mount] [of Olives] [will be split] [in Half] [from The Place of the Sunrise] [and toward {the} Sea] [{by} a [very] [big] Hollow], [and [Half] [of The Mountain] will depart] [toward Zaphon] [and Half of it] [toward {the} Negev]. ⁵[Then you will flee] [{through the} Hollow] [of My Mountains] [because] [{the} Hollow] [of The Mountains] [will make contact] [with] [Azel*]; [and you will flee] [just as] [you fled] [because of] [The Earthquake] [in {the} Days of] [Uzziah], [King] [of Judah]. [Then [His Majesty], [my God], will come]. [All] [who are holy] {will be} [with You]!

⁶[And [on [That] Day], it will be that] [there will [not] be] [Light]; [Precious Ones] [will become solid]. ⁷[And it will be that], [That] [one] [Day] [will be known] [to His Majesty]—[not] [Day] [and not] [Night]—[but it will be that] [at [Evening] Time] [there will be] [Light]. ⁸[And it will be that], [on [That] Day], [living] [Waters] [will come out] [of Jerusalem]—[Half of them] [to] [The Qadmonite] Sea [and Half of them] [to] [The Sea] [behind]. [It will be] [in Summer] [and in Winter].

⁹[Then [His Majesty] will be] [King] [over] [all] [The Earth]; [on [That] Day], [His Majesty] [will be] [one] [and His Name], [one]. ¹⁰[He will go around] [all] [The Earth] [like {the} Desert Plain] [from Geba] [to Rimmon] [South] [of Jerusalem]. [But She will rise up*] [and She will sit down] [in Her place] [from [Benjamin’s] Gate], [to] [{the} Place] [of the first] [Gate]—[to] [The Corner] [Gate], [and from [Hananel’s] Tower] [to] [The Wine Vats of] [The King]. ¹¹[Then they will dwell] [in Her], [and [She will [not] be] under the ban] [any longer], [so [Jerusalem] will dwell] [securely].

¹²[And this] [will be] [The Beating] [with [which] [His Majesty] will strike] [all] [The Peoples] [who] [wage war] [against] [Jerusalem]: [His Flesh] [will rot] [while he] [is standing] [on] [his Feet], [and his Eyes] [will rot] [in their Sockets], [and his Tongue] [will rot] [in their Mouth]. ¹³[And [on [That] Day], it will be that] [much] [Panic] [{caused by} His Majesty] [will be] [in them]; [and [Each One] will take hold of] [his Neighbor’s] [Hand], [and [his Hand] will come up] [against] [his Neighbor’s] [Hand]. ¹⁴[And even] [Judah] [will fight] [against Jerusalem], [and [The Entourage] [of all] [The Nations] [round about] will be rounded up]—[Gold] [and Silver] [and Clothes] [in a [very] Large Amount]. ¹⁵[And so also] [The Beating of] [The Horse], [The Mule], [The Camel], [and The Jackass]—[even all] [The Beasts] [that] [may be] [in [These] Camps] [will be] [like [This] Beating].

¹⁶[Then it will be] [that [all of] [those who are left] [out of all] [The Nations] [that came] [against] [Jerusalem] will go up] [from] [Year] [to Year] [to prostrate themselves] [to {the} King], [His [Supreme] Majesty], [and to make a pilgrimage to] [{the} Feast] [of The Temporary Shelters]. ¹⁷[And it will be that] [whichever] [of] [{the} Families of] [The Earth] [does [not] go up] [to] [Jerusalem] [to prostrate themselves] [to {the} King], [His [Supreme] Majesty], [The Rainfall] [will [not] be] [on them]. ¹⁸[So if] [{the} Family of] [Egypt] [does [not] go up] [and does [not] go in], [and {The Rainfall is} not] [on them], [it will be] [The Beating] [with [which] [His Majesty] will strike] [The Nations] [who] [do [not] go up] [to make a pilgrimage to] [{the} Feast] [of The Temporary Shelters]. ¹⁹[This] [will be] [{the} Sinful Act] [of Egypt] [and {the} Sinful Act] [of all] [The Nations] [who] [do [not] go up] [to make a pilgrimage to] [The Feast] [of The Temporary Shelters].

²⁰[On [That] Day], “[Holy] [to His Majesty]” [will be] [on] [{the} Bells of*] [The Horse]; [and [The Pots] [in {the} House] [of His Majesty] will be] [like {the} Bowls] [in front of] [The Altar]. ²¹[And [every] [Pot] [in Jerusalem] [and in Judah] will be] [holy] [to His [Supreme] Majesty], [and [all of] [those who sacrifice a communal offering] will come in] [and take] [some of them] [and cook] [in them]; [but [on [That] Day], there will [not] be] [a Canaanite] [in {the} House] [of His [Supreme] Majesty] [any longer].

(Zechariah 14:1–21) —my interim translation

This generation ignorantly believes death holds nothing they should fear. And why would they believe otherwise? There is an astounding smorgasbord of lies

from which they can pick and choose whatever doofus deception they deem more desirable. And each of the four major belief systems in existence today offers them the irrational belief in a *utopia* that can be attained in the here and now:

Capitalists
Christians
Communists
Constitutionalists

The Truth is, the only thing the adherents of those four belief systems have to offer is something to soothe the conscience of those dumb enough to believe it. Hence, the time has finally come for the God Who is to reveal the awesome power of His Word as He arrives in the beautiful pillar-and-cloud formations of fire that total idiots are going to unleash upon this world.

One word, and one word alone, represents what God hates most about this final generation: *Utopia*. And that one word typifies the goal of the adherents of all four of those major belief systems:

The Capitalists: *"If we all work hard, save our money, and invest it in the stock market, we can all reap the financial rewards of the inventions the Capitalist system provides and use our money to protect ourselves from all the bad things that have happened to past generations, content in knowing Capitalism will provide whatever we need to eliminate those things."*

The Communists: *"If we all give up our independent thinking, trust the government to do what is best for us, and work together for our **common** good, we can protect ourselves from all the bad things that have happened to past generations, content in knowing there is no god and death presents nothing we need fear."*

The Constitutionalists: *"If we all accept the right of everyone else to believe and do whatever they think best and don't try to force others to think and act the way we do, we can all enjoy the benefits of working together in harmony, content in knowing freedom from any imposed restraint is the highest form of everything good."*

The Christians: *"If we all get together every week to have a good time worshipping a god who loves everyone so*

much he would never send any of us to Hell, we can enjoy the benefits provided by the Capitalists, the Communists, and the Constitutionalists and just ignore all the bad things happening to the current generation, content in knowing there is a better life after death."

Jesus said the following about those who stupidly seek some sort of *utopia* in this life:

¹³[So then] [someone] [from] [The] [Crowd] [told] [Him], "[Teacher], [tell] [my] [Brother] [to divide up] [his] **[Inheritance]** [with] [me]."

¹⁴[And then] [He] [said] [to him], "[Man], [who] [appointed] [Me] [a Judge] [or] [Arbiter*] [over] [you]?"

¹⁵[Then] [He said] [to] [them], "[See to it [also] that] [you are on guard] [against] [all] [Selfishness], [because] [{even} when] [someone] [produces an excess], [The] [Life] [he has] [is] [not] [part] [of] [his] [Possessions]."

¹⁶[And then] [He stated] [a Comparison] [to] [them], [saying]: "[The] [Countryside] [of some] [wealthy] [Man] [produced very well*]. ¹⁷[And] [he was speculating] [to] [himself], [saying]: '[What] [should I do]? [Because] [I do] [not] [have] [anywhere] [I can gather up] [my] [Fruits].' ¹⁸[Then] [he said], '[This is what] [I will do]: [I will take down] [my] [Storehouses] [and] [build] [Tremendous Ones], [and] [I will gather up] [all] [my] [Wheat] [and] [Good Things] [there]. ¹⁹[Then] [I will say] [to] [my] [Soul], '[Soul], [you have] [a lot of] [Good Things] [laid up] [for] [a lot of] [Years]; [rest], [eat], [drink], [celebrate].'" ²⁰[But] [The] [{Living} God] [told] [him]: '[Fool]! [This] [Night] [they are going to request that] [Your] [Soul] be returned] [by] [You]. [So then] [who] [will have] [what] [you have prepared]?' ²¹[The one who] [stores up] [for himself] [and] [is] [not] [wealthy] [in] [God] {is} [like this]."

²²[And then] [He said] [to] [His] [Disciples]: "[For] [This Reason] [I tell] [you], [do] [not] be concerned about] [Your] [Soul]—[what] [you should eat]—[or] [Your] [Body]—[what] [you should slip on]. ²³[For] [Your] [Soul] [is] [more than] [What] [you] Eat; [and] [Your] [Body], more than] [your] [Clothing].

²⁴[Take a close look] [at The] [Ravens*], [because] [those who] [do] [not] [have] [a Storeroom] [or] [a Storehouse] [do] [not] sow, [neither] [do they reap], [yet] [The] [{Living} God] [provides food for] [them]. [How much] [more than] [The] [Winged Creatures] [do] [you] matter]? ²⁵[So then] [which one] [of] [you] [who is concerned about] {such things} [can] [add] [a Half Meter]

[onto] [his] [Stature]? ²⁶[Therefore], [if] [you can [not even] do] [The Least], [why] [are you concerned] [about] [The] [Rest]?

²⁷[Take a close look at] [how] [The] [Lilies] [grow]: [It does [not] labor]; [neither] [does it spin]. [But] [I tell] [you], [not even] [Solomon], [in] [all] [his] [Glory], [wrapped {anything} around himself] [like] [One] [of These]. ²⁸[So then], [if] [The] [{Living} God] [clothes*] [The] [Grass] [like this], [which is] [in] [a Field] [Today] [and] [is thrown] [onto] [Burning Embers] [Tomorrow], [how much] [more] {will He attire} [you]? [You Little Believers]!

²⁹[So] [you] [must [not] seek] [what] [you should eat] [and] [what] [you should drink], [and] [you must [not] be anxious*]. ³⁰[For] [The] [Nations] [of The] [World] [diligently seek] [all] [These Things], [so] [your] [Father] [is aware] [that] [you need] [These Things]. ³¹[But] [seek] [His] [Kingdom], [and] [These Things] [will be added] [to you]. ³²[Do [not] be afraid], [You] [small] [Little Flock], [because] [your] [Father] [was delighted] [to give] [you] [The] [Kingdom]. ³³[Sell] [your] [Possessions] [and] [give] [a Contribution to the Less Fortunate]; [make] [Pouches] [for yourselves] [that do [not] grow old]—[an [unfailing*] Treasure] [in] [The] [Heavens], [where] [a Thief] [does [not] draw near]; [neither] [does [a Moth] make {it} unfit for use]. ³⁴[For] [wherever] [your] [Treasure] [is], [your] [Heart] [will be] [there] [also].

³⁵[Your] [Loins] [must be] [girded about] [and] [your] [Lamps] [burning], ³⁶[so] [you] {are} [just like] [Men] [who are waiting for] [their] [Master] [when] [he sets off on his journey] [from] [The] [Wedding Feast], [so that] [when {he} comes back] [and] [knocks], [they may open] [for him] [straight off]. ³⁷[Those] [Slaves] [whose] [Master] [finds] [staying awake] [when {he} comes back] [are fortunate]. [Without doubt], [I tell] [you] [that] [he will gird himself] [and] [make {them} recline] [and], [while passing by], [serve] [them]. ³⁸[Even if] [He should come back] [in] [The] [second]—[even if] [in] [the] [third]—[Guard Watch] [and] [find {them}] [like this], [Those Individuals] [are] [fortunate]. ³⁹[So then] [you do know] [This]: [That] [if] [The] [Owner of the House] [had been aware of] [which] [Hour] [The] [Thief] [was going to come], [he] [would] [not] have let] [a wall of] [his] [House] be dug through. ⁴⁰[So] [you] [must be] [ready], [because] [The] [Son] [of The] [Man] [is going to come back] [at an Hour] [that] [you do [not] assume]."

⁴¹[So then] [Peter] [said], "[Your Majesty], [are You saying] [This] [Comparison] [about] [us] [or] [about] [everyone] [else]?"

⁴²[And] [His Majesty] [said]: "[So then] [who] [is] [The] [trustworthy] [Manager] [who is] [sensible], [whom] [His Majesty] [will appoint] [over] [His] [Retinue], [to give {them}] [their] [Measured Allowance of Wheat*] [on] [Time]? ⁴³[That] [Slave] [whom] [his] [Master], [after coming back], [finds] [doing] [so] [is fortunate]. ⁴⁴[I tell] [you] [truly] [that] [he will appoint] [him] [over] [all] [his] [Possessions]. ⁴⁵[But] [if] [That] [Slave] [should say] [in] [his] [Heart], '[My] [Master] [is taking His time] [coming back], [and] [begin] [to hit] [The] [Slave Girls] [and] [The] [Boys]—[as well as] [to eat] [and] [drink] [and] [become intoxicated]—⁴⁶[The] [Master] [of] [That] [Slave] [will come] [on] [a Day] [on which] [he is [not] expecting {Him}] [and] [at] [an Hour] [that] [he does [not] know], [and] [he will cut] [him] in two] [and] [put] [his] [Part] down] [with] [Those Who Do Not Believe God's Promise].

⁴⁷[So then] [That] [Slave] [who] [knew] [The] [Will] [of] [his] [Master] [will] [also] be punched] [many times], [having [not] prepared] [or] [acted in accordance] [with] [his] [Will]. ⁴⁸[But then] [the one who] [did [not] know], [but] [having done {things}] [worthy] [of Lashes], [will be punched] [just a few times]. [So then] [anyone] [to whom] [a Lot] [was given], [a Lot] [will be sought] [from] [him]; [and] [they will request] [a lot more of] [him] [to] [whom] they committed] [a Lot].

⁴⁹[I have come] [to cast] [Fire] [onto] [The] [Earth], [so] [what] [would I want] [if] [it had [already] been ignited]? ⁵⁰[So then] [I have] [to be baptized with] [a Baptism], [and] [how] [restrained I am going to be] [until] [it has been completed]! ⁵¹[Do you assume] [that] [I have come] [to give {you}] [Peace] [on] [The] [Earth]? [Absolutely not], [I tell] [you], [but] [rather] [Division*]; ⁵²[for] [from [now] on] [there will be] [Five] [in] [one] [House] [who have been divided up]—[Three] [against] [Two], [and] [Two] [against] [Three]. ⁵³[They will be divided up], [Father] [against] [Son] [and] [Son] [against] [Father], [Mother] [against] [her] [Daughter] [and] [Daughter] [against] [her] [Mother], [Mother-in-law] [against] [The] [Bride] [and] [Bride] [against] [her] [Mother-in-law]."

(Luke 12:13–53) —HSSB

The currently commonplace attitude that set off Jesus' tirade on that occasion is this one:

"[Then] [I will say] [to] [my] [Soul], '[Soul], [you have] [a lot of] [Good Things] [laid up] [for] [a lot of] [Years]; [rest], [eat], [drink], [celebrate].'"

(Luke 12:19) —HSSB ■



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

The End Is in Sight (and Insight)

One of the most fundamental *parabolic images* the Prophets used to depict the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is that of Elijah and his confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. This is what Malachi says in that regard:

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

⁴“[You must remember] [The Teaching of] [My Slave] [Moses]—[{the} Statutes] [and Decisions Based on the Truth] [for] [all] [Israel] [that] [I commanded] [him] [in Horeb]. ⁵[Guess what!] [I] [am going to send] [The Prophet] [Elijah] [to you] [before] [The [great] [and fearsome] Day] [{of} His Majesty] [comes]. ⁶[And he will restore] [{the} Heart] [{of} Fathers] [to] [Sons] [and {the} Heart] [{of} Sons] [to] [their Fathers], [so that I do [not] come] [and viciously attack] [The Earth] [{as}]

Someone Under the Ban].”

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

To understand how the *parabolic image* of Elijah applies to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, you first need to understand the basics of the Canaanite myth regarding the death and resurrection of the Canaanite god Baal. The Canaanites believed Baal was the personified life force in the rain carried by the clouds that came in off the ocean every fall when the rainy season began. But they also considered him to be the life force the rain transferred to the seeds they planted in anticipation of vivification by the rain that fell. That is the *parabolic imagery* that pertains directly to Baal, “the rider on the clouds” who brought the rain.

The Baal myth tells how *Mot* (Death) killed Baal (Rain) and turned him over to *Nahar* (River), who carried him out to *Yam* (Sea), which was considered to be the realm of the dead. At that point, the one seriously intractable problem Baal faced was the same problem that Er and Elimelech faced after they died without a son to “carry their name” (Gen. 38:1–8; Ruth 1–4). Baal had no “house” in which to live. Lacking that one essential element, Baal could not be resurrected unless someone “built a house” (engendered a son) for him. That is, someone had to “make a name” and “raise up a seed” for him, just as God *promised* He would for King David (2 Sam. 7).

Fortunately, Baal’s consort, the Virgin Anat, stepped in and—through the valiant efforts of the god of wisdom, Kothar-wa-Hasis—was able to “build a house” (engender a son) for Baal. As a result, Baal overcame *Mot* (Death) and emerged from *Yam* (the realm of the dead) to return in the clouds that brought the Early Rain and allowed him to be joined to the *seed* in which his life force resided.

That is part of the *parabolic imagery* that informs Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal when he demonstrated the Lord is the real “Rider on the Clouds” Who will bring the “Rain” (*The Teaching*) in its time, whereas Baal is nothing more than a fictitious god concocted by men. That basic *parabolic imagery* stands behind the biblical account of Elijah and the prophets of Baal, which tells how the Prophet Elijah ended a drought by summoning the Lord back from the sea—that is, the realm of the dead—in a *parabolic pantomime* that depicts how it will be at the End of the Age when He is joined with the life force in His “Seed”:

¹[After [many] [Days] had passed], [{the} Word] [of His Majesty] [came] [to] [Elijah] [in [the third] Year], [saying]: “[Go]! [Show Yourself] [to] [Ahab], [and I will grant] [Rain] [on] [{the} Surface of] [{the} Ground]”; ²[so [Elijah] went] [to show himself] [to] [Ahab].

[Now The Famine] [was severe] [in Samaria]; ³[so [Ahab] called out] [to] [Obadiah], [who] {was} [over] [The House]. ([Now Obadiah] [was] [one who feared] [His Majesty] [a lot]; ⁴[and it so happened], [while [Jezebel] was cutting off [{the} Prophets of] [His Majesty] completely], [that [Obadiah] took] [a hundred] [Prophets] [and hid them out]—[fifty] [each]—[in a Cave] [and provided them] [Bread] [and Water].)

⁵[And [Ahab] said] [to] [Obadiah], “[Go] [into {the} Land], [to] [all] [The [Natural Springs of] Water] [and to] [all] [The Ravines]; [perhaps] [we can find] [Grass] [and keep [Horse] [and Mule] alive], [and not] [cut off [some of The Beasts] completely].” ⁶[Then they allotted a share of] [The Land] [to themselves] [to pass through] [it]; [Ahab] [went] [one] [Way] [alone] [and Obadiah] [went] [another] [Way] [alone].

⁷[But while [Obadiah] was] [on {the} Way], [then Guess what]? [Elijah] [met him]; [and he recognized him] [and fell] [on] [his Face] [and said], “[Is [this] You], [Elijah], [my Master]?”

⁸[So he said] [to him], “[It’s me]! [Go]! [Say] [to Your Master], [‘Guess what!’] [Elijah]!”

⁹[Then he said]: “[How] [have I sinned], [that] [You] [would put] [Your Slave] [into {the} Hand] [of Ahab] [to put me to death]? ¹⁰[I swear on the life of] [His Majesty] [Your God]! [If] [there is] [a Nation] [or Kingdom] [where] [my Master] [has not] sent {someone} [to search for You] [and they said], ‘[He is not {here}],’ [then he made [The Kingdom] [or] [The Nation] swear] [that] [it could not] find You! ¹¹[And now] [You] [are saying], [‘Go]! [Say] [to Your Master], [‘Guess what!’] [Elijah]!’” ¹²[Then, when] [I] [go] [away from You], [{the} Spirit] [of His Majesty] [will carry You] [over to] [where] [I do not] know]; [so when I go in] [to tell] [Ahab] [and he can not] find You], [then he will kill me]! [And Your Slave] [has feared] [His Majesty] [from my Youth]! ¹³[Has it not] been told] [to my Master] [what] [I did] [when [Jezebel] was killing] [{the} Prophets of] [His Majesty]—[that I hid [some of {the} Prophets of] [His Majesty] out] [in a Cave]—[a Hundred], [fifty] [{in} one], [fifty] [{in} another]—[and I provided them] [Bread] [and Water]? ¹⁴[But now] [You] [are saying], [‘Go]! [Say] [to Ahab], [‘Guess what!’] [Elijah]!’” [And he will kill me]!”

¹⁵[So [Elijah] said], “[I swear on the life of] [His Supreme] Majesty], [before] [Whom] [I stand], [that] [I will show myself] [to him] [Today].” ¹⁶[Then [Obadiah] went] [to meet] [Ahab], [and he told [him] {what Elijah said}], [and Ahab] [went] [to meet] [Elijah].

¹⁷[And then], [when [Ahab] saw] [Elijah], [Ahab] [said] [to him], “[Are You] [this] [one who is causing trouble for] [Israel]?”

¹⁸[But he said]: “[I have not] caused trouble for] [Israel], [only] [You] [and {the} House] [of Your Father], [when you abandoned] [{the} Commandments of] [His Majesty] [and walked] [behind] [The Owners]. ¹⁹[So now], [send {someone}]! [Gather] [all] [Israel] [to me] [at] [Mount] [Carmel], [and] [four] [hundred] [and fifty] [Prophets of] [The Owner] [and] [four] [hundred] [Prophets of] [The **Asherah**], [who are eating] [{at} [Jezebel’s] Table].” ²⁰[So [Ahab] sent {someone}] [to all] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [and gathered] [The Prophets] [to] [Mount] [Carmel].

²¹[Then [Elijah] came close] [to] [all] [The People] [and said]: “[How long] [are [you] going to limp along] [on] [The [two] Opinions]? [If] [His Majesty] {is} [The {Living} God], [walk] [behind Him]; [but if] [The Owner] {is}, [walk] [behind him].” [But The People] [did not] respond [a Thing] to] [him]. ²²[So [Elijah] said] [to] [The People]: “[I] [alone] [remain] [a Prophet] [of His Majesty], [but {the} Prophets of] [The Owner] {are} [four] [hundred] [and fifty] [Men]. ²³[So let them give] [us] [two] [Bulls], [and let them choose] [The [first] Bull] [for themselves] [and cut it into pieces] [and set {it}] [on] [The Wood], [but [do not] set] a Fire] {under it}. [Then I] [will do] [The [other] Bull] [and put {it}] [on] [The Wood], [and [I will not] set] a Fire] {under it}. ²⁴[Then you call] [in {the} Name] [of your Gods], [and I] [will call] [in {the} Name of] [His Majesty]. [And then] [The God] [Who] [responds] [with Fire] [is] [The {Living} God].”

[And [all] [The People] responded] [and said], “[The Word] {is} [good].”

²⁵[Then Elijah] [said] [to {the} Prophets of] [The Owner]: “[Choose] [for yourselves] [The [first] Bull] [and do {it}] [first]—[because] [you] {are} [The Many]—[and call] [in {the} Name] [of your God]. [But you may not] set] a Fire] {under it}.”

²⁶[So they took] [The Bull] [that] [he gave] [them] [and did {it}]; [and they called] [in {the} Name] [of The Owner] [from Morning] [until] [Noon], [saying], “[O Owner], [respond to us]!” [But there was not any]

[Sound], [and there was not any] [one responding], [so they limped along] [by] [The Altar] [that] [he had made].

²⁷[And then], [at Noon], [Elijah] [began to ridicule] [them] [and said]: “[Call {him}] [with a [loud] Voice]! [He] [definitely] {is} [God]! [He] [definitely] is talking to {some-one}, [or he] [definitely] is having] [a Bowel Movement], [or he] [definitely] has] [a Way {to go}]! [Perhaps] [he] [is sleeping] [and will wake up]!” ²⁸[So they called {him}] [in a [loud] Voice] [and ritually cut themselves] [with Swords] [and with Spears] [in accordance with their Decision] [until] [Blood] [was pouring out] [on them]. ²⁹[And then], [when [Noon] had passed], [they prophesied] [until] [The Cereal Offering] [went up]. [But there was not any] [Sound], [and there was not any] [one responding], [and there was not any] [one paying attention].

³⁰[Then [Elijah] said] [to all] [The People], “[Come close] [to me].” [So [all] [The People] came close] [to him]. [Then he healed] [{the} Altar] [of His Majesty] [that had been broken down].

³¹[And [Elijah] took] [twelve] [Stones] [in accordance with {the} Number] [of {the} Branches of] [{the} Sons of] [Jacob], [to] [whom] [{the} Word] [of His Majesty] [came], [saying], “[Your Name] [will be] [Israel].” ³²[And [with] [The Stones] he built] [an Altar] [in {the} Name] [of His Majesty], [and he made] [a Channel] [equal to a House of] [two 10-Quart Measures] [of Seed] [round about] [{the} Altar].

³³[Then he arranged] [The Wood] [and cut [The Bull] into pieces] [and set {them}] [on] [The Wood].

³⁴[And he said], “[Fill [four] [Large Jars] with] [Water] [and pour {it}] [on] [The Burnt Offering] [and on] [The Wood].” [Then he said], “[Do the same thing again]”; [and they did the same thing again]. [Then he said], “[Do the same thing a third time]”; [and they did the same thing a third time]. ³⁵[And [The Water] went] [round about] [{the} Altar] [so that it [even] filled] [The Channel] [with] [Water]. ³⁶[And then] [when [The Cereal Offering] was to go up], [The Prophet] [Elijah] [came close to {the altar}] [and said]: “[Your Majesty], [God of] [Abraham], [Isaac], [and Israel], [let it be known] [Today] [that] [You {are}] [God] [in Israel]; [and I {am}] [Your Slave], [and I have done] [all] [These] [Things] [by Your Word]. ³⁷[Respond to me], [Your Majesty]! [Respond to me] [so that [This] [People] will know] [that] [You {are}] [His Majesty], [The {Living} God]; [and You] [may turn] [their Heart] around] [backward].”

³⁸[Then [{the} Fire] [of His Majesty] fell], [and it consumed] [The Burnt Offering] [and The Wood] [and

The Stones] [and The Dust], [and] [it licked up] [The Water] [that {was}] [in {the} Channel]. ³⁹[And when [all] [The People] saw {what happened}], [they fell] [on] [their Faces] [and said]: “[His Majesty] [is] [The {Living} God]! [His Majesty] [is] [The {Living} God]!” ⁴⁰[So [Elijah] said] [to them]: “[Take hold of] [{the} Prophets of] [The Owner]! [Do [not] let [any] [one of them] escape]!” [So they took hold of them], [and [Elijah] brought them down] [to] [The [Kishon] Ravine] [and slaughtered them] [there].

⁴¹[Then [Elijah] said] [to Ahab]: “[Go up]! [Eat] [and drink], [because] {there is} [{the} Sound] [of a Large Amount] [of Rainfall].” ⁴²[So [Ahab] went up] [to eat] [and drink]. [But [Elijah] went up] [to] [{the} Top] [of Carmel]; [and he stretched out] [toward {the} Land], [and then put] [his Face] [between] [his Knees].

⁴³[Then he said] [to] [his Boy]: “[Go up], [please]! [Look at] [The Way] [of {the} Sea].” [So he went up] [and looked], [and he said], “[There is not] [anything].” [So he said], “[Go back]” [seven] [Times]. ⁴⁴[And it was] [on {the} seventh {time}] [that he said], “[Guess what!] [A Thunderhead] [as [small] as [a Man’s] Palm] [is coming up] [out of {the} Sea]!” [Then he said], “[Go up]! [Say] [to] [Ahab], [‘Hitch up] [and go down], [so that [The Rainfall] does [not] hold You back.’” ⁴⁵[But he was] [dilly-dallying*], [so The Sea of Waters] [made itself gloomy] [{with} Thunderheads] [and Spirit], [and there was] [a [huge] Rainfall]. [Then [Ahab] started riding] [and went] [toward Jezreel]. ⁴⁶[But {the} Hand] [of His Majesty] [was] [on] [Elijah], [so he tucked in] [his Loins] [and ran] [in front of] [Ahab] [until] [you go in] [to Jezreel].

(1 Kings 18:1–46) —my interim translation

The significance of the parabolic imagery inherent in the account of Elijah and the prophets of Baal is also laid out in what the Prophet Joel says about the “Latter Rain” the Lord provides when the seven trumpets sound right before the seventh “day” begins:

¹[Blow] [a Trumpet] [in Zion]!
[Sound a teruah] [on [My holy] Mountain]!
[All] [{the} Inhabitants of] [The Earth]
[will be disturbed],
[When] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty] [comes],
[When] {it is} [near].
²[It is] [a Day] [of Darkness] [and Nether Gloom],
[A Day] [of Cloud] [and Dense Fog],
[Like Dawn] [spreading out] [over] [The Mountains].

[A People] [as [many] [and numerous] as him]
 [Has [never] come] [out of] [The Eternal Burning],
 [And [it will [not] happen again] after him]
 [As long as] [{the} Years of] [Generation]
 [after Generation].
³[A Fire] [will consume] [before him],
 [And [a Flame] [will set {things} afire] behind him].
 [The Earth] {will be} [like {the} Garden] [of Eden]
 [before him]
 [But {the} Wilderness] [of a Desolate Area] [behind him],
 [And [it [will] [not] have] even]
 [One Who Tries to Escape].
⁴[His Appearance] {is} [like {the} Appearance] [of Horses];
 [And like Horsemen], [they will run] [like that].
⁵[They will skip around]
 [over] [{the} Tops of] [The Mountains],
 [Like {the} Sound] [of Chariots],
 [Like {the} Sound] [of a Flame] [of Fire]
 [consuming] [Straw],
 [Like a [numerous] People] [arranged for] [Battle].
⁶[Peoples] [will squirm] [before him];
 [All] [Faces] [will gather] [a Pale Countenance].
⁷[They will run] [like **Gibbors**],
 [They will climb] [a Wall] [like Men of] [War];
 [But [they will walk], each one] [in his own Ways],
 [And they will [not] swerve out of] [their Paths].
⁸[And [no] one] [will push [his Brother] around],
 [They will walk], [{every} **Gibbor**]
 [on his own Highway];
 [And when [they fall] on account of] [The Weapon],
 [They will [not] break off].
⁹[They will charge] [at {the} City],
 [They will run] [on {the} Wall];
 [They will climb up] [into Houses],
 [They will come in] [through] [The Windows]
 [like a Thief].
¹⁰[{The} Earth] [will be disturbed] [before him],
 [{The} Sea of Waters] [will quake];
 [The Sun] [and The Moon] [will become gloomy],
 [And {the} Stars] [will round up] [their Illumination].
¹¹[Then His Majesty] [will raise] [His Voice]
 [In front of] [His Entourage];
 [Because] [His Camp] {will be} {very} [many],
 [Because] [the One Who acts on] [His Word]
 {will be} [numerous],
 [Because] [{the} Day] [of His Majesty]
 {Will be} [great] [and {very} fearsome],
 [So who] [can endure it]?

¹²"[Yet even] [then]," [declares] [His Majesty],
 "[You must return] [to Me] [with all] [your Heart],
 [And with Fasting] [and with Weeping]
 [and with Lamentation];
¹³[And tear] [your Heart] [and [not] your Clothes]." ¹⁴[So turn back] [to] [His Majesty], [your God]—
 [Because] [He {is}] [gracious] [and compassionate],
 [Slow] [to Anger], [with more than enough]
 [Loving-kindness]—
 [So that He may feel sorry] [regarding]
 [The Bad Behavior].
¹⁴[Who] [knows]? [He might turn back] [and feel sorry],
 [And He might leave] [a **Blessing**] [behind Him]—
 [A Cereal Offering] [and a Drink Offering]—
 [For His Majesty], [your God].
¹⁵[Blow] [a Trumpet] [in Zion],
 [Make [a holy] Fast],
 [Summon] [a Sacred Assembly].
¹⁶[{You} Elders]! [Round up] [a People],
 [Make [a Congregation] holy],
 [Round up] [Infants]
 [And those nursing] [{at the} Breasts].
 [A Bridegroom] [will come out] [of His Inner Room];
 [And a Bride], out] [of her Bridal Tent Canopy].
¹⁷[The Priests]—[The Ministers of] [His Majesty]—
 [Will weep] [between] [The Porch] [and {the} Altar],
 [And they will say]: "[Your Majesty],
 [be concerned] [about] [Your People],
 [And do [not] turn] [Your **Inheritance**]
 [into a Disgrace]—
 [Into a Parable]—[among them], [{the} Gentiles].
 [Why] [should they say] [among {the} Peoples],
 '[Where is] [their God]?'"
¹⁸[So [His Majesty] will be zealous] [for His Land],
 [And He will take pity] [on] [His People].
¹⁹[Then [His Majesty] will respond],
 [And He will say] [to His People]:
 "[Guess what! I am] [going to send] [you] [The Grain]
 [And The New Wine] [and The Fresh Olive Oil],
 [And you will be satisfied] [with it],
 [And I will [never] [again] make] [you]
 [A Disgrace] [among {the} Gentiles].
²⁰[But I will make [The **Zaphonite***] go far away]
 [from you],
 [And I will banish him]
 [into] [a [parched] [and desolate] Land]—
 [His Face] [into] [The [**Qadmonite**] Sea],
 [And his Back End] [into] [The Sea] [behind].

[Then [his Stench] will ascend]—
 [Even [his Foul Odor] will ascend]—
 [Because] [he vaunted himself] [by acting].”
²¹[Ground], [You must [not] fear],
 [Be happy] [and rejoice],
 [Because] [His Majesty] [will vaunt Himself] [by acting].
²²[Beasts of] [My Field], [you must [not] fear],
 [Because] [{the} Oases of] [{the} Wilderness]
 [will sprout green grass].
 [When] [a Tree] [bears] [its Fruit],
 [A Fig Tree] [and a Vine]
 [will put forth] [their Entourage].
²³[So, Sons of] [Zion], [be happy]
 [And rejoice] [in His Majesty], [your God],
 [Because] [He will give] [you] [The Teacher]
 [for a Declaration of Not Guilty].
 [And he will bring down] [Rainfall] [for you]—
 [An Early Rain] [and a Latter Rain] [as earlier].
²⁴[Then [The Threshing Floors] will be filled with]
 [Winnowed Grain],
 [And [The Wine Vats] will overflow with]
 [New Wine] [and Fresh Olive Oil].
²⁵[Then I will settle up by giving back] [to you]
 [The Years]
 [That] [The Swarming Locust] [consumed]—
 [The Nymph Locust] [and The Newly Hatched Locust]
 [and the Solitary Locust],
 [My [great] Entourage] [that] [I sent] [among you].
²⁶[Then you will [definitely] eat] [and be satisfied]
 [And praise] [The] [Name] [of His Majesty], [your God],
 [Who] [has done] [Incomprehensible Things] [with you];
 [So that [My People] will [not] be ashamed]
 [for a Burning Eternity].
²⁷[Then you will know] [that] [I {am}] [within] [Israel],
 [And I {am}] [His Majesty], [your God],
 [And There is not] [anyone else];
 [So [My People] will [not] be ashamed]
 [for a Burning Eternity].
²⁸[And [after] [that] it will happen that]
 [I pour out] [My Spirit] [on] [all] [Flesh],
 [So that [your Sons] [and Daughters] prophesy],
 [Your Elders] [dream] [Dreams],
 [Your Chosen Sons] [see] [Visions].
²⁹[And even] [on] [The Male Slaves]
 [and on] [The Female Slaves]
 [I will pour out] [My Spirit] [in [those] Days].
³⁰[And I will put] [Harbingers] [in {the} Sea of Waters]
 [and on {the} Earth]—

[Blood] [and Fire] [and Billows of] [Smoke].
³¹[The Sun] [will be turned] [into Darkness]
 [And The Moon] [into Blood]
 [Before] [the great] [and fearsome]
 [Day] [of His Majesty] [comes].
³²[And it will happen that] [everyone] [who] [calls]
 [On {the} Name] [of His Majesty] [will escape],
 [Because] [there will be] [a {female} Escapee]
 [In Mount] [Zion] [and in Jerusalem]—
 [Just as] [His Majesty] [said]—
 [Even among {the} Survivors] [whom] [His Majesty]
 [is going to call].”
 (Joel 2:1–32) —my interim translation

The point of that passage is, *The Teaching of Moses* that Jesus Christ *restored* and the leaders of the Church lost is going to be *restored* again before the Second Coming, at which time it will come down LIKE rain and be united with the “Seed” in which the life force of Jesus Christ already resides. That *parabolic imagery* was established by Moses when he said this:

¹[Give ear], [O Sea of Waters], [and I will speak];
 [Then [The Earth] will hear]
 [{the} Statements of] [My Mouth].
²[My Instruction] [will mist] [like Rain];
 [My Statements] [will flow down] [like The Dew]—
 [Like Droplets*] [on] [Green Grass]
 [And like Soaking Rain Showers] [on] [Vegetation].”
 (Deuteronomy 32:1–2) —my interim translation

In the following passage, the Apostle Paul is using the same *parabolic imagery* of the “Rain” that Moses established to describe the role the Teacher played in the Apostolic Church—and will play once again when the time of the “Latter Rain” envisioned by the Prophet Joel arrives:

¹(1) [So, [Brothers],
 (a) I] [can] [not] [speak] [to you]
 (i) [as] [to {those who are} spiritual],
 (ii) [but only]
 (a) [as] [to {those who are} made of flesh]—
 (b) [as] [to {those who are} Toddlers] [in] [The Anointed One].

²(b) [I have given [you] [Milk] to drink], [not] [Food];

(i) [for]

(a) [you were [not yet] able] {to understand spiritual things}; [but]

(b) [you [still] can] [not {understand spiritual things}, even] [now],

³(ii) [for] [you are] [still] [fleshly].

(iii) [For] [where] [Jealousy] [and]

[Contentiousness] {are} [among] [you], [are you] [not] [fleshly] [and] [walking] [in agreement with] [Mankind]?

⁴(iv) [For] [when] [someone] [actually] [says],

(a) "[I] [am] [Paul's {disciple}], " [and then] [another] {says},

(b) "[I {am}] [Apollos' {disciple}], " [are you] [not] {acting like other} [Men]?

⁵(2) [Therefore], {I ask you},

(a) "[What] [is] [Apollos]?" [But then],

(b) "[What] [is] [Paul]?" {They are} [Servants] [via] [whom] [you believed God's **promise**], [and] [as much {understanding of it} as] [His Majesty] [has given] [to each one {of His servants}].

⁶(i) [I] [planted {the Seed}];

(ii) [Apollos] [gave {it} a drink], [but]

(iii) [The] [{Living} God] [was {the Seed} growing {in you}]. ⁷[So then] [neither] [is] [the one who] [plants {the Seed}] [anything] [nor] [the one who] [gives {it} a drink], [but] [The] [{Living} God] [Who is {the Seed} growing {in you}] {is everything}.

⁸(1) [Now] [the one who] [plants {the Seed}] [and] [the one who] [gives {it} a drink] [are] [One], [but] [each one] [will **receive**] [his] [own] [Wage] [in accordance with] [his] [own] [Labor]. ⁹[For]

(a) [we are] [God's] [Co-workers];

(b) [you are] [God's] [Cultivation*], [God's] [Building].

¹⁰(2) [In accordance with] [The] [Favor] [of The] [{Living} God] [that] [was given] [to me], [I put [a Foundation] down] [like] [a [wise] Architect*], [but] [another] [is building on {it}]. [But] [each one] [must watch out for] [how] [he builds on {that foundation}].

¹¹[For] [nobody] [can] [put down] [a Foundation] [other] [than] [the One that] [is being laid], [which] [is] [Jesus], [The Anointed One]. ¹²[So]

(a) [if] [anyone] [builds] [on] [The] [Foundation] {with something of}

(i) [Gold],

(ii) [Silver],

(iii) [valuable] [Stones],

(iv) [Wood],

(v) [Grass], {or}

(vi) [Straw*], ¹³[The] [Work] [of each one] [will become] [well-known]; [for]

(a) [The] [Day {of the Lord}] [will make {it} obvious], [because]

(b) [it is going to be revealed] [by] [a Fire], [and]

(c) [The] [Fire] [itself] [will prove] [what kind of] [Work] [each one's {work}] [is].

¹⁴(b) [If] [anyone's] [Work]—[what] [he has built on {the foundation}]—[remains], [he will **receive**] [a Wage].

¹⁵(c) [If] [anyone's] [Work] [is burned up],

(i) [he will suffer the loss of {his wage}]; [but]

(ii) [he] [will be saved], [yet] [in the same way]—[as if it were] [through] [Fire].

(1 Corinthians 3:1–15) —HSSB

In that passage, Paul is ringing the changes on the various idioms and *parabolic images* the Prophets used to describe the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The point is, the Prophets and Apostles were speaking cryptically in terms of the Canaanite mythology that lamebrains stupidly believed regarding Baal and "The House" the god Kothar-wa-Hasis "built" for him:

And Kothar-[and-Khasis] answered:

"You will come back to my word(s), Baal."

[Quickly] his mansion was built,

[quickly] his palace was raised.
 Men went to Lebanon and its trees,
 to Sirion (and) its choicest cedars;
 they did [] Lebanon and its trees,
 Sirion (and) its choicest cedars.
 Fire was set in the mansion,
 flames in the palace.
 Behold! a day and a second
 the fire consumed in the mansion,
 the flames in the palace.
 A third, a fourth day
 the fire consumed in the mansion,
 the flames in the palace.
 A fifth, a sixth day
 the fire consumed [in] the mansion,
 the flames in [the midst of] the palace.
 Then on the seventh day
 the fire escaped from the mansion,
 the flames from the palace.
 The silver had turned into plates,
 the gold had been turned into bricks.
 Mightiest Baal did rejoice, (saying):
 "I have built my mansion of silver,
 my palace of gold."
 (J.C.L. Gibson, "The Palace of Baal," Canaanite Myths
 and Legends, T. & T. Clark Ltd., Edinburgh, 1977,
 pp. 62–63)

That version of the Baal myth is speaking euphemistically—as the Canaanites were wont to do. It is describing how the body of the child ("The House") that the Virgin Anat and Kothar-wa-Hasis engendered for Baal when they got together and "built a house" for him (wink, wink) was burned for six days on a funeral pyre of cedars taken from the forest of Lebanon. The purpose of child sacrifice was to make a child immortal by burning off its mortal parts. You can find that *parabolic imagery* briefly mentioned in what Peter says here:

³(1) [Blessed be] [The] [{Living} God] [and] [Father] [of] [our] [Master], [Jesus], [The Anointed One], [Who] [engendered [us] again]

(a) [in accordance with] [His] [copious] [Mercy]:
 (b) [into] [a [living] Hope] [via] [{the} Resurrection] [of Jesus], [The Anointed One], [from] [Those Who Are Dead];

⁴(c) [into] [an [imperishable] [and] [undefiled] [and]

[unfading*] **Inheritance**] [that has been kept] [in] [{the} Heavens] [for] [you]—⁵[those who] [are being watched over]

(i) [by] [God's] [Supernatural Power]
 (ii) [via] [{their} Belief in God's **Promise**]
 (iii) [for] [a Salvation] [ready] [to be revealed] [in] [the last] [Time].

⁶(2) [About] [which {salvation}] [you are extremely joyful]

(a) [at this time]
 (b) [for just a little while],
 (c) [{even} if] [it is] [while having to be] [in anguish] [during] [various] [Tests],
⁷(d) [so that] [The] [Proving] [of] [your] [Belief in God's Promise]—[which is] [more highly valued than] [Gold] ([which is] [going to be done away with]), [but] [is being proved] [by] [Fire]—[may be found to be {something}] [for]

(i) [Commendation] [and]
 (ii) [Glory] [and]
 (iii) [Honor] [at] [{the} Revelation] [of Jesus], [The Anointed One]:

⁸(a) [Whom], [having [not] seen], [you love];
 (b) [about] [Whom] {you} [believe God's **promise**] [at this time]—[while [not] seeing]. [But] [you are going to be extremely joyful] [with an [unspeakable*] [and] [glorified] Joy],
⁹[when {you} get back for yourselves] [The] [Consummation] [of] [your] [Belief in God's **Promise**]—[{the} Salvation] [of {your} Souls].

(1 Peter 1:3–9) —HSSB

In contrast to the *parabolic* "fire" of testing that Peter has in view in that passage, the fire the Apostle Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 3:1–15 is the terrifying fire of the nuclear holocaust that is going to burn off the mortal parts of all of God's Children (the "male and female" Believers Moses mentions in Genesis 1:27) alive at that time. That event will transform every True Believer into the very image and likeness of God, just as the Apostle John says here:

¹(1) [Take a look] [at [what sort of] Love] [The] [Father] [has given] [us]: [that] [we may be called] "[God's] [Children]!" [And] [we are]! [For] [This Reason] [The] [World] [does [not] know] [us], [because] [it has [never] known] [Him]!

²(2) [Beloved Brothers], [we are] [God's] [Children] [now], [and] [what] [we will be] [has [not yet] been made visible].

(a) [We are aware] [that] [when] [He becomes visible], [we will be] [just like] [Him], [because] [we will see] [Him] [just as] [He is].

³(b) [So] [anyone] [who] [has] [This] [Hope] [in] [Him] [purifies] [himself], [just as] [That Individual] [is] [pure].

(1 John 3:1–3) —HSSB

Paul describes that same transformational event in terms of the nuclear pillar and cloud in which the Lord revealed Himself to the sons of Israel when He led them out of Egypt. He was aware the Lord would reveal Himself in that same form immediately after the final trumpet sounds at the End of this Age—that is, when the seventh "day" begins:

¹³(3) [But] [we do [not] want] [you] [to not understand {the Truth}], [Brothers], [with regard to] [those who] [are fast asleep], [so that] [you would [not] be in anguish] [just like] [The] [Rest of {mankind}], [those who] [do [not] [even] have {any}] [Hope]:

¹⁴(a) [For] [if] [we believe] [that] [Jesus] [died] [and] [rose up], [so] [also] {we believe} [The] [{Living} God] [will bring] [along with] [Him] [those who] [have fallen fast asleep] [with] [Jesus].

¹⁵(b) [For] [we are telling] [you] [This] [by] [His Majesty's] [Word]: [that] [we] [who] [are living]—[those who] [survive] [to] [The] [Coming] [of] [His Majesty]—[will [definitely not] overtake] [those who] [have fallen fast asleep]. ¹⁶[Because]

(i) [His Majesty] [Himself] [will come down] [from] [Heaven]:

(a) [At] [{the} Order of a Fugleman*],

(b) [at] [{the} Declaration] [of a Chief Messenger], [and]

(c) [at] [God's] [Trumpet]; [and]

(ii) [The] [Dead] [in] [The Anointed One] [will rise] [first].

¹⁷(iii) [Then] [we] [who] [are living]—[those who] [survive]—[will be snatched up] [at the same time] [together with] [them] [in] [a Cloud] [for] [a Meeting] [with] [His Majesty] [in] [Air]. [And] [so] [we will [always] be] [together with] [His Majesty]. ¹⁸[So then] [encourage] [one another] [with] [These] [Words].

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18) —HSSB

The fire emanating from the nuclear pillar and cloud that Paul envisions in that passage is the same fire that is mentioned in Zephaniah 1, Malachi 4, and 2 Peter 3, as well as in the following passage:

¹(1) [After] [These Things], [I saw] [another] [Messenger]—[one who has] [tremendous] [Authority]—[coming down] [out] [of] [Heaven]; [and] [The] [Earth] [was provided light] [by] [his] [Glory]. ²[And] [he shouted] [in] [a [mighty] Voice], [saying]:

(a) "[She has fallen]! [Babylon] [The] [Great] [has fallen]!

(b) [She has [also] become]

(i) [a Home] [of Demons] [and]

(ii) [a Guard House] [of [every] [unclean] Spirit] [and]

(iii) [a Guard House] [of [every] [unclean] Bird] [and]

(iv) [a Guard House] [of [every] [unclean] [and] [hated] Beast]; ³[because]

(a) [all] [The] [Gentiles] [have drunk] [some] [of The] [Wine] [of The] [Rage] [of] [her] [Sexual Promiscuity], [and]

(b) [The] [Kings] [of The] [Earth] [have been sexually promiscuous] [with] [her], [and]

(c) [The] [Merchants] [of The] [Earth] [have become wealthy] [from] [The] [Supernatural Power] [of] [her] [Sensuality*]."

⁴(2) [Then] [I heard] [another] [Voice] [out] [of] [Heaven] [saying]: "[Come out] [of] [her], [My] [People],

(a) [so that] [you do [not] have commonality] [with her] [in her] [Sins]—[and]

(b) [so that] [you do [not] receive] [any] [of] [her] [Lashes]; ⁵[because]

(i) [her] [Sins] [have joined {themselves} together] [as far as] [Heaven], [and]

(ii) [The] [{Living} God] [has remembered] [her] [Immoral Acts].

⁶(a) [Pay [her] back] [even] [as much as] [she] [paid {you}], [and]

(b) [double*] [the {ingredients}] [twice as much] [in accordance with] [her] [Works]; [in] [The] [Cup] [that] [she mixed],

(c) [mix] [twice as much] [for her]. ⁷[As much as] [she glorified] [herself] [and] [lived sensually],

(d) [give] [her] [so much] [Torment] [and] [Mourning]; [because] [she says] [in] [her] [Heart] [that] 'I AM SITTING] [AS A QUEEN]!' [AND] 'I AM] [NOT] [A WIDOW]!' [and] 'I WILL [DEFINITELY NOT] SEE] [MOURNING].'⁸[For] [This Reason]

(iii) [her] [Lashes] [will come] [in] [one] [Day]—

(a) [Death] [and]

(b) [Mourning] [and]

(c) [Famine]—[and]

(iv) [**she will be burned up**] [**in**] [**a Fire**], [because]

(a) [His Majesty],

(b) [The] [{Living} God]—

(c) [the One Who] [has judged] [her]—
{is} [mighty].

⁹(v) [Then] [The] [Kings] [of The] [Earth], [those who]

(a) [were sexually promiscuous] [and]

(b) [lived sensually] [with] [her], [will weep] [and] [cut themselves] [because of] [her], [when] [they see] [The] [Smoke] [of] [her] [Burning],

¹⁰(i) [standing] [at a distance away] [from {her}] [because] [of their] [Fear] [of] [her] [Torment],

(ii) [saying]: 'Woe], [Woe to] [The] [City]—[The] [Great One]—[Babylon], [The] [City] [that is] [mighty]—[because] [Your] [Sentence] [has come] [in] [one] Hour!'"

(Revelation 18:1–10) —HSSB

The key to understanding what John wrote about the demise of "The Harlot," Mystery Babylon, lies in knowing she is a *parabolic image* that depicts the corrupt civilization here on Planet Earth. It also helps to know what John says about the collective decision of the leaders of the ten nations who possess the nuclear weapons that unleash the full power of the wrath of God from the multiplied thousands of pillars and clouds in which He will appear as He actually is:

¹⁵(4) [Then] [he tells] [me]:

(a) "[The] [Waters] [that] [You saw]—[where] [The] [Prostitute] [is sitting]—[are]

(i) [Peoples] [and]

(ii) [Crowds] [and]

(iii) [Nations] [and]

(iv) [Tongues]. ¹⁶[And]

(b) [The] [ten] [Horns] [and] [The] [Beast] [that] [You saw]?

(i) [These Individuals] [will hate] [The] [Prostitute]; [so]

(ii) [they will make] [her]

(a) [deserted] [and]

(b) [naked], [and]

(iii) [they will]

(a) eat] [her] [Flesh] [and]

(b) [**burn [her] up**] [**in**] [**a Fire**].

¹⁷(c) [For] [The] [{Living} God] [has put {it}] [in] [their] [Hearts]

(i) [to act in accordance with] [His] [Opinion]—[even]

(ii) [to act in accordance with] [one] [Opinion]—[and]

(iii) [to give] [their] [Kingdom] [to The] [Beast]
[up to the time when] [The] [Words] [of The]
[{Living} God] [are completed].

¹⁸(d) [And] [The] [Woman] [that] [You saw] [is]
[The] [City]—[The] [Great One]—[that] [has] [a]
Kingdom] [over] [The] [Kings] [of The] [Earth]."
(Revelation 17:15–18) —HSSB

"The Woman" described in that passage is a parabolic depiction of the collective mind-set of the godless individuals who inhabit Planet Earth today:

"[She says] [in] [her] [Heart] [that] 'I AM SITTING] [AS A QUEEN]!' [AND] 'I AM] [NOT] [A WIDOW]!' [and] 'I WILL [DEFINITELY NOT] SEE] [MOURNING].'"
(Revelation 18:7b) —HSSB

That quote comes from Isaiah 47, where Isaiah talks about the fire of the "Disaster" and "Devastating Storm" that is rapidly bearing down on us:

¹"[Go down] [and sit down] [on] [{the} Dirt],
[Virgin] [Daughter] [of Babylon];
[Sit down] [on {the} Earth] [without any] [Throne],
[Daughter] [of Chaldeans],
[Because] [You will [not] continue to] [have them call] [You]
[Delicate] [and delightful].
²[Take] [a Pair of Millstones] [and grind] [Flour].
[Uncover] [Your Veil], [strip off] [{Your} Skirt],
[Uncover] [{Your} Thigh], [pass through] [{the} Rivers].
³[Your Nakedness] [will be uncovered],
[Your Disgrace] [will [also] be seen];
[I will take] [Vengeance],
[but I will [not] confront] [Adam]."
⁴[His [Supreme] Majesty] [is going to redeem us],
[His Name] {is} [Israel's] [Holy One].)
⁵"[Sit down] [in silence] [and go in] [to Darkness],
[Daughter] [of Chaldeans],
[Because] [You will [not] continue to] [have them call] [You]
[A Gebirah of] [Kingdoms].
⁶[I was filled with wrath] [against] [My People],
[I polluted] [My Inheritance],
[And I gave them] [into Your Hand].
[You did [not] afford] [them] [Compassion],
[You made [Your Yoke] [very] heavy] [on] [an Old Person].
⁷[And You said], '[I will be] [a Gebirah]
[for a Burning Eternity].'

[As long as] [You did [not] take] [These Things]
[to] [Your Heart],

[You did [not] remember] [its Outcome].

⁸[So now], [listen to] [this], [dainty* {one}]—
[The one who is dwelling] [securely],
[The one who is saying] [in her Heart]:

'[I] {am}, [and there is no one] [besides me].

[I will [not] sit] {as} [a Widow],

[And I will [not] know] [Bereavement].'

⁹[Yet [These [two] Things] will come] [to You]
[in a Moment]:

[In [one] Day], [Bereavement] [and Widowhood]
[Will come] [on You] [to their fullest {extent}]—
[Via {the} Large Amount] [of Your Sorceries],
[Via {the} Potency] [of Your [many] Spells].

¹⁰[You trusted] [in Your Badness];

[You said], '[There is nobody] [who sees me].'

[Your Wisdom] [and Your Knowledge]?

[It] [has turned You back],

[So that You say] [in Your Heart],

'[I {am}], [and there is no one] [besides me].'

¹¹[So [a Bad Thing] will come] [upon You],

[You will [not] know] [its Dawning];

[A Disaster] [will fall] [on You],

[You will [not] be able] [to cover it up];

[A Devastating Storm] [You do [not] know]

[Will [suddenly] come] [upon You].

¹²[Please] [stand] [via Your Spells]

[And via {the} Large Amount] [of Your Sorceries]

[For which] [You have gotten tired] [since Your Youth];

[Perhaps] [You will be able] [to benefit],

[Perhaps] [You will terrify].

¹³[You have a hard time]

[with {the} Large Number] [of Your Plans].

[Please] [let these stand up] [and save You]

[From what] [is coming] [upon You]:

[Those who segment] [The Sea of Waters],

[Those who gaze] [at {the} Stars],

[Those who make known] [by {the} New Moons].

¹⁴[Guess what!] [They are] [like Straw],

[A Fire] [will burn them up];

[They will [not] snatch [their Soul] out]

[Of {the} Hand] [of The Flame];

[There will not be] [a Burning Coal] [to warm them],

[A Light] [to sit] [right in front of]!

¹⁵[Those who have traded with You] [since Your Youth],

[Those whom] [You have gotten tired of],

[have become] [like this] [to You];

[Each One] [has wandered off] [to his own Area Beyond].
[There is not any] [one who is going to gain salvation
for You]."
(Isaiah 47:1–15) —my interim translation

Did you notice John conveniently paraphrased
what Isaiah said? Take a look:

"[She says] [in] [her] [Heart] [that] 'I AM SITTING] [AS A
QUEEN]!' [AND] 'I AM] [NOT] [A WIDOW]!' [and] 'I
WILL [DEFINITELY NOT] SEE] [MOURNING].'"
(Revelation 18:7b) —HSSB

"[And You said], '[I will be] [a Gebirah]
[for a Burning Eternity].'"
(Isaiah 47:7a) —my interim translation

"[So now], [listen to] [this], [dainty* {one}]—
[The one who is dwelling] [securely],
[The one who is saying] [in her Heart]:
'[I] {am}, [and there is no one] [besides me].
[I will [not] sit] {as} [a Widow],
[And I will [not] know] [Bereavement].'"
(Isaiah 47:8) —my interim translation

The mistaken assumption found in the following
statement is a terrifying indictment of the arrogant
mind-set of this generation:

"[I] {am}, [and there is no one] [besides me]."
(Isaiah 47:8b) —my interim translation

That lie exemplifies the belief of nearly everyone
in this generation. Unfortunately, those who cling
tightly to that lie will die—and regret it. Isaiah, writing
some twenty-seven hundred years ago and speaking in
terms of the *parabolic imagery* related to Baal's triumph
over the gods Death and Sea, also described the horror
such folks will experience when they finally learn the
Truth—too late for it to do them any good:

¹⁴[Therefore], [listen to] [The Word] [of His Majesty],
[You [Scoffing] Mortal Men]
[Who have control over] [This] [People]
[Who] {is} [in Jerusalem],

¹⁵[Because] [you have said]:
"[We have cut] [a Legal Agreement] [with] [Death].
[And [we have acted in accordance with]

[a Vision] with] [The Sea of El].
[When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
[it will [not] come to us],
[Because] [we have turned [a Lie] into] [our Shelter]
[And [we have hidden ourselves] in a Falsehood]!"

¹⁶[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master],
[His Majesty], [has said]:
"[Look! I am] [going to lay] [a Stone] [in Zion]—
[a [tested*] Stone]!"

[A [precious] Corner] [of a [solidly founded] Foundation]!
[The one who believes] [will [not] make {it} move quickly].

¹⁷[I will turn] [a Decision Based on the Truth]
[into a Line],
[And a Declaration of Not Guilty] [into a Level].
[Then Hail] [will sweep away*] [{the} Shelter]
[of a Lie],

[And Waters] [will overflow] [a Hiding Place].

¹⁸[Then [Your Legal Agreement] [with] [Death]
will be covered up],
[And Your Vision] [with] [The Sea of El]
[will [not] stand].

[When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
[Then you will become] [What Is Trampled] [by Him].

¹⁹[Whenever] [He passes over], [He will take] [you].
[He will pass over] [each and every Morning],
[During {the} Day] [and during {the} Night],
[To provide an understanding of] [a Message]
{that is} [nothing but] [Sheer Terror]!"

²⁰(1) [Because] [The Sleeping Mat] [is too short]
[to stretch oneself out],
[And [He bound up] The Weaving]
[when He wrapped it up]!

²¹(2) [Because] [His Majesty] [will arise]
[like Mount] [Perazim],
[He will be disturbed] [like a Valley] [in Gibeon]!
[To make] [What He Is Making]!
([What He Is Making] {is} [strange]!)
[To do] [His Transportation Work]!
([His Transportation Work] {is} [foreign]!)

²²[But now], [you must [not] scoff],
[Lest] [your Shackles] [be made stronger],
[Because] [I have heard] [from] [My Master],
[His [Supreme] Majesty].

[A Complete End] [has also been decreed]
[over] [The [entire] Earth]!
(Isaiah 28:14–22) —my interim translation

What's Next?

Here's what I see happening going forward; believe it if you care to; disbelieve it if you dare to:

1. The Communists are not going to give up their vision of a *utopia* here on Planet Earth; they are instead going to keep pushing their stupid "socialist" beliefs in countries all around the world, working assiduously to bring about the godless *utopia* that was envisioned by Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin, a *utopia* based solely on the mistaken belief that, since there is no god it must be their destiny to rule the world. All the while, rank-and-file "socialists" will remain blissfully unaware of the base intentions of the leaders of the "socialist" movements Communists have established in countries worldwide.

2. "Christians" are going to gradually awaken to the fact that Communism is their avowed enemy. They do not yet realize that is the case, but Communism was founded on a fanatical religious belief in atheism, which is diametrically opposed to a devout belief in anything other than humanistic beliefs. For that reason, tried-and-true Communists have a vitriolic hatred for adherents to all religions, not just Christianity. The way they myopically look at it, religion prevents them from establishing the idiotic *utopia* that Marx and Lenin envisioned.

3. As time moves on, "Christians" here in the United States will be forced to seek refuge in the guarantee of freedom of religion that is part and parcel of the Constitution. The outcome of the conflict between the Communists and the Constitutionals in this country will determine what options remain for those who are not willing to give up their religious belief in a metaphysical god (or gods).

4. At some point, the current push to adopt a global currency based on digital "blockchain" technology will become a reality. It will be touted as the only way to end rampant inflation, terrorism, and illegal activity of all kinds. The Truth is, God is going to use it as the ultimate test to determine *what people actually believe* rather than *what they say they believe*. Those who believe the Truth will prepare beforehand and refuse to accept any "mark" that would allow them to buy and sell freely with the only money available in the *utopia* that so many ignorant, godless leaders believe they can create here on Planet Earth:

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

- (a) [The] [Little Ones] [and]
- (b) [the] [older {ones}], [even]
- (c) [The] [Wealthy] [and]
- (d) [The] [Poor], [even]
- (e) [The] [Free Men] [and]
- (f) [The] [Slaves]—

(i) [so that] [they can give] [them] [a Mark]

- (a) [on] [their] [Hand], [their] [right {one}], [or]
- (b) [on] [their] [Forehead], ¹⁷[and]

(ii) [so that] [no] [one] [except] [the one who] [has] [The] [Mark]—[The] [Name] [of The] [Beast] [or] [The] [Number] [of] [its] [Name]—[can]

- (a) [buy] [or]
- (b) [sell].

(Revelation 13:16–17) —HSSB

5. The Communist government of China will, at some point, militarily exert the immense power over commerce that has already been turned over to them by greedy Capitalists. What China has done recently to disrupt the world's supply chain has been a test of what they are planning to do in the future to bring the world to its knees and make it submit to the *utopian* demands of its deluded leaders.

6. At some point in all of this, a new leader will take over the reins in the nation of Israel and rebuild the Temple. As a result, he will be viewed as the "messiah" who is to usher in a new era of world peace. "Christians" of all stripes will seek refuge in that belief, and from then on it will be the *utopia* envisioned by Christians and Jews against that envisioned by the Communists. Thus, the stage will be set for nuclear war.

7. Israel will settle the Palestinian conflict once and for all by sweeping through Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan to remove the threat those countries have posed for decades. After marching through Gaza, Israeli forces will move into Egypt and Libya before pushing into Sudan to secure the southern border of Egypt. Israel's control of the Suez Canal and its military presence in Africa will put it in direct opposition to what the Communists have planned—and it's show time! ■

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similitude. I return therefore to the principle which defines that all things which have come from nothing shall return at last to nothing. For God would not have made any perishable thing out of what was eternal, that is to say, out of Matter; neither out of greater things would He have created inferior ones, to whose character it would be more agreeable to produce greater things out of inferior ones,—in other words, what is eternal out of what is perishable.

This is the promise He makes even to our flesh, and it has been His will to deposit within us this pledge of His own virtue and power, in order that we may believe that He has actually awakened the universe out of nothing, as if it had been steeped in death, in the sense, of course, of its previous non-existence for the purpose of its coming into existence.

As regards all other points touching Matter, although there is no necessity why we should treat of them (for our first point was the manifest proof of its existence), we must for all that pursue our discussion just as if it did exist, in order that its non-existence may be the more apparent, when these other points concerning it prove inconsistent with each other, and in order at the same time that Hermogenes may acknowledge his own contradictory positions. Matter, says he, at first sight seems to us to be incorporeal; but when examined by *the light of right reason*, it is found to be neither corporeal nor incorporeal.

What is this right reason of yours, which declares nothing right, that is, nothing certain? For, if I mistake not, everything must of necessity be either corporeal or incorporeal (although I may for the moment allow that there is a certain incorporeality in even substantial things, although their very substance is the body of particular things); at all events, after the corporeal and the incorporeal there is no third *state*.

Tertullian, "Against Hermogenes," Chaps. xxxiii–xxxv, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 3, pp. 496–497.

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