

Notes of Floyd E. Taylor for Feb. 17, 2011 Teleconference Bible Study

**The Lord's Shocking Clarification of the Meaning of "Let Your Flight Not Be in the Winter"!**

Tonight is a very sad and important Bible Study. I have been bothered by this message today.

We received the Word yesterday to check ourselves and seek out what is missing and what we have to change individually. When God gives a Word it is always very complete. So when He says that there is one thing missing then I knew I had to also check what piece is missing from our understanding. I need to find out from Him what is that last egg of works that has to be hatched. Last night I was trying to understand what is it that is missing, for it is not only us that have to change inside, but the Lord is revealing that there was yet one thing of an event to come in these days that was missing and that has to be uncovered before He takes His Words forward.

Well, the Lord has made this known today. Last night as I was praying and searching the Lord had His angels do something unique for me that has not occurred in quite a while. I have explained how there was a time when the lock on my locker was turned around backwards within seconds of my closing it, and I knew and I was not on the right track to the answer for the question I was seeking out. Another time I was laying towels out to cover the bedspread so that my pencil lead would not leave traces on the bedspread. The Lord had angels to take a towel and completely flip it over backwards in front of my eyes possible for humans to do it. The Lord had told me that He would help in that manner to do this when I was going the wrong way. So whenever something like this occurs, I back up and relook at some things until I find out where the error, the mystery, or the undiscovered Truth is located.

Well, late last night I was using BlueletterBible to look up some phrases in the Scriptures. I typed in the word "piece". I was very clear that I typed in the word "piece". But, it changed on me and came up with "Jesus". There was no mistakes. It was changed. After studying this aspect and meditating on it, I was beginning to see something. So, I prayed for revelation and went to bed to sleep under my prayer shawl that He might awaken me with understanding of what it is we are missing.

So, this morning He showed me it was our "flesh". We all know from Daniel 12:1-3 that the ones who receive His Words are going to become wise and shine like the stars forever, but what about the complacent and the wicked? I knew that the Bible says that they were going to be darkened, but how? Well, turns out darkened not only means their skin is going to change - decay - but it also means that they are going to be put to silence - meaning that they will not be able to speak. And that this will happen slowly or fast depending on their works - for His Judgment upon them for the Time of the Night is by their words and that means it will be by their works. Some will suffer more than others. After the Rapture they who are still living will heal, but that is years away from now. This is what seems to be clear in the Scriptures.

The Lord is going to bring a plague of leprosy on the earth. That is the great earthquake that is coming. The great earthquake as in the Days of Uzziah is the plague of leprosy that is coming. Likely an earthquake also, but the great event is the plague of leprosy that no medicine will be able to stop for the Lord is sending it as a Judgment. Immediately the leaders will be put to shame and everyone will know that they have been cursed of God. That is the plague of shame that is going to come upon those who will not turn and receive the knowledge of His Words. The prophet Isaiah says in his vision of Is. 6 that it was in the day of the Death of King Uzziah that the Lord's Robe filled the Throne of Heaven, and yet Uzziah did not die for many years after that. So the death that Isaiah is speaking of is not a physical death, but the plague of death - the death of the skin. the Lord is going to give a plague of leprosy that will cause people to not be able to speak. It is the burden of silence that He is bringing to the world - Is. 11, Jer. 51:6. This plague is explained in Zech. 14:12. The shepherds and the theologians have taught that this is a dissolving from a nuclear weapon, but we were all wrong (I listened to them). It is not that, it is a plague of leprosy. It is their just

reward for rejecting the knowledge of His Truth - the knowledge of His Words. Leprosy decays the eyes, the skin, the bones, and the tongue. It is a plague that will come upon them and they will know it and it will begin to decay their eyes and their tongue until they will have their light put out (the body of the lamp is the eye) and they will be silenced (the tongue) (Zech. 14:12). This is the shock.

In Rev. 3:14-22 the Lord warns clearly that this is coming upon His church if they will not turn and receive this message of His Words. He promises that they will have their light put out and that all their beauty will be taken from them. So it shall now be. They better turn quickly or this will be upon them for the Lord is saying that this is at the door and it will come on them according to their works.

- **Mark 14:62** And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- **1 Samuel 2:10** The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; from heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed."
- **Proverbs 13:9** The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- **Proverbs 20:17** Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

The Great Tribulation where flesh shall not be saved except by the Lord. The days are shortened.

- **Matthew 24:15-28** <sup>15</sup>"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup>"then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup>Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup>And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup>But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup>AND PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE IN WINTER OR ON THE SABBATH. <sup>21</sup>For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And unless those days were shortened, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. <sup>23</sup>"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup>See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup>"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup>For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.
- **Mark 13:14-23** <sup>14</sup>"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup>Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. <sup>16</sup>And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>17</sup>But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>18</sup>AND PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE IN WINTER. <sup>19</sup>For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. <sup>20</sup>And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. <sup>21</sup>"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>23</sup>But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

- **Numbers 12:10** And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, **as white as snow**. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.
- **2 Kings 5:27** "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, **as white as snow**.
- **Psalms 68:14** When the Almighty scattered kings in it, It was **white as snow** in Zalmon.
- **Isaiah 1:18** "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be **as white as snow**; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be **as wool**."
- **Daniel 7:9** "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was **white as snow**, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;
- **Matthew 28:3** His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing **as white as snow**.
- **Revelation 1:14** His head and hair were **white like wool, as white as snow**, and His eyes like a flame of fire;
- **Mark 9:3** His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.



⚡ **Zechariah 14:1-11** <sup>1</sup>Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. <sup>2</sup>For **I WILL GATHER ALL THE NATIONS TO BATTLE AGAINST JERUSALEM**; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup>Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup>And in that Day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall flee *through My mountain valley*, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal (*The meaning of Azal is "noble", "reserved", "sealed as noble", that it is "very near", or it means "the Way of escape is near".*) Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah (*The name "Uzziah" is "God is Mighty".*) Thus the Lord My God will come, and all the saints with You. <sup>6</sup>It shall come to pass in that Day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. <sup>7</sup>It shall be one day which is known to the Lord -- neither day nor night. **BUT AT EVENING TIME IT SHALL HAPPEN THAT IT WILL BE LIGHT.** <sup>8</sup>And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be -- "The Lord is one," and His Name One. <sup>10</sup>All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba (*The name Geba means "a hill", or "a cup"*) to Rimmon (*The meaning of the name "Rimmon" is "exalted", or "pomegranate"*) south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate (*The meaning of the name "Benjamin" is "Son of my right hand"*) to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel (*The name "Hananel" means "God is Gracious"*) to the king's winepresses. <sup>11</sup>The people shall dwell in it; and no longer shall there be utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve (*This word means "decay", "become dark", or "be destroyed"*) while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve (*This word means "decay", "become dark", or "be destroyed"*) in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve (*This word means "decay", "become dark", or "be destroyed"*) in their mouths. <sup>13</sup>It shall come to pass in that day that a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, and raise his hand against his neighbor's hand; <sup>14</sup>Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance. <sup>15</sup>Such also shall be the plague on the horse and the mule, on the camel and the donkey, and on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be. <sup>16</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>17</sup>And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. <sup>18</sup>If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>19</sup>This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the



punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>20</sup>In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup>Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

The following is the Hebrew breakdown of Zech. 14:5

עָמְדָה: כָּל־קְדוֹשִׁים אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה וְכָא מְלֻד־יְהוּדָה עֲזִיָּה בַיּוֹם הַרְעֵשׁ מִפְּנֵי נִסְתָּם כַּאֲשֶׁר וְנִסְתָּם אֶל־אֶצֶל גִּי־הָרִים כִּי־יִגִיעַ גִּיא־הָרִי וְנִסְתָּם (Zechariah 14:5)

Zech. 14:5 English (KJV)	Strong's	Root Form (Hebrew)
And ye shall flee	H5127	נוס <i>nuwc</i>
[to] the valley	H1516	גיא <i>gay'</i>
of the mountains;	H2022	הר <i>har</i>
for the valley	H1516	גיא <i>gay'</i>
of the mountains	H2022	הר <i>har</i>
shall reach	H5060	נגע <i>naga`</i>
unto Azal:	H682	אצל <i>'Atsel</i>
yea, ye shall flee,	H5127	נוס <i>nuwc</i>
like as ye fled	H5127	נוס <i>nuwc</i>
from before	H6440	פנים <i>paniym</i>
the earthquake	H7494	רעש <i>ra`ash</i>
in the days	H3117	יום <i>yowm</i>
of Uzziah	H5818	עזיה <i>'Uzziyah</i>
king	H4428	מלך <i>melek</i>
of Judah:	H3063	יהודה <i>Yěhuwdah</i>
and the LORD	H3068	יהוה <i>Yěhovah</i>
my God	H430	אלהים <i>'elohiym</i>
shall come,	H935	בוא <i>bow'</i>
[and] all the saints	H6918	קדוש <i>qadowsh</i>
with thee.		

### The Mystery of "Azal" and the "Uzziah Earthquake"

The meaning of Azal has been a mystery for there is no record of such a location or site. It was believed that it was location near to Jerusalem that is presently unknown.

Strong's Bible Dictionary lists the meaning of Azal as "proximity: such as "he has reserved". It also lists it as the same name as "Azal" who was a Benjamite descendant of King Saul and Jonathan. Azal is said to have a meaning of "reserved".

The name Azal seems to have a meaning of to be of "nobility". In this parable of Zechariah 14:5 it is referring to the "Elect" who have been reserved - set apart as holy through being "Sealed" by the Word of Truth, as in Ephesians 1:13-14. The Lord is telling these people that they are to flee to the place where they will learn His Words.

There is no evidence of an earthquake in the days of Uzziah. It is believed there was one for it so states in the book of Amos. But, this passage of Zech. 14 is also a parable, and what is clear is that everything changed the minute that King Uzziah was struck with leprosy by the Lord because of his pride and for transgressing His Law. This verse and other verses reveal to us that the Lord is going to strike the complacent and the wicked with an earthquake of leprosy.

The story of King Uzziah for Internet:

Uzziah took the throne at the age of sixteen ([2 Kings 14:21](#)). His long reign of about fifty-two years was "the most prosperous excepting that of [Jehoshaphat](#) since the time of [Solomon](#)." He was a vigorous and able ruler, and "his name spread abroad, even to the entering in of [Egypt](#)" ([2 Chronicles 26:8-14](#)). In the earlier part of his reign, under the influence of a prophet named [Zechariah](#), he was faithful to [God](#), and "did that which was right in the sight of the [Lord](#)" ([2 Kings 15:3](#); [2 Chronicles 26:4-5](#)) In Jerusalem he made machines designed by skillful men for use on the towers and on the corner defenses to shoot arrows and hurl large stones. His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful.

But then, His pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn [incense](#) on the [altar](#) of incense ([2 Chronicles 26:15-16](#)).

[Azariah](#) the High Priest saw the tendency of such a daring act on the part of the king, and with a band of eighty priests he withstood him ([2 Chronicles 26:17](#)), saying, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense." ([2 Chronicles 26:18](#)) In the mean time a great [earthquake](#) shook the ground and a rent was made in the temple, and the bright rays of the sun shone through it, and fell upon the king's face, insomuch that the [leprosy](#) seized upon him immediately. ([Josephus](#) Flavius, Antiquities IX 10:4).

Uzziah was suddenly struck with [tzaraat](#) while in the act of offering incense ([2 Chronicles 26:19-21](#)), and he was driven from the [Temple](#) and compelled to reside in "a separate house" until his death ([2 Kings 15:5, 27](#); [2 Chronicles 26:3](#)). The government was turned over to his son [Jotham](#) ([2 Kings 15:5](#)), a coregency that lasted for the last 11 years of Uzziah's life (751/750 to 740/739 BC).

He was buried in a separate grave "in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings" ([2 Kings 15:7](#); [2 Chr. 26:23](#)). "That lonely grave in the royal [necropolis](#) would eloquently testify to coming generations that all earthly monarchy must bow before the inviolable order of the divine will, and that no interference could be tolerated with that unfolding of the purposes of God... (Dr. Green's *Kingdom of Israel*).

Here is another more detailed account from the Internet:

### 1. Accession:

Uzziah or Azariah, son of Amaziah, and 11th king of Judah, came to the throne at the age of 16. The length of his reign is given as 52 years. The chronological questions raised by this statement are considered below. His accession may here be provisionally dated in 783 B.C. His father Amaziah had met his death by popular violence ([2 Kings 14:19](#)), but Uzziah seems to have been the free and glad choice of the people ([2 Chronicles 26:1](#)).

### 2. Foreign Wars:

The unpopularity of his father, owing to a great military disaster, must ever have been present to the mind of Uzziah, and early in his reign he undertook and successfully carried through an expedition against his father's enemies of 20 years before, only extending his operations over a wider area. The Edomites, Philistines and Arabians were successively subdued (these being members of a confederacy which, in an earlier reign, had raided Jerusalem and nearly extirpated the royal family, [2 Chronicles 21:16](#); [2 Chronicles 22:1](#)); the port of Elath, at the head of the Red Sea, was restored to Judah, and the city rebuilt ([2 Kings 14:22](#) [2 Chronicles 26:2](#)); the walls of certain hostile towns, Gath, Jabneh and Ashdod, were razed to the ground, and the inhabitants of Gur-baal and Maan were reduced to subjection ([2 Chronicles 26:6, 7](#)). Even the Ammonites, East of the Jordan, paid tribute to Uzziah, and "his name spread abroad even to the entrance to Egypt; for he waxed exceeding strong" ([2 Chronicles 26:8](#)).

### 3. Home Defenses:

Uzziah next turned his attention to securing the defenses of his capital and country. The walls of Jerusalem were strengthened by towers built at the corner gate, at the valley gate, and at an angle in the wall (see plan of Jerusalem in the writer's Second Temple in Jerusalem); military stations were also formed in Philistia, and in the wilderness of the Negeb, and these were supplied with the necessary cisterns for rain storage (2 Chronicles 26:6, 10). The little realm had now an extension and prosperity to which it had been a stranger since the days of Solomon.

### 4. Uzziah's Leprosy and Retirement:

These successes came so rapidly that Uzziah had hardly passed his 40th year when a great personal calamity overtook him. In the earlier part of his career Uzziah had enjoyed and profited by the counsels of Zechariah, a man "who had understanding in the vision of God" (2 Chronicles 26:5), and during the lifetime of this godly monitor "he set himself to seek God." Now it happened to him as with his grandfather Jehoshaphat, who, so long as his preserver Jehoiada lived, acted admirably, but, when he died, behaved like an ingrate, and killed his son (2 Kings 12:2 2 Chronicles 24:2, 22). So now that Zechariah was gone, Uzziah's heart was lifted up in pride, and he trespassed against Yahweh. In the great kingdoms of the East, the kings had been in the habit of exercising priestly as well as royal functions. Elated with his prosperity, Uzziah determined to exercise what he may have thought was his royal prerogative in burning incense on the golden altar of the temple. Azariah the high priest, with 80 others, offered stout remonstrance; but the king was only angry, and pressed forward with a censer in his hand, to offer the incense. Ere, however, he could scatter the incense on the coals, and while yet in anger, the white spots of leprosy showed themselves upon his forehead. Smitten in conscience, and thrust forth by the priests, he hastened away, and was a leper ever after (2 Chronicles 26:16-21).

Uzziah's public life was now ended. In his enforced privacy, he may still have occupied himself with his cattle and agricultural operations, "for he loved husbandry" (2 Chronicles 26:10); but his work in the government was over. Both Kings and Chronicles state in nearly identical words: "Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land" (2 Kings 15:5 2 Chronicles 26:21). Works of the same kind as those undertaken by Uzziah, namely, building military stations in the hills and forests of Judah, repairing the walls of city and temple, etc., are attributed to Jotham (2 Chronicles 27:3); the truth being that Jotham continued and completed the enterprises his father had undertaken.

### 5. Chronology of Reign:

The chronology of the reign of Uzziah presents peculiar difficulties, some of which, probably, cannot be satisfactorily solved. Reckoning upward from the fall of Samaria in 721 B.C., the Biblical data would suggest 759 as the first year of Jotham. If, as is now generally conceded, Jotham's regnal years are reckoned from the commencement of his regency, when his father had been stricken with leprosy, and if, as synchronisms seem to indicate, Uzziah was about 40 years of age at this time, we are brought for the year of Uzziah's accession to 783. His death, 52 years later, would occur in 731. (On the other hand, it is known that Isaiah, whose call was in the year of Uzziah's death, Isaiah 6:1, was already exercising his ministry in the reign of Jotham, Isaiah 1:1.) Another note of time is furnished by the statement that the earliest utterance of Amos the prophet was "two years before the earthquake" (Amos 1:1). This earthquake, we are told by Zechariah, was "in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah" (Zechariah 14:5). Josephus likewise embodies a tradition that the earthquake occurred at the moment of the king's entry into the temple (Ant., IX, x, 4). Indubitably the name of Uzziah was associated in the popular mind with this

earthquake. If the prophecy of Amos was uttered a year or two before Jeroboam's death, and this is placed in 759 B.C., we are brought near to the date already given for Uzziah's leprosy (Jeroboam's date is put lower by others).

In 2 Kings 15 Uzziah is referred to as giving data for the accessions of the northern kings (15:8, Zechariah; 15:13, Shallum; 15:17, Menahem; 15:23, Pekahiah; 15:27, Pekah), but it is difficult to fit these synchronisms into any scheme of chronology, if taken as regnal years. Uzziah is mentioned as the father of Jotham in 2 Kings 15:32, 34 2 Chronicles 27:2, and as the grandfather of Ahaz in Isaiah 7:1. He was living when Isaiah began his ministry (Isaiah 1:1; Isaiah 6:1); when Hoses prophesied (Hosea 1:1); and is the king in whose reign the afore-mentioned earthquake took place (Zechariah 14:5). His name occurs in the royal genealogies in 1 Chronicles 3:11 and Matthew 1:8, 9. The place of his entombment, owing to his having been a leper, was not in the sepulchers of the kings, but "in the garden of Uzza" (2 Kings 21:26; compare 2 Chronicles 26:23). Isaiah is stated to have written a life of Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:22).

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There is an interesting truth about Isaiah in Is. 6

In the year - This naturally denotes a period after the death of Uzziah, though in the same year. The mention of the time was evidently made when the prophecy was composed, and it is to be presumed that the death of Uzziah had occurred at the time when the prophet saw this vision. If so, it is clear that this was not the first of his prophecies, for he saw his visions 'in the days of Uzziah;' Isaiah 1:1.

→ **Isaiah 1:1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

→ **Isaiah 6:1-13** **IN THE YEAR THAT KING UZZIAH DIED, I SAW THE LORD SITTING ON A THRONE, HIGH AND LIFTED UP, AND THE TRAIN OF HIS ROBE FILLED THE TEMPLE.** <sup>2</sup>Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>4</sup>And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." <sup>8</sup>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." <sup>9</sup>And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'" <sup>10</sup>"Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed." <sup>11</sup>Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate, <sup>12</sup>the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>But yet a tenth will be in it, and will return and be for consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."

Let us now consider the Earthquake of Rev. 6:12 and the curse of Malachi 3:

- **Revelation 6:12-16** <sup>12</sup>**I LOOKED WHEN HE OPENED THE SIXTH SEAL, AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE** (*This seems to clearly be the Compelling Event*); and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. <sup>13</sup>**And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.** (*This is like the Fig Tree that the Lord cursed when He came down Mt Olives on the way to the Temple in the City of Jerusalem.*) <sup>14</sup>Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. <sup>15</sup>And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup>and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup>**FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH HAS COME, AND WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?**"
- **Malachi 3:1-12** <sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>"But who can endure the Day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? (*Revelation 6:12-16*) **For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap.** <sup>3</sup>**He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.** <sup>4</sup>"Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years. <sup>5</sup>**And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien — because they do not fear Me,"** says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>"For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. <sup>7</sup>Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' <sup>8</sup>"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup>**YOU ARE CURSED WITH A CURSE, FOR YOU HAVE ROBBED ME, EVEN THIS WHOLE NATION.** <sup>10</sup>Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. <sup>11</sup>"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; <sup>12</sup>and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.
- **Jeremiah 51:6** <sup>6</sup>**FLEE FROM THE MIDST OF BABYLON, AND EVERY ONE SAVE HIS LIFE! DO NOT BE CUT OFF** (*This word actually means "to not be put to silence". Consider this verse with Revelation 18:4.*) in her iniquity, (*This is the same as Rev. 18:1-4.*) **FOR THIS IS THE TIME OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE** (*The Time of the Lord's Vengeance is this time of the Day of the Lord as is foretold in Hebrews 10:25-31*); **He shall recompense her.**
- **Revelation 18:1-4** <sup>1</sup>After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, **HAVING GREAT AUTHORITY, AND THE EARTH WAS ILLUMINATED WITH HIS GLORY.** <sup>2</sup>And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! <sup>3</sup>For **ALL THE NATIONS have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,** the kings of the earth **HAVE COMMITTED**

fornication (*They have entered into "Illegal Union" - Illegal Activities*) with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. **4 AND I HEARD ANOTHER VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING, "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, LEST YOU SHARE IN HER SINS, AND LEST YOU RECEIVE OF HER PLAGUES."**

The Great Tribulation

- **Matthew 24:20-22** <sup>20</sup> **AND PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE IN WINTER OR ON THE SABBATH.** <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> **And unless those days were shortened, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED;** but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.
- **Mark 13:18-20** <sup>18</sup> **AND PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE IN WINTER.** <sup>19</sup> For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. <sup>20</sup> And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.
- **Jeremiah 51:6** <sup>6</sup> **Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He shall recompense her.**

לה: משלם הוא גמול ליהוה היא נקמה עת כי בעונה אליה דמו נפשו איש ומלטו בבל מתוך גסו (Jeremiah 51:6)

Jeremiah 51:6 English (KJV)	Strong's	Root Form (Hebrew)
Flee out	H5127	נוס <i>nuwc</i>
of the midst	H8432	תוך <i>tavek</i>
of Babylon,	H894	בבל <i>Babel</i>
and deliver	H4422	מלט <i>malat</i>
every man	H376	איש <i>'iysh</i>
his soul:	H5315	נפש <i>nephesh</i>
be not cut off	H1826	דמם <i>damam</i>
in her iniquity;	H5771	עון <i>`avon</i>
for this [is] the time	H6256	עת <i>`eth</i>
of the LORD'S	H3068	יהוה <i>Yēhovah</i>
vengeance;	H5360	נקמה <i>nēqamah</i>
he will render	H7999	שלם <i>shalam</i>
unto her a recompense.	H1576	גמול <i>gēmuwl</i>

**The Mystery of דָּמָם "be not cut off"**

The meaning of the Hebrew word "damam" is a verb that means to be silenced. When we discern the meaning of Zech. 14:12 we can understand that it means to have their tongue silenced.

1) to be silent, be still, wait, be dumb, grow dumb

a) (Qal)

1) to be silent

2) to be still, die

3) to be struck dumb

b) (Niphal) to be silenced, be made silent, destroyed

c) (Poal) to make quiet

d) (Hiphil) to make silent (cause to die)

The following are the uses of this word and the number of times it is used in the King James Versions: silence 6, still 6, silent 4, cut off 3, cut down 2, rest 2, cease 2, forbear 1, peace 1, quieted 1, tarry 1, wait 1

→ **Jeremiah 51:1-64** <sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, against those who dwell in Leb Kamai (*The meaning of "Leb Kamai" is the "heart of my enemy"*), a destroying wind. <sup>2</sup>And I will send winnowers to Babylon, who shall winnow her and empty her land. For in the Day of Doom they shall be against her all around. (*The Day of Doom is the Day of the Lord that we are now living in.*) <sup>3</sup>Against her let the archer bend his bow, and lift himself up against her in his armor. (*The Lord is telling us that the Way to overcome Babylon is by the Sword of the Knowledge of Truth, and that we are to put on the Full Armor of God that is given to us in Ephesians 6:10-17.*) Do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army. (*The Lord is saying that all those who are workers of the Babylonian System are to be destroyed if they do not turn, repent and come out of her before He begins His destruction of her - Rev. 18:3-4.*) <sup>4</sup>Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and those thrust through in her streets. <sup>5</sup>For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, by his God, the Lord of hosts, though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel." <sup>6</sup>Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, (*This is the same as Rev. 18:1-4.*) **FOR THIS IS THE TIME OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE** (*The Time of the Lord's Vengeance is this time of the Day of the Lord as is foretold in Hebrews 10:25-31*); **He shall recompense her.** <sup>7</sup>Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand that made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged (*Read Revelation 18 and you will see that this is the Babylon of that chapter.*) <sup>8</sup>Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; perhaps she may be healed. <sup>9</sup>We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies. <sup>10</sup>**The Lord has revealed our righteousness. Come and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.** <sup>11</sup>**MAKE THE ARROWS BRIGHT! GATHER THE SHIELDS! THE LORD HAS RAISED UP THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGS OF THE MEDES.** (*The Medes destroyed the leaders of Babylon for their pride and the way they deceived others. Even their leadership was illegal for they connived to put one in power who was not of the legitimate line of rulers. The Lord wants His people of this Day to destroy these leaders of Babylon for their sins are great against the citizens of the world and their intent is to contest against the Lord their maker.*) **FOR HIS PLAN IS AGAINST BABYLON TO DESTROY IT, BECAUSE IT IS THE VENGEANCE OF THE LORD, THE VENGEANCE FOR HIS TEMPLE.** (*He will avenge all the Heavens that is His Tabernacle.*)

→ **Matthew 16:1-4** Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered saying to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' 'Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. An wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, **AND NO SIGN SHALL BE GIVEN TO IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH.**"

→ **Matthew 25:31-34** <sup>31</sup>When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>Or

when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' <sup>41</sup>Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup>Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- Daniel 12:9-10 <sup>9</sup>And He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for **THE WORDS** are closed up and sealed **TILL THE TIME OF THE END**. <sup>10</sup>Many **SHALL BE** purified, **MADE** white, **AND** refined, but the wicked **SHALL DO** wickedly; and **none** of the wicked **SHALL** understand, **BUT THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND**. (*We do not understand the Key Mystery: The Power of God is in His Words - Eccl. 8:4*)
- Matthew 25:1-13 <sup>1</sup>Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>Those who were foolish took their lamps, and received no oil in them: <sup>4</sup>But the wise received oil in their vessels of their lamps. <sup>5</sup>**WHILE THE BRIDEGROOM DELAYED, THEY ALL NODDED AND SLEPT.** <sup>6</sup>**AND AT MIDNIGHT A CRY OCCURRED, "BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMES! GO FORTH TO A MEETING OF HIM".** <sup>7</sup>**THEN ALL THOSE VIRGINS AROSE, AND TRIMMED THEIR LAMPS.** <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said unto the wise, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, "Lest there be not enough for us and for you: but rather you go to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But He answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." <sup>13</sup>**WATCH** therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man comes."

The story of the promise to cut the wicked off physically:

- Job 18:1-21 <sup>1</sup>Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: <sup>2</sup>"How long till you put an end to words? Gain understanding, and afterward we will speak. <sup>3</sup>Why are we counted as beasts, and regarded as stupid in your sight? <sup>4</sup>You who tear yourself in anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed from its place? <sup>5</sup>"The light of the wicked indeed goes out, and the flame of his fire does not shine. <sup>6</sup>The light is dark in his tent, and his lamp beside him is put out. <sup>7</sup>The steps of his strength are shortened, and his own counsel casts him down. <sup>8</sup>For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks into a snare. <sup>9</sup>The net takes him by the heel, and a snare lays hold of him. <sup>10</sup>A noose is hidden for him on the ground, and a trap for him in the road. <sup>11</sup>Terrors frighten him on every side, and drive him to his feet. <sup>12</sup>His strength is starved, and destruction is ready at his side. <sup>13</sup>It devours patches of his skin; the firstborn of death devours his limbs. <sup>14</sup>He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent, and they parade him before the king of terrors. <sup>15</sup>They dwell in his tent who are none of his; brimstone is scattered on his dwelling. <sup>16</sup>His roots are dried out below, and his branch withers above. <sup>17</sup>The memory of him perishes from the earth, and he has no name among the renowned. <sup>18</sup>He is driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. <sup>19</sup>He has neither son nor posterity among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. <sup>20</sup>Those in the west are

astonished at his day, as those in the east are frightened. <sup>21</sup>Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him who does not know God."

- **Psalm 69:22-28** <sup>22</sup>Let their table become a snare before them, and their well-being a trap. <sup>23</sup>Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; and make their loins shake continually. <sup>24</sup>Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. <sup>25</sup>Let their dwelling place be desolate; let no one live in their tents. <sup>26</sup>For they persecute the ones You have struck, and talk of the grief of those You have wounded. <sup>27</sup>Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not come into Your righteousness. <sup>28</sup>Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

The account of Moses and the "LATTER SIGN" of leprosy:

- **Exodus 3:1-22** <sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." <sup>4</sup>So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.' <sup>16</sup>Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; <sup>17</sup>and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'" <sup>18</sup>Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'" <sup>19</sup>BUT I AM SURE THAT THE KING OF EGYPT WILL NOT LET YOU GO, NO, NOT EVEN BY A MIGHTY HAND. <sup>20</sup>SO I

WILL STRETCH OUT MY HAND AND STRIKE EGYPT WITH ALL MY WONDERS WHICH I WILL DO IN ITS MIDST; AND AFTER THAT HE WILL LET YOU GO. <sup>21</sup>AND I WILL GIVE THIS PEOPLE FAVOR IN THE SIGHT OF THE EGYPTIANS; AND IT SHALL BE, WHEN YOU GO, THAT YOU SHALL NOT GO EMPTY-HANDED. <sup>22</sup>BUT EVERY WOMAN SHALL ASK OF HER NEIGHBOR, NAMELY, OF HER WHO DWELLS NEAR HER HOUSE, ARTICLES OF SILVER, ARTICLES OF GOLD, AND CLOTHING; AND YOU SHALL PUT THEM ON YOUR SONS AND ON YOUR DAUGHTERS. SO YOU SHALL PLUNDER THE EGYPTIANS."

→ **Exodus 4:1-17** <sup>1</sup>Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" <sup>2</sup>So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." <sup>3</sup>And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), <sup>5</sup>that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." <sup>6</sup>Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. <sup>7</sup>And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh. <sup>8</sup>**THEN IT WILL BE, IF THEY DO NOT BELIEVE YOU, NOR HEED THE MESSAGE OF THE FIRST SIGN, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THE MESSAGE OF THE LATTER SIGN.** <sup>9</sup>**AND IT SHALL BE, IF THEY DO NOT BELIEVE EVEN THESE TWO SIGNS, OR LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE, THAT YOU SHALL TAKE WATER FROM THE RIVER AND POUR IT ON THE DRY LAND. THE WATER WHICH YOU TAKE FROM THE RIVER WILL BECOME BLOOD ON THE DRY LAND.**" <sup>10</sup>Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup>So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?" <sup>12</sup>Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." <sup>13</sup>But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." <sup>14</sup>So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup>Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, **and I will teach you what you shall do.** <sup>16</sup>**So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.** <sup>17</sup>**And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."**

Moses Goes to Egypt

→ **Exodus 4:18-31** <sup>18</sup>So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." <sup>19</sup>**Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead."** <sup>20</sup>**Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt.** And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go." <sup>22</sup>Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn." <sup>23</sup>**So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will**

kill your son, your firstborn." 24 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!"—because of the circumcision. 27 And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. 28 So Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. 29 Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. 30 And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

We will look into these following verses and more of the Works of Elisha on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### Elisha Performs Miracles

- **2 Kings 2:19-25** <sup>19</sup>Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren." <sup>20</sup>And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" <sup>22</sup>So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. <sup>23</sup>Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" <sup>24</sup>So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths. <sup>25</sup>Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

#### Elisha and the Syrians

- **2 Kings 6:1-7** <sup>1</sup>And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. <sup>2</sup>Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." <sup>3</sup>Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." <sup>4</sup>So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." <sup>6</sup>So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. <sup>7</sup>Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

#### The Blinded Syrians Captured

- **2 Kings 6:8-23** <sup>8</sup>Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." <sup>9</sup>And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." <sup>10</sup>Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. <sup>11</sup>Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup>And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." <sup>13</sup>So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup>Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup>So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. <sup>18</sup>So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. <sup>19</sup>Now Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria. <sup>20</sup>So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men, that

they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria! <sup>21</sup>Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?" <sup>22</sup>But he answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." <sup>23</sup>Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

#### Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine

- **2 Kings 6:24-32** <sup>24</sup>And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. <sup>25</sup>And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five shekels of silver. <sup>26</sup>Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" <sup>27</sup>And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?" <sup>28</sup>Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' <sup>29</sup>So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son." <sup>30</sup>Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath he had sackcloth on his body. <sup>31</sup>Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!" <sup>32</sup>But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?" <sup>33</sup>And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger, coming down to him; and then the king said, "Surely this calamity is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

- **Exodus 30:14** "EVERYONE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NUMBERED, FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, SHALL GIVE AN OFFERING TO THE LORD.
- **Genesis 6:3** And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; **YET HIS DAYS SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS.**"

The four punishments of the Night that are now upon us and are coming more. Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness. The Lord is saying that as it is right now only the few who keep His Plan of His Words and do Righteousness would be delivered.

- **Ezekiel 14:12-23** <sup>12</sup>The Word of the LORD came again to me, saying: <sup>13</sup>"Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. <sup>14</sup>Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD. <sup>15</sup>"If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, <sup>16</sup>even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate. <sup>17</sup>"Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I cut off man and beast from it, (The Second Seal Judgment.) <sup>18</sup>even though these three men were in it, as I

live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered. <sup>19</sup>"Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, <sup>20</sup>even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness." <sup>21</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: "How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it? <sup>22</sup>Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it. <sup>23</sup>And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it," says the Lord GOD.

Remember from past two nights that Jesus is coming suddenly - like Lightning. Lightning is wisdom being revealed.

→ **Matthew 24:27** "For as the lightning comes from the East and flashes to the West, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit (*Matt. 11:25-27*)

→ **Luke 10:21-24** <sup>21</sup>In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>22</sup>All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*" <sup>23</sup>Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; <sup>24</sup>for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (*Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34*)

→ **Luke 10:25-37** <sup>25</sup>And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup>So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" (No options and ifs were given in this by the Lord.) <sup>28</sup>And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." (This is important in this Time of the Great Tribulation if we want to live through and fulfill what the Lord has called us to do. We cannot say that we serve Him and then disobey Him in this that He says is what is required of us in order to obtain Eternal Life. The Lord says that we are required to show Mercy even on all those who have fallen under the curse of the thieves of Babylon, as we will see in verses 29-37, for they were only taught wrongly, just like us.) <sup>29</sup>But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the

next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup>So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup>And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

#### Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

→ **Luke 10:38-42** <sup>38</sup>Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup>But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

#### The Parable of the Rich Fool

→ **Luke 12:13-21** <sup>13</sup>Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But He said to him, "**Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?**" <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "**Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.**" <sup>16</sup>Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "**The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. <sup>17</sup>And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."**" <sup>20</sup>**BUT GOD SAID TO HIM, 'FOOL! THIS NIGHT YOUR SOUL WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU; THEN WHOSE WILL THOSE THINGS BE WHICH YOU HAVE PROVIDED?'**" <sup>21</sup>**SO IS HE WHO LAYS UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD."**

#### Do Not Worry

→ **Luke 12:22-34** <sup>22</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? <sup>25</sup>And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>26</sup>If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>**If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?**" <sup>29</sup>**And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, NOR HAVE AN ANXIOUS MIND.** <sup>30</sup>**For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.** <sup>31</sup>**But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.** <sup>32</sup>**DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.** <sup>33</sup>**Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.** <sup>34</sup>**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

The Light, the hate, and the basket Scriptures and Parables of hidden revelation are interesting. We must be careful, for He sees and reveals.

- **Mark 4:21-25** <sup>21</sup>Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup>For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. <sup>23</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup>Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. <sup>25</sup>For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."
- **Luke 8:16-21** <sup>16</sup>"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." <sup>19</sup>Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." <sup>21</sup>But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."
- **Luke 12:1-3** <sup>1</sup>In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops."

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

- **Luke 12:35-48** <sup>35</sup>"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; <sup>36</sup>and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." <sup>41</sup>Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" <sup>42</sup>And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? <sup>43</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>44</sup>Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. <sup>45</sup>But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, <sup>46</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. <sup>47</sup>And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. <sup>48</sup>But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

### Christ Brings Division

- **Luke 12:49-53** <sup>49</sup>"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. <sup>53</sup>Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."
- **Matthew 10:34-38** <sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; <sup>36</sup>and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' <sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

### Discern the Time

- **Luke 12:54-56** <sup>54</sup>Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but **HOW IS IT YOU DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?**

Make Peace with Your Adversary - consider that the Lord has now come to render the Judgment upon us.

- **Luke 12:57-59** <sup>57</sup>"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? <sup>58</sup>**When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.** <sup>59</sup>"I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

The Salt verses are interesting for they reveal some intriguing things. Also remember Lot's wife.

- **Matthew 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- **Luke 14:34-35** <sup>34</sup>"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup>It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
- **Mark 9:38-50** <sup>38</sup>Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup>For he who is not against us is on our side. <sup>41</sup>For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— <sup>44</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>45</sup>And if your foot

causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—<sup>46</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—<sup>48</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."