

Notes of Floyd E. Taylor for Mar. 24, 2011, Teleconference Bible Study

Considering the beginnings of the Lord's Path towards Jerusalem

Tonight I would like to continue reviewing the Lord's path towards Jerusalem, for I think we are coming into the similar times of these very days.

I would like to take us back again to especially look at the words of verse 7 and of verses 23-24. They tell us a timing. The Lord told us in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 the timing of when He is going to smash the head of the 5th Beast Kingdom - the 13 families. He says that it will be as the labor pains. But, take notice in verse 7 that He says that He is available before the birth travail happens that He will deliver His Kingdom. Our birth comes at the time of the labor that brings that which destroys the One World Order - the entrance of His Light that judges them. They will not die immediately, but they will surely be destroyed unless they repent. He sent Moses to Egypt but the outcome was certain before He sent him and before Moses arrived there.

In the 66th chapter of Isaiah we are also told a Parable of the Timing of the Lord coming forth to establish His Kingdom that is with His Words in the Scroll.

→ **Isaiah 66:1-4** ¹Thus says the LORD: "HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? ²For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the LORD. "BUT ON THIS ONE WILL I LOOK: ON HIM WHO IS POOR AND OF A CONTRITE SPIRIT, AND WHO TREMBLES AT MY Word. ³He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations, ⁴so will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight."

The Lord reveals the timing of His bringing forth His children and given them rest in Isaiah 66:5-13. He vindicates those who tremble at His Word and who come to His Mount Zion.

→ **Isaiah 66:5-13** ⁵Hear the Word of the LORD, YOU WHO TREMBLE AT HIS WORD: "Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for My Name's sake, said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy.' (They wanted a sign and they ignored that the only sign they would receive is that of His Words - the increase in the knowledge of Truth of Daniel 12:4.) But they shall be ashamed." ⁶The sound of noise from the city! A VOICE FROM THE TEMPLE! The voice of the LORD, who fully repays His enemies! ⁷Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child. (The Great Tribulation is coming like a woman in Labor - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3. Thus, the Lord is saying that He promises that before the pain comes He is going to give birth to His children - those of His House as it is described in Luke 11:5-1-13.) ⁸Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? SHALL THE EARTH BE MADE TO GIVE BIRTH IN ONE DAY? OR SHALL A NATION BE BORN AT ONCE? FOR AS SOON AS ZION WAS IN LABOR, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER CHILDREN. ⁹SHALL I BRING TO THE TIME OF BIRTH, AND NOT CAUSE DELIVERY?" SAYS THE LORD. "SHALL I WHO CAUSE DELIVERY SHUT UP THE WOMB?" SAYS YOUR GOD. ¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; ¹¹that you may feed and be satisfied with the consolation of her bosom, that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the abundance of her glory." ¹²For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a

flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

In Isaiah 66:14-24 the Lord reveals the Way of His Reign and the punishment of those who are indignant towards God.

→ **Isaiah 66:14-24** ¹⁴**WHEN YOU SEE THIS, YOUR HEART SHALL REJOICE, AND YOUR BONES SHALL FLOURISH LIKE GRASS; THE HAND OF THE LORD SHALL BE KNOWN TO HIS SERVANTS, AND HIS INDIGNATION TO HIS ENEMIES.** (*This is also meaning that healing and blessing is coming to those who are His children so that He may be glorified.*) ¹⁵**For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire.** ¹⁶For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many. ¹⁷"Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, shall be consumed together," says the LORD. ¹⁸**For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.** ¹⁹**I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory.** (*These are nations in Ezekiel 38 who come up with Gog and those who keep the ways of Gog - the land of Magog and its chief princes.*) And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. ²⁰Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. (*Like it says in Zech. 14:6-16, and in Rev. 18:1-23, these leaders of nations are going to be so afraid from what the Lord does that they will even transport His people back in any way possible in attempts to make peace with God.*) ²¹And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD. ²²For **AS THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH WHICH I WILL MAKE SHALL REMAIN BEFORE ME,** says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. ²³And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD. ²⁴**AND THEY SHALL GO FORTH AND LOOK UPON THE CORPSES OF THE MEN WHO HAVE TRANSGRESSED AGAINST ME. FOR THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THEIR FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED. THEY SHALL BE AN ABHORRENCE TO ALL FLESH."**

The Fall of Babylon Has Already Been Declared in Heaven

In June 2009 the Father released the Judgment Decree on Babylon that it is to fall. Its fall is sure and certain. On July 6, 2010, the Queen of England, a leader of the 13 families, spoke at the UN. Her speech was a call for World Peace and she called upon all the Nations to go forth with their Agenda for the One World Order, the 5th Beast Kingdom of Satan. But, her speech fulfilled the prophecy of the pending sudden fall of this very evil 5th Beast Kingdom, as Paul records in 1 Thess. 5:1-5.



Isaiah 21:8-12 Then he cried, "A lion, my Lord! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night. And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!" Then he answered and said, "**Babylon is fallen, is fallen!** (*This Judgment Decree was issued before His Midnight.*) And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground." Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you. The burden against Dumah. He calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire! Return! Come back!" (*If you do not know His Time, then inquire, for already His Night has now come.*)

Rev. 18:1-11 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 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! For ALL the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. 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." For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore."

Let's look at the Prophetic Words from today and a few older ones that are about to be fulfilled in these coming weeks.

Set a watch over the words of your mouth and over the meditations of your heart

March 24, 2011

March 24, 2011: How is it that you expect to be blessed, yet you don't bless others? In fact, you even curse others with the words of your mouth when it suits your desire. Have you not read that the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity and that is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell? (James 3:6). Beloved, I would have you set a watch over the words of your mouth and over the meditations of your heart, says the Lord.

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Inner Healing

March 24, 2011

A couple of nights ago, I received a night vision while I was asleep. In this vision, I saw a pill bottle that read on the label "Inner Healing." When I awoke, the Lord released this prophetic word:

The Lord says, as you come to Me I will set you free from all the hurts of your past. I will heal your wounded hearts, restore your confidence and resurrect those dreams that have died. I will heal your broken hearts and bind up your wounds. I will bring healing to those of you that have been through verbal and emotional abuse and situations that have destroyed your trust in people. Don't allow the manipulations of others to keep you from trusting and don't allow those situations to dictate your future. **Release those who have abused and controlled you. Forgive them and don't allow destructive thoughts to dominate your thinking. As you release them, I will release you and bring you in to times of refreshing. Ignore those condemning thoughts that the accuser of the brethren tries to bring into your mind to derail you from your relationship with Me.**

As you put your trust in Me, I will bring you in to new beginnings. I will free you from harmful relationships and circumstances that have destroyed your vision. Trust Me for I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will give you discernment in relationships. I will align you with people that are credible and trustworthy. As you cast your cares upon Me and trust Me, I will bring your dreams to pass and your destiny into reality says the Lord.

Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

Isaiah 61: 3- 4 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. "And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

The flowing five Prophetic Words are from Glynda Lomax, and they are from January 15th to the 20th, 2011. But, carefully remember what the Lord has spoken for these Words from the Lord do agree with the fullness of the Scriptures and of what the Lord has said will occur in these very times that we are now in - these days and weeks.

There Will Be An Increase In My Words Released Through My Prophets

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

"There will be an increase in My Words released through My Prophets in days to come. I desire for My People to repent while there is yet time. Some of you I will send into dark places, strange places you have not known, to deliver these words and to do My Will there. Some of you I will call into prayer. Many of you I will call to come aside with Me.

It is time for My People to simplify their lives. Pare down, My People, pare down the excesses, the unnecessary, the superficial elements of your life for in times to come, this will be a help to you.

Catastrophe is about to strike the nation of America in a way all nations shall be affected and My People are not prepared. I have shown great love to this nation but she has turned her back on Me and her ways are no longer My Ways.

MY PEOPLE HAVE IGNORED MY WORDS AND TURNED AWAY FROM MY PRECEPTS AND WALKED IN THEIR OWN WAYS. Their hearts have grown farther from Me and their lives have become entwined in the world in which they live. In times to come, this shall not be so, for if they neglect to draw near to Me, they shall perish from the earth.

My People, do you not know? Do you not yet understand that you cannot survive what is coming without Me? Do you not know I long for the sound of your voice calling out for Me? I long for our intimate times together, for you to draw near to Me and seek My Face. I desire that you would seek My Heart in the matters of your life, and not follow your own.

Many of you have filled your time with worldly pleasures, with distractions and the entertainments of the time you live in and you have forgotten Me. You do not realize the true price of these distractions."

Ps. 9:17: The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Daniel 9:5-6: We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: ⁶ - Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Is. 29:13: Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Ps. 73:28: But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Titus 2:12: Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

James 4:8: Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

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A Time of Many Dangers

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011

"My People, you are coming into a time of many dangers. Dangers will lurk all around you and many of them will be unseen to the human eye. For this reason I have been calling many of you to come into a place of more intimacy with Me. I desire to shield you under the protection of My mighty wings but many of you have been too busy for Me."

"Later, Lord, you keep saying. What you do not know is that for many of you, later will never come for calamity shall strike and you will be unprepared, so busy are you with the things of the world."

"I speak this warning to you now - If you do not make time for Me now, I will not be able to protect you from what is coming. You are worried about many things, but I desire you to cast your cares on Me - let Me carry your burdens, My Child. You need only be mindful of spending time with Me, of seeking My Face, and all the other things you need will fall into place."

"Do you not see? Do you not know? The time of the end has come and My Bride is not prepared! Many of you have not yet learned how to seek My Face, how to hear My Voice and you are not ready for what is about to happen in the earth."

"Disasters - great disasters of a magnitude you cannot even comprehend are coming and many of My People discern not the times in their spirits!"

"Delve deeper into My Word - deeper than ever before - and I shall reveal to you the treasures of knowledge I have hidden there for these last days. Come higher with Me - higher than ever before, and I will reveal to you the things you know not of!"

"Oh My Children, I long to give you all the riches of My Kingdom in this time but I cannot if you will not even make room for Me in your busy lives!"

"COME TO ME! CALL ON MY NAME AND CRY OUT FOR MORE OF ME AND I SHALL GLADLY ANSWER AND FILL YOU WITH MY SPIRIT. DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER. THE TIME OF THE END IS NEAR!"

Ps. 91:4: He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

1 Peter 5:7: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Is. 45:3: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

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A Great Saving, Healing, Delivering and Psalms Ministry Is Coming to this Nation

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

"A great saving, healing, delivering and psalms ministry is coming to this nation (America). No longer will My sheep scatter and run from a tainted church for I shall birth ministries this year in America and raise up prophets who speak My word with boldness and without fear. **I shall call forth ministers of My gospel (Good News) that are true to My commands and who obey only Me, those who will not compromise or water down My message.**

Gone will be the days of wicked shepherds leading My precious sheep astray. You will know My true shepherds by the fire in their voices, the fire in their message. You shall know them by their works, by the fruit that comes forth from these ministries. **You will know it is I who work through them by the things they do. You will know they are Mine beyond any shadow of a doubt for they will speak only that which agrees with My holy Word.**

Great miracles, signs and wonders are about to break out in this nation like never before. Healings My people have waited decades for will suddenly manifest, limbs will be grown where none were before. Blind eyes not only opened, but eyes borne into sockets that were previously empty in front of large crowds of people. Know when you see these that you are seeing My hands at work. Know that a mighty God is in your

midst and show Me reverence, for I will surely punish those who do not. Flocks of people, those who never sought Me before, will suddenly begin to inquire about the God they never understood. Be ready, My people, be ready with answers from My word for these lost sheep when they run to you. Be ready to give an answer from My word, to tell them of My glory, of My mighty power to save, deliver and set free.

The days of the yawning church are coming to an end and My true ministers will rise like flames of fire across this dry land. **They will speak forth My word, and miracles - mighty miracles - will follow wherever My true gospel is preached.** Unbelievers will convert by the thousands in this time - the harvest is great, My people but truly the laborers have been few who truly loved the sheep, who truly fed My sheep, who truly led My sheep, but no more, for I am coming back soon and I desire to find a church alive with My holy presence, alive with My power. A church this lost, hurting and broken world runs to, instead of away from.

Watch this year as I raise up a new and prophetic generation of ministers, the likes of which you have never seen before. They are peculiar, and they are Mine. They shall be My true voice to My people, for those who do not truly speak My words I shall cut off."

Hebrews 2:3-4: How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Matt. 7:20: Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Mark 16:17: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Ps. 104:4: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire;

Luke 10:2: Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

1 Peter 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear;

Titus 2:14: Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Num. 15:31: Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

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An Event Is Coming Soon That Will Shock the World

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

The Lord told me that this year will be intense. Great change is coming.

"An event is coming soon that will shock the world. Great loss of life will be involved. There is nothing you can do to stop it from happening, it is already set. When it comes, My People, do not fear, but draw nearer to Me and I will instruct you what to do. Seek My Peace and do not be afraid. You will want to run in terror but there is nowhere for you to hide except in Me and I tell you now that for those who truly walk with Me, those who truly are doing My Will, not one hair on your heads will be harmed unless it is My time for you to be called home to Me.

Perilous times have come upon the earth and upon all My People. **I will be speaking soon to many of My People to flee their places for danger is coming and they know it not.**

My People, a time of wrath is soon to come upon the earth. You will be both shocked and saddened as you see the events unfold that are coming. I speak to you now to prepare - prepare ye the way of the cross in your heart for many of you will be sacrificed in that time. Prepare the way for lost sinners to receive My glorious gospel when they run to you in terror for they will know nowhere else to turn. Prepare ye your hearts to walk in love in a time such as none that has come before it.

So many of My People are out playing the field giving themselves to other gods and they know not the hour is at hand when they will answer to Me. They have believed the enemy's lies that they will not be judged for their sins because of My Son's sacrifice and they continue to love the world and the things of the flesh.

Do not cling to the things of this world for they can neither save nor deliver you from what is coming. Those of you who walk with Me will receive My strength and My power to prevail on the earth in the face of what will seem like utter madness.

Many of you have been concerned with the storing of food or weapons, but I tell you now neither food nor weapons will be able to save you from this wrath. Store up My Word instead - hide it in your hearts for the dark days ahead for you shall need its power then to survive.

Rejoice! Rejoice, My Children, for your time on the earth is short and soon you will arrive home and be free!"

2 Timothy 3:1: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

1 Samuel 12:21: And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

Deut. 11:18: Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Eph. 5:2: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

2 John 1:6: And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

1 Peter 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

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They Shall Be Ashamed
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

The Spirit of the Lord is saying: "In times past there were those near you who mocked and rejected you because you heard My voice. Some walked away, so sure were they that you were only hearing from yourself. I say to you now that they shall be ashamed in times to come as I exalt you into all I have called you to be. I say to you now that you shall have double for the reproach you have born in silence for My Name's Sake."

"Believe Me when I tell you that I shall repay in full and in double portion to all My children who have suffered rejection and mockery and persecution. In times to come when hardship abounds, you shall not suffer as they will suffer because you have known My name, you have walked with Me and cried out to Me, you have layed in My presence and sought My face."

"In times to come you shall not do without as those who mocked you and those who have mocked Me. Great will be your reward, and great shall be their punishment and the contrast shall be made clear in what is coming. No more shall you walk in reproach for I shall lift you up," says the Lord of Hosts.

"I shall exalt you to all that I have called you to be and you shall do without no good thing in that time, says the Lord. You shall walk in healing, in abundance and in the joy of knowing your name is written in My Book of Life. You shall walk with a fiery anointing and miracles, signs and wonders shall abound in your life."

"Do you not know that the fire had to burn first in your own life to remove all that was not of Me? Do you not know that I could not place the fire of My Glory upon you until you were pure and strong enough to carry its power where I send you? Great will be the persecution of My people in days to come, but greater still shall be My power and My glory in the earth and My people shall become as beams of light in the darkness of all that will be transpiring as the earth groans with the labor pains of My soon return."

"Take heart, My Children, for the time is short before you return home to Me to live forever in all I have prepared for you. Take heart and know I watch over you with great care every moment of your lives, and I see every situation you are in and I care. Take heart in knowing it shall not be for much longer and it will all be far more than worthwhile no matter what the pain is you must bear in the meantime for Me. Be strong and courageous for My Name's sake. Be strong as you go forth and carry My Name to the ends of the earth and preach My glorious gospel to all peoples before My return."

Matt. 5:11-12: Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (12) Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

I Tim. 4:10: For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Is. 61:7: For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Ps. 104:4: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Is. 10:16: Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

Joshua 1:9: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

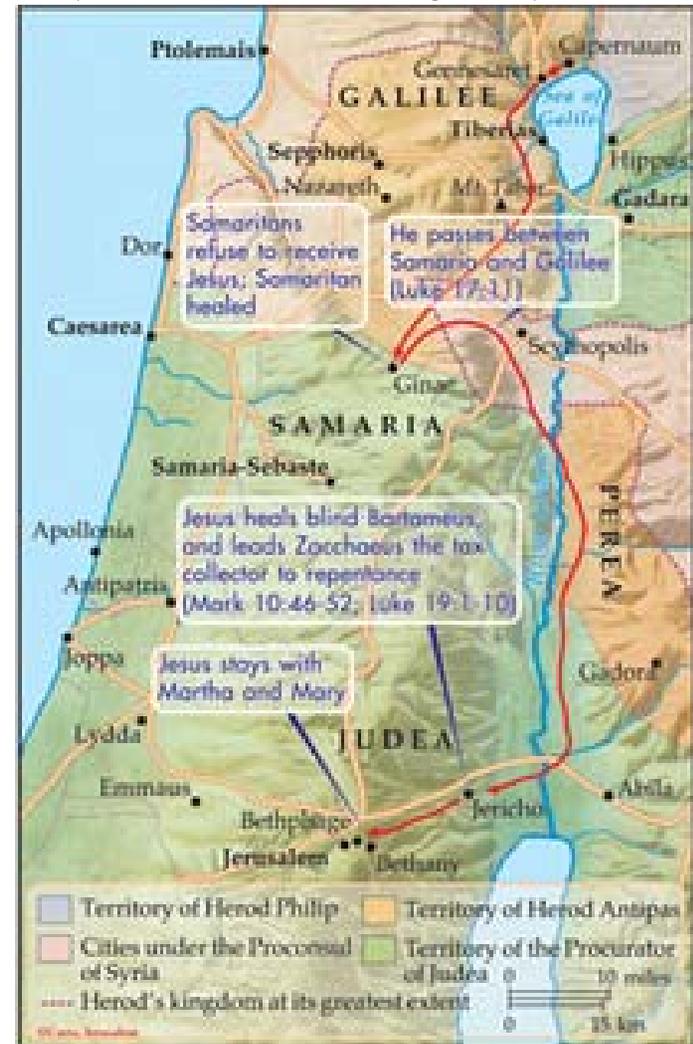
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Last night we began to consider the Lord's last travels to Jerusalem. We began to go through Luke chapters 17-19. We saw in Luke 17:11 that His journey included going through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. But, the Scriptures reveal that the Journey towards Jerusalem had started earlier, for in Luke 9:51-56 we are told an interesting story of the rejection of His presence in a Samaritan village. They would not let Him to enter in, so we will begin with chapter 9. This reminds me of the cities that have flatly rejected this message in these days. The pastors would notify other pastors and they would not even meet with me to discuss this message of His Words. And it is like the Lord later says of Capernaum, that they will pay a price at the Day of Judgment for there were great works that the Father has done in those cities, and yet when the message of the Words of God came to these cities, they rejected to receive it, and in fact they treated it harshly. Remember that Jesus says in Revelation 6: that the people are going to fear His face. Consider what the Lord says in Luke 9:52. The Lord has sent us as messengers before His Face that speaks forth the Words of God that Judge us (*John 12:48, Hosea 6:5, Romans 2:2*). Before His face is the same as saying before the coming of His Harvest Judgment of that Night. This passage of the Samaritan Village rejecting Him is like today. His message is being cast out.

→ **Luke 9:51-56** ⁵¹NOW IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE TIME HAD COME FOR HIM TO BE RECEIVED UP, THAT HE STEADFASTLY SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM, ⁵²AND SENT MESSENGERS BEFORE HIS FACE. ⁵³AND AS THEY WENT, THEY ENTERED A VILLAGE OF THE SAMARITANS, TO PREPARE FOR HIM. ⁵⁴But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. ⁵⁵And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" ⁵⁶But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. ⁵⁷For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

Consider that people today say they follow Him, but they do not know where He is nor the Words that He speaks. (*Matt. 8:18-22*)

→ **Luke 9:57-62** ⁵⁷Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." ⁵⁹Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." ⁶¹And another also said, "Lord, I will



follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." ⁶²But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Consider that the events in Luke 9 prior to verses 51-56 reveal the Glory of the Lord in the sending out His disciples to declare His Peace, the feeding of the 5,000, and the Transfiguration. We have really been sent with the fullness of the understanding of all three of these events. The sending out of the Twelve is like this day that we are now in. The Lord has enabled us to explain what is the greater meaning of His Peace - the eternal Heaven and the control over all particles. He has now made known the fuller meanings of the feeding of the 5,000 and the Way of the Bread that enabled the Father to open to them a desire to be fed His Words. We have now the understanding of the symbolism of the Transfiguration event. The Lord has allowed me to see a likeness to this and I have explained this to you. The Lord has sent us out with the knowledge of His Power but not to give signs, for that was not the Way of this Day. We went out with nothing the world desired, and few received us; but soon He will send us out with what we need. This instruction will happen soon.

The sending out of the Twelve. (*Matt. 10:5-15*)

→ **Luke 9:1-6** ¹Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴"Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the Good News and healing everywhere.

→ **Luke 9:7-9** ⁷Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, ⁸and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. ⁹Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.

Feeding the Five Thousand (*Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-15*)

→ **Luke 9:10-17** ¹⁰And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. ¹¹But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. ¹²When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." ¹³But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." ¹⁵And they did so, and made them all sit down. ¹⁶Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. ¹⁷So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ (*Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30*)

- **Luke 9:18-20** ¹⁸And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again." ²⁰He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection (*Matt. 16:20-23; Mark 8:30-33*)

- **Luke 9:21-22** ²¹And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him (*Matt. 16:24-27; Mark 8:34-38*)

- **Luke 9:23-26** ²³Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My Words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels."

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

- **Luke 9:27-36** ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." ²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. ³⁰And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ³⁶When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

A Boy Is Healed (*Matt. 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29*)

- **Luke 9:37-42** ³⁷Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. ³⁸Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. ⁴⁰So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²And **AS HE WAS STILL COMING**, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Jesus Again Predicts His Death (*Matt. 17:22, 23; Mark 9:30-32*)

- **Luke 9:43-45** ⁴³And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁴"Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Who Is the Greatest? (*Matt. 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37*)

- **Luke 9:46-48** ⁴⁶Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. ⁴⁷And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, ⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

Jesus Forbids Sectarianism (*Mark 9:38-41*)

- **Luke 9:49-50** ⁴⁹Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us." ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."

The Seventy Sent Out

Sending the Seventy; the Good Samaritan

- **Luke 10:1-12** ¹After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ²Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹²But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Woe to the Impenitent Cities (*Matt. 11:20-24*)

- **Luke 10:13-16** ¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

The Seventy Return with Joy

→ **Luke 10:17-20** ¹⁷Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name." ¹⁸And He said to them, "I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN." ¹⁹Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰NEVERTHELESS DO NOT REJOICE IN THIS, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT TO YOU, BUT RATHER REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN."

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

→ **Luke 10:21-25** ²¹In 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. ²²All 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." ²³Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; ²⁴for 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** ²⁵And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" ²⁷So 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.'" ²⁸And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." ²⁹But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Then 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. ³¹Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴So 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. ³⁵On 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.' ³⁶So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" ³⁷And 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** ³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But 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." ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things ⁴²BUT ONE THING IS NEEDED, AND MARY HAS CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER."

- **Luke 11:1-4** ¹Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." ²So He said to them, "When you pray, say: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.** ³**GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.** ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."
- **Luke 11:5-13** ⁵And He said to them, "**WHICH OF YOU** shall have a friend, and **go to him at midnight and say to him,** 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? ⁸I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. ⁹So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

A House Divided Cannot Stand (*Matt. 12:22-30; Mark 3:22-27*)

- **Luke 11:14-23** ¹⁴And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.** ¹⁸If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²²But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

An Unclean Spirit Returns (*Matt. 12:43-45*)

- **Luke 11:24-26** ²⁴"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

Seeking a Sign (*Matt. 12:38-42*)

→ **Luke 11:29-32** ²⁹And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. ³²The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

The Lamp of the Body (*Matt. 6:22-23*)

→ **Luke 11:33-36** ³³"No one, when he has lit a Lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the Light. ³⁴The Lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is Good, your whole body also is full of Light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵Therefore take heed that the Light which is in you is not darkness. ³⁶If then your whole body is full of Light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of Light, as when the bright shining of a Lamp gives you Light."

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

→ **Luke 11:37-54** ³⁷And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. ³⁸When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. ³⁹Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you. ⁴²"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. ⁴³Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them." ⁴⁵Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also." ⁴⁶And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹**Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'** ⁵⁰that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. (*Consider this for the Lord says that He has done this that they might be clearly condemned. These are not of the Lukewarm, but they are of the cold that clearly must be condemned.*) Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. ⁵²"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered." ⁵³And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, ⁵⁴lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

Beware of Hypocrisy

Jesus Preaches to the Multitude (*Matt. 10:26, 27*)

→ **Luke 12:1-3** ¹In 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.** ²For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. ³Therefore 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. (*This means the wicked shall try to counter your testimony by telling of the sins of your past in order to discredit you, for the housetop is the head of those who think that they are wise on the earth, and they do not fear God, nor do they recognize His forgiveness of sins and the anointing He gives to you. This is the hypocrisy that they speak - consider the shepherds who have done that with this message of His Words.*)

Jesus Teaches the Fear of God

→ **Luke 12:4-7** ⁴And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

→ **Luke 12:11-12** ¹¹Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. ¹²FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU IN THAT VERY HOUR WHAT YOU OUGHT TO SAY."

The Parable of the Rich Fool

→ **Luke 12:13-21** ¹³Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."



¹⁴But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And 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." ¹⁶Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸So 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' ²⁰**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?'** ²¹**SO IS HE WHO LAYS UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD."**

Do Not Worry

→ **Luke 12:22-34** ²²Then 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. ²³Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider 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? ²⁵And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷Consider 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. ²⁸If 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? ²⁹And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³²**DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.** ³³Sell 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. ³⁴**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be**

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

→ **Luke 12:35-48** ³⁵Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; ³⁶and 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ⁴¹Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" ⁴²And 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? ⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵But 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, ⁴⁶the 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. ⁴⁷And 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. ⁴⁸But 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** ⁴⁹"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³Father 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** ³⁴"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For 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'; ³⁶and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' ³⁷He 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. ³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹He 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** ⁵⁴Then 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. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! 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

- **Luke 12:57-59** ⁵⁷"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? ⁵⁸When 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. ⁵⁹I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

Repent or Perish

Parables of the Kingdom

- **Luke 13:1-5** ¹There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

- **Luke 13:6-9** ⁶He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' ⁸But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

A Spirit of Infirmity

- **Luke 13:10-17** ¹⁰Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. ¹²But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." ¹³And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" ¹⁷And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed (*Matt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32*)

- **Luke 13:18-19** ¹⁸Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

The Parable of the Leaven (*Matt. 13:33*)

- **Luke 13:20-21** ²⁰And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

The Narrow Way (*Matt. 7:13, 14*)

- **Luke 13:22-33** ²²**AND HE WENT THROUGH THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING, AND JOURNEYING TOWARD JERUSALEM.** ²³Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' ²⁶then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' ²⁷But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. ²⁹They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And indeed

there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last." ³¹On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You." ³²And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' ³³Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

Jesus Laments over Jerusalem (*Matt. 23:37-39*)

→ **Luke 13:34-35** ³⁴"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "

The Parable of the Great Supper

→ **Luke 14:1-6** ¹Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ²And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ⁴But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. ⁵Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

Take the Lowly Place

→ **Luke 14:7-14** ⁷So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

The Parable of the Great Supper (*Luke 14:14-24, Matthew 22:1-14*)

→ **Luke 14:14-24** ¹⁵Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' ¹⁸But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' ²⁰Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the

lame and the blind.' ²²And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' ²³Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

- **Matthew 22:1-14** ¹And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ²"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' ⁵But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. ⁷But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' ¹⁰So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹²So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Leaving All to Follow Christ (*Luke 14:25-33, Matthew 10:34-39*)

- **Luke 14:25-33** ²⁵Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— ²⁹lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.
- **Matthew 10:34-39** ³⁴"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For 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'; ³⁷and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' ³⁷He 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. ³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Tasteless Salt Is Worthless (*Luke 14:34-35, Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50*)

- **Luke 14:34-35** ³⁴"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? ³⁵It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
- **Matthew 5:13-16** ¹³"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. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor 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. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

→ **Mark 9:49-50** ⁴⁹"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son (*Matt. 18:10-14*)

Take the Lowly Place

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

→ **Luke 15:1-7** ¹Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ²And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ⁷I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

→ **Luke 15:8-10** ⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' ¹⁰Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Lost Son

→ **Luke 15:11-32** ¹¹Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. ²⁵Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the

servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' ²⁸"But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' ³¹"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³²It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

→ **Luke 16:1-13** ¹HE ALSO SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES: "THERE WAS A CERTAIN RICH MAN WHO HAD A STEWARD, AND AN ACCUSATION WAS BROUGHT TO HIM THAT THIS MAN WAS WASTING HIS GOODS. ²SO HE CALLED HIM AND SAID TO HIM, 'WHAT IS THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU? GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP, FOR YOU CAN NO LONGER BE STEWARD.' ³Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. ⁹AND I SAY TO YOU, MAKE FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES BY UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON, THAT WHEN YOU FAIL, THEY MAY RECEIVE YOU INTO AN EVERLASTING HOME. ¹⁰HE WHO IS FAITHFUL IN WHAT IS LEAST IS FAITHFUL ALSO IN MUCH; AND HE WHO IS UNJUST IN WHAT IS LEAST IS UNJUST ALSO IN MUCH. ¹¹THEREFORE IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN FAITHFUL IN THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON, WHO WILL COMMIT TO YOUR TRUST THE TRUE RICHES? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? ¹³"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Law, the Prophets, and the Kingdom

→ **Luke 16:14-18** ¹⁴Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. ¹⁷And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. ¹⁸"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery."

The Rich Man and Lazarus

→ **Luke 16:19-31** ¹⁹There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich

man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' ²⁷Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

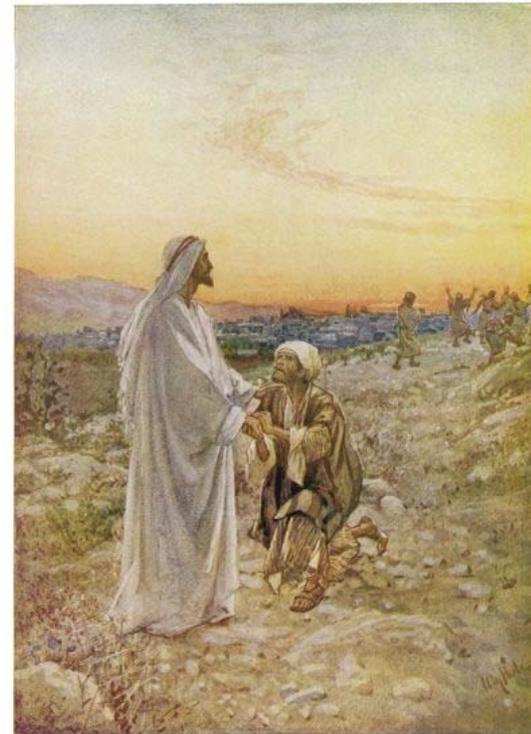
The Coming of the Kingdom (*Matt. 18:6, 7; Mark 9:42*)

→ **Luke 17:1-4** ¹Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. ³Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Faith and Duty (*Matt. 17:19-21; Mark 9:28, 29*)

→ **Luke 17:5-10** ⁵And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." ⁶So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? ⁸But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

Luke reveals in verse 11 that the Lord came through the midst of Samaria (Watch-Tower) and through Galilee (The Circle - the symbol of the wheel of the Scroll) on His Way to Jerusalem. Consider that the first thing recorded is the healing of the Lepers, for this is important at this moment. The symbolism is that we are a people whose flesh - His Words - is diseased with the traditions of men, making the knowledge of Truth to be sick like it has leprosy. The Lord is calling out His healing to us by speaking His Words to us, but we are hearing it in selfish ears and



not seeking the knowledge of the Glory of God in the mystery of His Power and Plan for us. Thus we are like the nine lepers who heard and then went on with our lives like we deserved to hear the Word of healing but we want it in the way that we want it, and not in the Way that is the Plan of God for us of this Day, and thus the destruction of our skin that is symbolic of His words, will be terrible and worse than before.

- **Luke 17:11-19** ¹¹Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹²Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

The Coming of the Kingdom (*Gen. 6:5–8:22; 19:12-14*)

- **Luke 17:20-36** ²⁰NOW WHEN HE WAS ASKED BY THE PHARISEES WHEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD COME, HE ANSWERED THEM AND SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT COME WITH OBSERVATION; ²¹NOR WILL THEY SAY, 'SEE HERE!' OR 'SEE THERE!' FOR INDEED, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU." ²²THEN HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "THE DAYS WILL COME WHEN YOU WILL DESIRE TO SEE ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN, AND YOU WILL NOT SEE IT. ²³And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. ²⁴For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. ²⁵But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. (*Lot seems symbolic of the people of Israel in this Day coming out of Babylon.*) ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹"IN THAT DAY, HE WHO IS ON THE ROOFTOP, AND HIS GOODS ARE IN THE HOUSE, LET HIM NOT COME DOWN TO TAKE THEM AWAY. AND LIKEWISE THE ONE WHO IS IN THE FIELD, LET HIM NOT TURN BACK. ³²REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE. ³³WHOEVER SEEKS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE WILL PRESERVE IT. ³⁴I TELL YOU, IN THAT NIGHT THERE WILL BE TWO MEN IN ONE BED: THE ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER WILL BE LEFT. ³⁵TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING TOGETHER: THE ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. ³⁶TWO MEN WILL BE IN THE FIELD: THE ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT."

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

- **Luke 18:1-8** ¹Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ²saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' ⁴And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵yet

because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' " ⁶Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

→ **Luke 18:9-14** ⁹Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus Blesses Little Children (*Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16*)

→ **Luke 18:15-17** ¹⁵Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler (*Matt. 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22*)

→ **Luke 18:18-23** ¹⁸Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" ²¹And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." ²²So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

With God All Things Are Possible (*Matt. 19:23-30; Mark 10:23-31*)

→ **Luke 18:24-30** ²⁴And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." ²⁸Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You." ²⁹So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

- **Luke 19:1-10** ¹Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ²Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "**Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.**" ⁶So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." ⁸Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;** ¹⁰**for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.**"

The Parable of the Minas (*Matt. 25:14-30*)

- **Luke 19:11-27** ¹¹Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. ¹²Therefore He said: "**A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.** ¹³**So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'** ¹⁴**But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'** ¹⁵**And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.** ¹⁶**Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'** ¹⁷**And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'** ¹⁸**And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'** ¹⁹**Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'** ²⁰**Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.** ²¹**For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'** ²²**And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.** ²³**Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'** ²⁴**And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'** ²⁵**(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')** ²⁶**For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.** ²⁷**But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'** "

The Triumphal Entry (*Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19*)

- **Luke 19:28-40** ²⁸When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, ³⁰saying, "**Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.** ³¹**And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?'** thus you shall say to him, '**Because the Lord has need of it.'** " ³²So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. ³³But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of him." ³⁵Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. ³⁶And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. ³⁷Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

³⁸saying: "'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

→ **Luke 19:40-44** ⁴¹Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

→ **Luke 19:45-48** ⁴⁵Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, ⁴⁶saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" ⁴⁷And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, ⁴⁸and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

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Adar II 5771 (March / April 2011)						
1 st Day of Week	2 nd Day of Week	3 rd Day of Week	4 th Day of Week	5 th Day of Week	6 th Day of Week	7 th Day of Week
						1 Adar II March 7 (Monday) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Fast
2 Adar II March 8 (Tuesday) <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 4</i>	3 Adar II March 9 (Wednesday)	4 Adar II March 10 (Thursday)	5 Adar II March 11 (Friday)	6 Adar II March 12 (Saturday)	7 Adar II March 13 (Sunday)	8 Adar II March 14 (Monday) <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 4</i>
9 Adar II March 15 (Tuesday) <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 5</i>	10 Adar II March 16 (Wednesday)	11 Adar II March 17 (Thursday)	12 Adar II March 18 (Friday)	13 Adar II March 19 (Saturday)	14 Adar II March 20 (Sunday) Purim	15 Adar II March 21 (Monday) Shushan Purim <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 5</i>
16 Adar II March 22 (Tuesday) <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 6</i>	17 Adar II March 23 (Wednesday)	18 Adar II March 24 (Thursday)	19 Adar II March 25 (Friday)	20 Adar II March 26 (Saturday)	21 Adar II March 27 (Sunday)	22 Adar II March 28 (Monday) <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 6</i>
23 Adar II March 29 (Tuesday) <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 7</i>	24 Adar II March 30 (Wednesday)	25 Adar II March 31 (Thursday)	26 Adar II April 1 (Friday)	27 Adar II April 2 (Saturday)	28 Adar II April 3 (Sunday)	29 Adar II April 4 (Monday) <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 7</i>

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Abib/Nissan 5771(?) (April / May 2011) (<i>Days are sundown to sundown</i>) (<i>Abib is original Jewish name and Nissan is the Babylonian name</i>)						
1 st Day of Week	2 nd Day of Week	3 rd Day of Week	4 th Day of Week	5 th Day of Week	6 th Day of Week	7 th Day of Week
						1 Abib/Nissan April 5 (Tuesday) Worship Fast
2 Abib/Nissan April 6 <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 8</i>	3 Abib/Nissan April 7 (Wednesday)	4 Abib/Nissan April 8 (Thursday)	5 Abib/Nissan April 9 (Friday)	6 Abib/Nissan April 10 (Saturday) Taught parable of the land owner. Passed through Jericho, and then entered Zaccheus House for Dinner Wednesday	7 Abib/Nissan April 11 (Monday) Taught on Minas Mother of Zebedee's sons came to ask position for her sons. Came to Bethany Then He went to Bethany for Dinner in His honor Thurs PM?	8 Abib/Nissan April 12 (Tuesday) Sabbath Sabbath did not Travel <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 8</i>
9 Abib/Nissan April 13 (Wednesday) Entered the City Inspected all things at the Temple <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 9</i>	10 Abib/Nissan April 14 (Thursday) Cursed the Fig Tree and cleansed the Temple. On Tuesday Evening He explains times to come to His Disciples - Mt. 24, Mk 13,	11 Abib/Nissan April 15 (Friday) Disciples see Fig tree withered. Priests try to trick Him. Tuesday night He teaches disciples on things to come.	12 Abib/Nissan April 16 (Saturday) Readies for the Passover.	13 Abib/Nissan April 17 (Sunday) (Day of Passover Preparation) <i>Had the Communion on what is Wednesday Night. Condemned at Noon Thursday- In the Heart of the Earth.)</i>	14 Abib/Nissan April 18 (Monday) (Passover - Sacrifice) <i>This is the day Jesus is further tortured and prepared for His crucifixion. Then Crucified.</i>	15 Abib/Nissan April 19 (Tuesday) Sabbath High Sabbath Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 1 <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 9</i>
16 Abib/Nissan April 20 (Wednesday) Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 2 Wave Offering Lord Raised <i>Begin 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 10</i>	17 Abib/Nissan April 21 (Thursday) Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 3	18 Abib/Nissan April 22 (Friday) Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 4	19 Abib/Nissan April 23 (Saturday) Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 5	20 Abib/Nissan April 24 (Sunday) Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 6	21 Abib/Nissan April 25 (Monday) Double Sabbath Feast of Unleavened Bread - 7 Days Day 7	22 Abib/Nissan April 26 (Tuesday) Sabbath <i>End of 2nd Set of Enoch - Week 10</i>
23 Abib/Nissan April 27 (Wednesday)	24 Abib/Nissan April 28 (Thursday)	25 Abib/Nissan April 29 (Friday)	26 Abib/Nissan April 30 (Saturday)	27 Abib/Nissan May 1 (Sunday)	28 Abib/Nissan May 2 (Monday)	29 Abib/Nissan May 3 (Tuesday) Sabbath
30 Abib - May 4						

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Iyar 5771(?) (29 days of May/June 2011) (Days are sundown to sundown. The Gentiles days are representative of morning to sundown)						
1st Day of Week	2nd Day of Week	3rd Day of Week	4th Day of Week	5th Day of Week	6th Day of Week	7th Day of Week
					30 Abib - May 4	1 Iyar (New Moon) May 5 (Thursday) Worship Fast
2 Iyar May 6 (Friday)	3 Iyar May 7 (Saturday)	4 Iyar May 8 (Sunday)	5 Iyar May 9 (Monday)	6 Iyar May 10 (Tuesday)	7 Iyar May 11 (Wednesday)	8 Iyar May 12 (Thursday) Sabbath Sabbath did not Travel
9 Iyar May 13 (Friday)	10 Iyar May 14 (Saturday)	11 Iyar May 15 (Sunday)	12 Iyar May 16 (Monday)	13 Iyar May 17 (Tuesday)	14 Iyar May 18 (Wednesday)	15 Iyar May 19 (Thursday) Sabbath
16 Iyar May 20 (Friday)	17 Iyar May 21 (Saturday)	18 Iyar May 22 (Sunday)	19 Iyar May 23 (Monday)	20 Iyar May 24 (Tuesday)	21 Iyar May 25 (Wednesday)	22 Iyar April 26 (Thursday) Sabbath
23 Iyar May 27 (Friday)	24 Iyar May 28 (Saturday)	25 Iyar May 29 (Sunday)	26 Iyar May 30 (Monday)	27 Iyar May 1 (Tuesday)	28 Iyar May 2 (Wednesday)	29 Iyar May 3 (Thursday) Sabbath
1 Sivan (New Moon)						

This is the fullness of Psalm 78 that we considered on the 23rd March. It talks of the Law of the fathers that they are to teach His Words to their children in the first eight verses. Then it has some revelations about the past works of the Lord in the balance of the Psalm.

Psalm 78:1-72 ¹Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; ⁶that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, ⁷that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments; ⁸and may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. ⁹The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. ¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law, ¹¹and forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them. ¹²Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. ¹³He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; and He made the waters stand up like a heap. ¹⁴In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. ¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink in abundance like the depths. ¹⁶He also brought streams out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. ¹⁷But they sinned even more against Him by rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness. ¹⁸And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy. ¹⁹Yes, they spoke against God: they said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? ²⁰Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" ²¹Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel, ²²because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His salvation. ²³Yet He had commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. ²⁵Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full. ²⁶He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; and by His power He brought in the south wind. ²⁷He also rained meat on them like the dust, feathered fowl like the sand of the seas; ²⁸and He let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. ²⁹So they ate and were well filled, for He gave them their own desire. ³⁰They were not deprived of their craving; but while their food was still in their mouths, ³¹the wrath of God came against them, and slew the stoutest of them, and struck down the choice men of Israel. ³²In spite of this they still sinned, and did not believe in His wondrous works. ³³Therefore their days He consumed in futility, and their years in fear. ³⁴When He slew them, then they sought Him; and they returned and sought earnestly for God. ³⁵Then they remembered that God was their rock, and the Most High God their Redeemer. ³⁶Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, and they lied to Him with their tongue; ³⁷for their heart was not steadfast with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant. ³⁸But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath; ³⁹for He remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passes away and does not come again. ⁴⁰How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert! ⁴¹Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. ⁴²They did not remember His power: the day when He redeemed them from the enemy, ⁴³when He worked His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan; ⁴⁴Turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, that they could not drink. ⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them. ⁴⁶He also gave their crops to the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust. ⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with

frost. ⁴⁸He also gave up their cattle to the hail, and their flocks to fiery lightning. ⁴⁹He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction among them. ⁵⁰He made a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague, ⁵¹and destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt, the first of their strength in the tents of Ham. ⁵²But He made His own people go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock; ⁵³and He led them on safely, so that they did not fear; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. ⁵⁴and He brought them to His holy border, this mountain which His right hand had acquired. ⁵⁵He also drove out the nations before them, allotted them an inheritance by survey, and made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents. ⁵⁶Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God, and did not keep His testimonies, ⁵⁷but turned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers; they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. ⁵⁸For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, and moved Him to jealousy with their carved images. ⁵⁹When God heard this, He was furious, and greatly abhorred Israel, ⁶⁰so that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent He had placed among men, ⁶¹and delivered His strength into captivity, and His glory into the enemy's hand. ⁶²He also gave His people over to the sword, and was furious with His inheritance. ⁶³The fire consumed their young men, and their maidens were not given in marriage. ⁶⁴Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows made no lamentation. ⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, like a mighty man who shouts because of wine. ⁶⁶And He beat back His enemies; He put them to a perpetual reproach. ⁶⁷Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, ⁶⁸but chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved. ⁶⁹And He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has established forever. ⁷⁰He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹from following the ewes that had young He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. ⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.