

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Through Studying His Word

Book Two

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INTRODUCTION

THE PROPHET PRAYS FOR THESE BOOKS

Pray for the books.

He prayed for the books. He released them. He saw the angels that gather to send them out. He spoke this:

Your word will accomplish everything in those books. Let them go across America and throughout the earth. Wherever the angels take them and the winds blow. For they are nuggets and treasures of the heart. Let them provide comfort for those who have a soft heart. May they find their way even into the remotest village. Let the cry be heard - "Look what I found. Look what I found." We bless the works of Joan in her heart to do this, Lord. We rejoice with You because of everything that's going to be accomplished because of this work. We bless this and we bless You in the name of Jesus.

Surely I will take this to the ends of the earth as you have asked.

Before he prayed he saw the angels gather the books like the 4 winds of the earth and send them out. (Zechariah 6:5)

The 4 winds are the power of God in the natural world, basically where miracles can occur, and where the strength of God is made visible to humans.

(Ezekiel 37:7-10) He said - *it gives life, life, life - giving life into those books is what it means for them.*

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Psalm 96:3
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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Listening To God Through His Word

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**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
(Psalm 119:105)**

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

One thing I try to do each day of my life is draw near to God, come into His presence, get connected with Him, and then communicate with Him. As I ponder what helps me come into His presence, I have found different ways work at different times. I want to list here some ways that work for me, that may be of help to others who want to draw near to God also.

SET YOURSELF APART TO BE ALONE WITH HIM

**Song of Solomon 8:14
Come away, My beloved.**

BE STILL

**Psalm 46:10
Be still and know that I am God.**

DRAW NEAR

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Psalms 25:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

STAND AND WATCH

Habakkuk 2:1

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me and what answer I am to give.

WAIT

Proverbs 8:34

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the Lord.

Psalms 27:14

Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

GET CLEANSED

Psalms 51:7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

LISTEN

1 Samuel 3:10

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

FORGIVE OTHERS

Matthew 6:12

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

REPENT FROM SINS

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near."

READ THE WORD

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

PRAY

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

[A song]
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer

SEEK HIM

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you.

Psalms 27:8

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

BE STILL

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

THANK HIM

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

SING TO THE LORD

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

[A song]

I have a song that Jesus gave me
It was sent from heaven above
I know there is no sweeter melody
It's a melody of love.

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love.

LOVE THE LORD

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

[A song]
Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

Holy Spirit, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

BLESS THE LORD

Psalm 103:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

1 Chronicles 16:24-25

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Psalm 123:1

I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

2 Chronicles 20:12

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

[A song]
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

CALL ON HIS NAME

Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Psalm 145:18

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

[A song]

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

There's just something about that name

Master, Savior, Jesus

Like the fragrance after the rain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Let all heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away

But there's something about that name.

TAKE COMMUNION

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

COME TO HIM EARLY IN THE DAY

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

[A song]

I come to the garden alone

While the dew is still on the roses

And the voice I hear sounding round my ear

The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me and He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own,

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known.

TRUST

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

REST

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Isaiah 30:15

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.

FEAR THE LORD

Psalms 25:12

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Psalms 25:14

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

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THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

I felt impressed to do a scripture study on the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, from the scripture which caught my attention in Isaiah 44:6.

Isaiah 44:6

This is what the Lord says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord - with the first of them and with the last - I am he.

Isaiah 43:10

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me."

Isaiah 48:12-13

Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Revelation 1:4

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:17

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the

Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Revelation 21:6

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

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APART FROM ME THERE IS NO GOD

Exodus 8:10

"Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the Lord our God."

Deuteronomy 3:24

O Sovereign Lord, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Joshua 22:34

And the Reubenites and the Gadites gave the altar this name: A Witness Between Us that the Lord is God.

1 Kings 8:23

O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below - you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

2 Chronicles 20:6

O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

Psalm 47:7-8

For God is the king of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God seated on his holy throne.

Psalm 77:13-14

Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 100:3

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 113:5

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

Isaiah 37:16

O Lord Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 44:6

This is what the Lord says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."

Jeremiah 32:26-27

Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Mark 12:29

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all

your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder.

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WITNESS

Proverbs 14:5

A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.

Proverbs 14:25

A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

Isaiah 43:10

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me."

Isaiah 44:8

Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other rock; I know not one.

Isaiah 55:3-4

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.

Luke 24:46-49

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witness of these things. I am going to send you

what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

John 1:6-8

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John 15:26-27 RSV

But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 2:32

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witness of the fact.

Acts 5:32

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.

Acts 10:39-41

We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Acts 22:14-15

Then he said: "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard."

Acts 26:15-16

Then I asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the Lord replied. "Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you."

Romans 8:16 RSV

It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Revelation 1:1-2

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants what must soon take place; and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Revelation 1:4-5

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 3:14

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation."

Revelation 11:3

And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.

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SCRIPTURES TO PRAY OVER THE FINANCES

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jirah).

Deuteronomy 28:12-13

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord

will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

Job 22:21-22, 25

Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. Accept instruction from his mouth and lay up his words in your heart.....the Almighty will be your gold, the choicest silver for you.

Job 22:28 KJV

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Psalm 1:1, 3

Blessed is the man...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 34:9-10

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 112:1, 3

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Proverbs 8:17-21

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

Proverbs 13:21

Prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

Proverbs 15:6

The house of the righteous contains great treasure.

Proverbs 21:21

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Proverbs 22:4

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Ecclesiastes 2:26

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God.

Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Haggai 2:8

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine" declares the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Matthew 6:31-33

So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

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SCRIPTURES TO PRAY FOR LEARNING AND WISDOM

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 121:7-8

The Lord will keep you from all harm--he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

John 14:13-14

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:26

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

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MULTIPLICATION AND PROVISION

I will multiply what My people have and need. Do a study about multiplication and provision.

*Loaves and fishes
Gold coin in fish's mouth
Oil multiplied*

I will take care of My people.

Maybe I revealed that to the man who said to store up food for what's coming. Maybe that is what HE is to do and to warn others about.

But that does not necessarily mean I am committed to provide for YOU in that same way.

That is for some. This is for you - I will provide for you by multiplication and provision. I can use more than one method to help My people.

MULTIPLICATION AND PROVISION

MANNA

Exodus 16:13-15

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat."

WATER FROM ROCK

Exodus 17:5-6

The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS

1 Kings 17:4-7

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."

So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

WIDOW'S OIL INCREASED

2 Kings 4:1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil."

Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

RAIN

1 Kings 18:41-42

And Elijah said to Ahab, "God, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain. So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

WATER

2 Kings 3:16-20

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha and he said, "this is what the Lord says: Make this valley full of ditches. For this is what the Lord says: you will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord; he will also hand Moab over to you...

The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there I was - water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water.

HUNDRED FED WITH TWENTY LOAVES

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: "They will eat and have some left over." Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

ANGELS FEED JESUS

Matthew 4:1-4, 11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

FIVE THOUSAND FED

Matthew 14:15-21

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

TRIBUTE MONEY PROVIDED

Matthew 17:24-27

After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

"Yes he does," he replied...

"Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him. "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

DRAUGHT OF FISHES

John 21:1

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

MULTIPLICATION BY SUBMITTING TO WHAT GOD INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO

Then the angel of the Lord told her, "go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count." (Genesis 16:9-10)

MULTIPLICATION BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LORD'S GIFTS

She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold. (Hosea 2:8)

PROVISION BY GOD'S PROMISE/OATH

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws."

PROVISION BY MAN'S OBEDIENCE

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers. He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land...the calves of your herds. You will be blessed more than any other people...The Lord will keep you free from every disease. (Deuteronomy 7:12-15)

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HIS SALVATION IS CLOSE

Isaiah 56:1

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand, and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 65:4

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

Psalm 85:9

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Isaiah 40:11

He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.

Isaiah 46:13

I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation [The full result of salvation in glory] is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

1 Corinthians 7:29

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short.

James 5:8

Be patient then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

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HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL SOON BE REVEALED

Isaiah 56:1

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand, and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

Psalms 85:13

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Isaiah 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.

Isaiah 46:13

I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.

Daniel 9:24

Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Romans 1:17

For in the gospel a righteousness [righteousness of which God is the source] from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS
AND THE WICKED
BETWEEN THOSE WHO SERVE GOD
AND THOSE WHO DO NOT

Malachi 3:16-18

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

Genesis 6:9-14

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark.

Genesis 18:25

Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing - to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and

the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Deuteronomy 7:9-10

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

Isaiah 26:20-21

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins.

Psalms 1:1-6

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or set in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 73:27-28

Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge.

Proverbs 10:20

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

Proverbs 11:21

Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free.

Isaiah 57:1-2, 20

The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Matthew 13:36-43

His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."

Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

John 12:44-48

Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me, and does not accept my

words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Therefore come out from them and be separate," says the Lord. "Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. "

Revelation 20:4-5

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-13, 15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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OLD AGE

Leviticus 19:32 (Respect)

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 34:7 (Retaining physical vigor)

Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

Joshua 24:15 (Strong faith)

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

2 Samuel 19:34-35, 37 (Unwillingness to adventure)

Barzillai answered the king, "How many more years will I live, that I should go up to Jerusalem with the king? I am now eighty years old. Can I tell the difference between what is good and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats and drinks? Can I still hear the voices of men and women singers? ... Let your servant return that I may die in my own town near the tomb of my father and mother."

Job 5:26 (Maturity)

You will come to the grave in full vigor, like sheaves gathered in season.

Job 12:12 (Wisdom)

Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?

Psalm 34:11-14 (Attaining unto by keeping from evil)

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Psalm 71:9 (Declining strength)

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

Psalm 91:16 (Long life)

With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92:12-15 (Fruitfulness)

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Psalm 128:1, 6 (Attaining unto by the fear of the Lord)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways...May you live to see your children's children.

Proverbs 3:1-2 (Attaining unto by keeping God's law)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 3:13-18 (Attaining unto by following wisdom)

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Proverbs 16:31 (Spiritual beauty)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (Deterioration of body)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them" - before the sun and the light of the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim, when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when men rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; when men are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets, when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

Remember him - before the silver cord is severed or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Isaiah 46:4 (Sustained)

Even to your old age and gray hairs, I am he. I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Ephesians 6:2-3 (Attained unto by honoring parents)

Honor your father and mother - which is the first commandment with a promise - that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

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JUDGMENT

JUDGMENT BY HIS WORD

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Luke 11:32

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

John 12:47-48

As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

Romans 2:12-13, 16

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not

those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:5-7

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

JUDGMENT BY WHAT WE DO

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from my, you evildoers!"

Matthew 25:31-32, 34-36

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Then the King will say to those on his right. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Romans 2:5-6

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done.

Romans 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee shall bow

before me; every tongue will confess to God." So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Peter 1:17

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

Revelation 20:11-12, 15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...and I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

JUDGMENT OF THOSE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

Romans 1:18-21, 24

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.

JUDGMENT AFTER DEATH

Hebrews 9:27-28

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

JUDGMENT WITH JUSTICE

John 9:23

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Acts 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.

JUDGMENT IS BY GOD

Psalm 75:2

You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity."

Psalm 75:7

It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Romans 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

JUDGMENT FOR WORDS WE SPEAK

Jude 14-15

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which

the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

JUDGMENT WITH FIRE

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

JUDGMENT ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

God is just. He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

JUDGMENT CONCERNING ISRAEL

Joel 3:1-2, 12, 14

In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel.

Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

JUDGMENT OF THE DEVIL

John 12:31

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

John 16:8

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

JUDGMENT BY THE SON OF GOD

John 5:22

The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.

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THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Ephesians 1:18-20

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do infinitely more than we might ask or think, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be

glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Psalm 147:5

Great is our Lord, and of great power.

Psalm 66:7

He rules forever by his power.

Jeremiah 51:15

He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

Matthew 6:13

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 24:30

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority (power) in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mark 5:30

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

Mark 14:62

Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Luke 1:35

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 4:14

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Luke 4:32

They were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power.

Luke 4:36

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

Luke 6:19

And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Luke 9:1

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 24:49

You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

1 Peter 1:4-5

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Revelation 2:26

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority (power) over the nations.

Revelation 11:17

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

That power will be done in you, when I raise you up and bring you up here to be with Me - seated with Me in the heavenly realms too.

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THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 40:8

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.

Psalm 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Psalm 103:2-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 145:18-19

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Proverbs 10:24

What the righteous desire will be granted.

Proverbs 11:23

The desire of the righteous ends only in good.

Proverbs 19:22

What a man desires is unfailing love.

Isaiah 26:8

Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

1 Corinthians 12:31

But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

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GOD TESTS HIS PEOPLE

Genesis 22:1

Some time later God tested Abraham.

Deuteronomy 8:2

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 8:16

He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods," (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them" you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Judges 2:22; 3:1, 4

I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their forefathers did...These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)...They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had given their forefathers through Moses.

Job 23:10

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Psalms 11:4-5

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous.

Psalms 66:10

For you, O God, tested us, you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Psalm 81:7

In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Psalm 105:17-19

He sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass the word of the Lord tested him.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Proverbs 27:21

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

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THE THRONE OF GOD
THE LORD IS ON HIS HEAVENLY THRONE

Psalm 11:3-4

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne.

Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 47:8

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings...And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 66:1

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?"

Habakkuk 2:20

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

Acts 7:55-56

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Revelation 3:12

Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it.

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 4:2-3

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.

Revelation 4:4-5

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. There were the seven spirits of God.

Revelation 4:6

Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

Revelation 4:9-10

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelation 5:1-2

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

Revelation 5:6-7

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Revelation 5:13

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits

on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"

Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Revelation 22:1

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

Revelation 22:3

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.

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PROTECTION

Isaiah 58:8-9

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer, you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Exodus 14:13-14

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

Deuteronomy 33:12

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long.

Psalms 3:3

But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Psalm 23:3-4

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 27:1 NLT

The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress protecting me from danger—so why should I tremble?

Psalm 31:14

But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Psalm 32:10

The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you, in God, whose word I praise - in God I trust and am not afraid.

Psalm 57:1

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Psalm 91:2-4

This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

Psalm 91:9-12

If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

Psalm 91:14-15

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them."

Psalm 121:1-8

I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you--the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm--he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Proverbs 1:33

Whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.

Proverbs 2:7-8

He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Proverbs 3:23-24

Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Isaiah 43:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

Hebrews 13:5

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:6

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

SUMMARY

The glory of the Lord will be my rear guard.
I will call and the Lord will answer.
The Lord will fight for me; I need only to be still.
The Lord is my shield.
His rod and staff comfort me.
The Lord is my light, salvation, and fortress.
My times are in His hands.
His love surrounds me.
When I am afraid, I trust in God.
I take refuge in the shadow of His wings.
He will rescue me from every trap and deadly disease.
His faithful promises are my armor and protection.
He will order His angels to protect me.
When I call on Him, He will answer.
The Lord will keep me from all harm and watch over my coming and going.
I will live in safety.
He guards my course and protects my way.
My foot will not stumble.
He will protect when I go through the waters, the rivers, and the fire.
No weapon formed against me will prevail.
I will refute every tongue that accuses me.
The Lord gives me His peace.

The Lord has overcome the world.
His peace will guard my heart and mind.
He will protect me from the evil one.
He will never leave me.
He is my helper.

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GOD TEACHES US WHAT IS BEST FOR US

Isaiah 48:17

**This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who
directs you in the way you should go."**

Isaiah 26:7

**The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way
of the righteous smooth.**

Isaiah 35:8

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The
unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that
Way...Only the redeemed will walk there.**

Isaiah 40:31

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk
and not faint.**

Psalms 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life.

Psalms 23:3

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 24:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalms 24:12

**Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the
way chosen for him.**

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 4:11

I guide you in the way of wisdom, and lead you along straight paths.

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Proverbs 15:19

The path of the upright is a highway.

That's right, I do. I teach you the best way to go. Always. I never teach you the wrong way. If you will listen to Me, and follow Me, you will always be on the right path. You will be at the right place at the right time.

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DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTED ONES
DO MY PROPHETS NO HARM

Psalm 105:15

Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.

Genesis 20:7

Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die.

Numbers 12:6

When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions. I speak to him in dreams.

1 Chronicles 16:22

Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.

Job 42:8

So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

1 Thessalonians 5:20

Do not treat prophecies with contempt.

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FULLNESS IN CHRIST

John 1:16

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

Romans 15:29

I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 3:19

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 4:11-13

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Colossians 1:19

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

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FEAR NOT

As I thought about the dangers of artificial intelligence and all going on in the world, I declared the Lord is in charge of my thinking and imagination. I said, "Lord, what do we do?" He said:

Genesis 17:1

I am God Almighty; walk before me.

The first thing is: I am the Lord thy God. I made that very clear in the Old Testament. I did not hide it.

The second thing is: Walk with Me. I know all things and know exactly when to take My people out of the earth. So don't fear.

SCRIPTURES ON FEAR NOT

Genesis 26:24

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 34:4

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 91:5

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Jeremiah 1:8

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.

Mark 5:36

Don't be afraid; just believe.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Hebrews 13:6

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

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THE LORD'S GLORY

Exodus 24:15, 17

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai...To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

Psalm 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Psalm 96:3

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Isaiah. 6:3

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 43:6-7

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Habakkuk 3:3-4

God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

Matthew 24:30

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

Matthew 25:31-32

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him.

Mark 8:38

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

Mark 13:26

At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Luke 2:9

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:13-24

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 17:5

Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:24

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Acts 7:2

To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran."

Romans 1:22-23

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 3:23

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:26-27

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians. 3:4

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and marveled at among all those who have believed.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Revelation 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

It's that glory I want to talk with you about today. Eternal glory. Do you have any idea what that means? I want us to ponder and consider that. Look up "glory" and see what it means.

I do not share My glory with humans for anything which I do.

You do not get glory because you deserve it, because you did something right, because of your own goodness or righteousness. That all comes as a gift from Me when you have faith in Me and believe in Me. You didn't earn it.

The glory I am talking about today is different. The scripture says "salvation with eternal glory." So this glory is part of eternal salvation. You receive it after you leave this earth. It is part of "sharing in Me". It is eternal.

During the Millennium this glory will set you apart from those humans who live on the earth. It will be visible to all. All who have this eternal glory will serve Me and be part of My kingdom, ruling and reigning with Me on the earth during that 1000 years.

I wanted you to think about this and realize it. It is a precious gift you can look forward to - later on.

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THE LORD'S SHINING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and think darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Revelation 1:16

In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

Ephesians 5:14

Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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SCRIPTURES ON THE LORD'S LIGHT

I want to open up a greater degree of light to you. Keep studying the light and I will keep teaching you about Me.

2 Samuel 22:29

You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

Psalm 4:6

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

Psalm 19:8

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 56:13

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Psalm 76:4

You are resplendent with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.

Psalm 104:2

He wraps himself in light as with a garment

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Isaiah 2:5

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Isaiah 60:19

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Matthew 17:1-2

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

That's what I'm going to do to you - take you up on a high mountain. And there I will transform you, heal you, anoint you, and commission you for what I am assigning you to do. I have prepared you all the days of your life for this assignment, and it is now time to finish getting you ready for it. It will be soon. Watch for it. Trust Me.

Luke 2:29-32

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant [Simeon] in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

John 1:4

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:9

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 3:19-21

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into

the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

John 8:12

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 9:4-5

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 12:35-36 NLT

Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light."

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (NIV)

1 Timothy 6:16

The King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 2:8

Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Revelation 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

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THE RAPTURE,
THE CATCHING AWAY

SCRIPTURES NOT SPECIFIC REGARDING THE TIME

Isaiah 51:11

Those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and signing will flee away.

Matthew 13:30

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.

Matthew 24:39-42, 44

This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come....so you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

John 10:3-4

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 14:2-3

I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Revelation 12:1-2, 5

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth...She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

A Scofield note says in my NIV Bible (p.1246) "The good works mentioned are the proof but not the ground of faith and salvation. The fact that the righteous and the unrighteous are still mingled (Matthew 25:31-46 story of sheep and goats) and require separation after the establishment of Christ's throne on earth makes evident that no rapture, i.e. translation of the saints, could have taken place at the time of Christ's coming to the earth after the tribulation. In such a case the separation here described would have already occurred before the establishment of the throne. The sheep are Gentiles saved on earth during the period between the rapture and Christ's second coming to the earth."

SCRIPTURES ON PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

Isaiah 57:1

The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.

Matthew 25:1-13

(Jesus speaking) At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are

going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

(The last trumpet was known in Israel as the last trumpet sounded at the end of Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of Trumpets.)

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

2 Thessalonians 2:7

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

Titus 2:14

While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Revelation 3:8

See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

(Previous to this event the scripture addressed the church. After this event the church is not spoken about again in the book of Revelation. The rest of that book talks of the tribulation)

Revelation 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

SCRIPTURES ON MID-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

Revelation 11:12

(The two witnesses) Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

(This seems to be in the middle of the tribulation period)

SCRIPTURES REGARDING POST-TRIBULATION GATHERING

Matthew 24:30-31

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

(He gathers His elect who are already in heaven to return with Him to the earth at His glorious appearing)

Mark 13:26-27

At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Jude 14-15

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

(This does not indicate they were resurrected at the end of tribulation, but only that they were already with the Lord by then and return with Him.)

Revelation 7:9-10, 14

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands...These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(This indicates they have been in the great tribulation but belonged to Jesus and died)

SCRIPTURES ON THE ESCAPING OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Genesis 18:25

Far be it from you to do such a thing - to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the judge of the earth do right?

Genesis 19:22

I will not overthrow the town you speak of. But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.

Genesis 19:29

So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

Exodus 12:23

When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

Daniel 11:41

He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand.

Ezekiel 14:13-14

If a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals, even if these three men - Noah, Daniel and Job - were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness.

Luke 21:21

When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written.

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Heb 11:31

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Rev 7:3

Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.

The Lord revealed to me that there are several resurrections or times of taking people away during this tribulation event. It seems there is a time of taking people away before, during and possibly after it.

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THE DIFFERENT RESURRECTIONS AS I UNDERSTAND
FROM SCRIPTURE

TWO RESURRECTIONS: ONE OF “LIFE” AND ONE OF CONDEMNATION

John 5:28-29

Jesus: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

FIRST RESURRECTION OF LIFE

Christ, The Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Many Holy People Who Had Died

Matthew 27:52-53

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

The Dead In Christ
and
Those Who Are Still Alive Who Are Left Till His Coming

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

His Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3, 7-9, 11-12

I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1260 days...Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city...For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial...But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Those Beheaded Who Had Not Received The Mark

Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead

did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

SECOND RESURRECTION OF CONDEMNATION, JUDGEMENT

Revelation 20:5

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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BEING SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH

Isaiah 26:20

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

Psalms 91:7-8

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

1 Corinthians 11:32

When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:7

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

Revelation 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Do you think I would save Lot out of Sodom, and Noah out of the flood, and not save My bride, My special Bride whom I love? Remember about the 5 wise virgins.

I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. I WILL also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I WILL save you from suffering wrath during the tribulation. That is My Word, and that is the truth.

Now I want you to believe it and stand on it. Even though I didn't give you a specific scripture that says the rapture will come before the tribulation, I did give you My Word to rescue you from the coming wrath, the wrath of God. THAT is what you are to believe and stand on.

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SCRIPTURES ON RESURRECTION

Job 19:25-27

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see him with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalm 17:15

And I - in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Isaiah 26:19

But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

Daniel 12:2

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Ezekiel 37

Valley of dry bones that come to life

Matthew 22:30-32

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. About the resurrection of the dead - have you not read what God said to you, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

Luke 14:13-14

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

John 5:28

Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

John 6:39-40

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all the he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11:23

Jesus said to her [Martha], "Your brother will rise again."

Acts 4:2

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

Acts 17:18

They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

Acts 24:15

And I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

Acts 26:8

Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

Romans 6:5

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

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2 Corinthians 4:14

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Colossians 3:3

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about

baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Resurrection summary

- Was believed by the patriarchs
- Was revealed through the prophets

- Miracles of the dead restored to life are recorded in the OT
- Jesus Christ restored life to the dead
- Jesus predicted his own resurrection
- A resurrection of bodies followed the resurrection of Christ (Mt 27:52-53)
- The apostles raised the dead.
- Two resurrections are yet future, which are inclusive of "all who are in their graves" (Jn 5:28)
- These are distinguished as the "first resurrection," which is one of life, and a second resurrection, which is one of condemnation, i.e. judgment.
- They are separated by a period of 1000 years.
- The "first resurrection, that unto life, will occur at the second coming of Christ (1 Co 15:23), with the believers of the Church Age meeting Him in the air (1 Th 4:16-17), and the martyrs of the tribulation period being raised at the close of the tribulation, when Christ returns to earth to inaugurate the millennium.
- Old Testament believers will likewise share in the first resurrection.
- Some hold that these (OT) will be raised with the Church (1 Th 4:16-17; 1 Co 15:51-53), prior to the tribulation; others hold that it is more harmonious with the OT Scriptures to include the OT believers with those who rise after the tribulation (Rev 20:4-6) because both Isaiah and Daniel mention the resurrection of OT saints as taking place following a time of great trouble (Isa 26:16-21); Da 12:1-3).

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THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

John 3:29

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.

Romans 7:4

So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you [Bride of Christ] might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

2 Corinthians 11:2

I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Revelation 19:7

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'"

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WRATH OF GOD

Exodus 15:7

In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

Job 21:20

Let his own eyes see his destruction; let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

Psalms 78:49-50

He unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility - a band of destroying angels. He prepared a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death.

Psalms 106:23

So he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Romans 2:5-9

Because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done. To those who by persistence in doing

good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil.

Romans 9:22-24

What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath - prepared for destruction? What is he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory - even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

Revelation 6:16-17

They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Revelation 11:18

The nations were angry: and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great - for destroying those who destroy the earth.

Revelation 16:1

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

Revelation 19:11, 15

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war...Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

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TRIBULATION

The tribulation that is to occur at the end of this age will continue for seven years, the "one seven" (week) of Daniel 9:27. This seven-year period is divided, in the prophetic

writings into two equal halves of three and one-half years each. The length of the periods is also referred to as "a time, times and half a time" (Revelation 12:14; Daniel 7:25; Daniel 12:7); "42 months" (Revelation 11:2; 13:5) and 1260 days (Revelation 11:3; 12:6). (NIV Bible, pg 1591)

Psalm 2:5

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.

Isaiah 24:20

The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls - never to rise again.

Jeremiah 30:7

How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

Daniel 9:27

He will confirm a covenant with many for one "seven". In the middle of the "seven" he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Daniel 12:1-2

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:11

From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

Matthew 24:15

So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24: 21-22

For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now - and never to be equaled again. if those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Matthew 24:29-31

Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

2 Thessalonians 2:1, 4, 6-7

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him...Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come, until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God...For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

Note from my NIV Bible for "that day"

The order of events is this:

1. The working of the mystery of lawlessness under divine restraint
2. The removal of that which restrains the mystery of lawlessness (vv. 6-7) It will be when the restrainer is "taken out of the way" that the man of sin will be revealed; this will be when the Church is translated and the Spirit's restraining ministry through it will cease.
3. The manifestation of the lawless one.
4. The return of Christ to the earth in glory.

Revelation 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Revelation 7:14

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 8:2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets

Revelation 11:2

But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

Begin with the signing of the covenant (Daniel 9:27)

Involve the whole earth (Revelation 3:10)

Time of trouble for Jacob (Jeremiah 30:7)

Breaking of covenant with Jews (Daniel 9:27)

Beast demanding to be worshipped as God (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4)

Judgments (Revelation 8:2)

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TIMING/ORDER OF EVENTS IN REVELATION 19:1 to 20:6

- Rejoicing in heaven over destruction of the great prostitute
- Twenty-four elders and four living creatures fell down and worshiped God
- A great multitude worshiped God
- The wedding of the Lamb has come
- His bride has made herself ready
- Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear
- Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.
- Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb
- White horse whose rider is Faithful and True comes forth from heaven
- He judges and makes war.
- His name is the Word of God
- The armies of heaven were following him riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. (The vision is of the departure of Christ from heaven, with the saints and angels, preparatory to the catastrophe in which Gentile world power, headed up in the beast, is smitten by the rock "cut out, not by human hands.") (note pg 1605)
- He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.
- An angel calls to the birds to gather to eat the flesh of kings, generals, mighty men, horses, riders
- Beast and kings of earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.
- Beast and false prophet were captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire

- The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.
- An angel came down out of heaven with the keys to the Abyss, seized Satan and bound him for a thousand years
- John saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge
- John saw souls of those who had been beheaded, not worshiped the beast or his image, had not received the mark.
- They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years
- This is the first resurrection
- Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection.
- The second death has no power over them
- They will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years

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RESURRECTION-AT THE LAST DAY

John 6:39

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

John 6:40

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:44

No man can come to me, unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:65

He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

John 11:24

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 12:48

There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

1 Peter 1:3-5

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Note: Acts 2:17 (pg 1380) NIV Bible

When "last days" is used of the Church, the plural form ("days") should be distinguished from the singular ("day"). The "last day" (John 6:39, 40, 44, 54, 11:24) in this usage refers to the resurrection. In John 12:48 it is used of the time when unbelievers will be judged.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:10-12

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

Note: (pg 1570)

This refers to the close of the Day of the Lord at the end of the millennium, when the destruction of the heavens and the earth ends the Day of the Lord (Rev. 20:11, 21:1).

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RESURRECTION-AT CHRIST'S RETURN

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

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RESURRECTION-AT THE LAST TRUMPET

1 Corinthians 15:52

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

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RESURRECTION-CALLED FIRST RESURRECTION

Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended). This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Those who had been given authority to judge - surely must be resurrected believers. So they are already in heaven at the time of this resurrection of the tribulation believers who were beheaded.

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THE CHURCH IS NOT TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE
JUDICIAL WRATH AND JUDGMENTS OF THAT
TIME OF THE TRIBULATION

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Revelation 4:2-4

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four others thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2 Timothy 2:11-12

If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.

Revelation 5:1, 5, 6, 7; 6:1

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals...the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals...then I saw a Lamb...He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne...I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals.

John 5:24

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

1 Thessalonians 1:10

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Revelation 3:10

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

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SONS OF THE MOST HIGH

Luke 6:35-36

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Romans 8:14

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

2 Corinthians 6:18

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty.

Galatians 4:5

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba*, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Hebrews 2:12, 13

He [Jesus] says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

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HE WHO OVERCOMES

INHERIT THE EARTH

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” (Psalm 37:7, 9)

You have now “inherited the earth.” It is accomplished. Receiving the manifestation of what that means is a process which has now begun. You will see it come into being gradually as this process continues.

This means that through waiting on the Lord (resting) and trusting in Him, a process of “overcoming” has taken place - like spoken of in Revelation. You are to write down here the fruits or consequences of overcoming as mentioned in Revelation.

EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:2)

The fruit of the Spirit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Leaves = healing. I will use you for healing

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)

They get to “inherit the land” of the city of God.

NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH

He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Revelation 2:11b)

Saved eternally from the second death, from hell, and from the lake of fire.

HIDDEN MANNA, WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME

To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it. (Revelation 2:17)

Manna = Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6:49-51).

Hidden = only overcomers get to know this manna

You will become like what you eat from, what you look at, and what you behold.

Eat from the manna of Jesus and become like Him. Eat from the tree of life and take on its characteristics: the 12 fruit it bears monthly and the healing in its leaves. Jesus is Life, so eating from this tree gives you Him, His Life. The new name is what you will be - as I created you to be.

AUTHORITY, MORNING STAR

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. (Revelation 2:26-28)

I will give you authority in the kingdom because you are an overcomer, and I will give you understanding about that authority. The Morning Star is I, Myself. I give you Myself! And that Star is brightly shining - so you will shine brightly in My kingdom - you already do.

DRESSED IN WHITE, NAME IN BOOK OF LIFE, ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE FATHER AND ANGELS

“He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, and will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.” (Revelation 3:5)

PILLAR, GOD’S NAME ON ME, NAME OF CITY ON ME, JESUS’ NEW NAME ON ME

“Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God

and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.” (Revelation 3:12)

SIT WITH JESUS ON HIS THRONE

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)

And that's you. You have overcome much. You now have the right to sit with Me on My throne. This is to My delight and your delight. We will be so close, even on the same throne. My throne is large and expansive and will have many close to Me on My throne - and you are one of them. So rejoice with Me about this.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT - God's presence and power active in the lives of men. The third Person of the Trinity. He lives and works in the hearts and minds of believers. He came at Pentecost in a powerful way (Acts 2). Other names are: the Spirit, Counselor and Comforter.

Studying the Holy Spirit:

Matt 3:11	Jesus will baptize us with Holy Spirit and fire
Matt 3:16	Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove
Matt 4:1	Jesus led by Spirit into desert
Matt 10:20	You will be given what to say by the Spirit, speaking through you
Matt 12:18	Father put His Spirit on Jesus
Matt 12:28	Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit
Matt 12:31	Blasphemy against Spirit will not be forgiven
Matt 12:32	Anyone who speaks against Holy Spirit will not be forgiven
Matt 22:43	David spoke by the Spirit
Matt 28:19	Baptize in name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Luke 1:15	John Baptist filled with Holy Spirit even from birth
Luke 1:35	Holy Spirit came on Mary
Luke 1:41	Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit and spoke
Luke 1:67	Zechariah was filled with Holy Spirit and spoke
Luke 11:13	Father will give Holy Spirit to those who ask him

John 3:5	No one can enter kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit
John 3:6	The Spirit gives birth to spirit
John 3:34	God gives the Spirit without limit to Jesus
John 4:14	Spring of water welling up to eternal life (the indwelling Spirit)
John 7:39	Spirit not given til Jesus glorified
John 14:16	Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth
John 14:26	Holy Spirit will teach you all things/remind you of everything Jesus said to them.
John 15:26	Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus
John 16:7	Unless Jesus goes away, Holy Spirit will not come to them. If Jesus goes, He will send Holy Spirit to them
John 16:8	Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. He will speak only what He hears and will tell you what is yet to come
John 16:14	Holy Spirit will bring glory to Jesus
Acts 1:8	Holy Spirit is the power of service
Acts 2:2	Holy Spirit is Wind
Acts 2:3	Holy Spirit is Tongues of fire
Acts 2:4	Filled with Holy Spirit, spoke in other tongues
Acts 8:17	Sometimes Holy Spirit imparted by laying on hands
Acts 16:6-7	Holy Spirit guides members in their service
Eph 1:13	Holy Spirit seals us for God
Eph 4:30	Holy Spirit seals us for God
1 Cor 12:7-11	Holy Spirit imparts gifts for service

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SCRIPTURES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

2 Kings 2:9

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

Psalms 139:7

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Isaiah 11:1-3

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of

wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Joel 2:28

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.

Luke 3:21-22

Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Luke 11:13

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Luke 12:10

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

Luke 12:11-12

When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.

Luke 24:49

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

John 1:32-34

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:34

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

John 4:14

Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 7:37-39

[Jesus said] "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:26

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15:26

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:7

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:13-15

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

John 20:22

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4-5

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Romans 8:5-6

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:9

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:13

If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things; even the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

2 Corinthians 3:6

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 5:5

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose (that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life) and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:17-18

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:24

And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 4:2-3

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

1 John 4:13

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

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OUR BODIES FORMED BY GOD

Job 10:8-11 NLT

You formed me with your hands, you made me, yet now you completely destroy me. Remember that you made me from dust - will you turn me back to dust so soon? You guided my conception and formed me in the womb. You clothed me with skin and flesh, and you knit my bones and sinews together.

Job 14:15

You will call and I will answer you; you will long for the creature your hands have made.

Job 31:15

Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?

Job 34:18-19

Is he not the One who...does not favor the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of his hands?

Psalm 119:73

Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.

Psalm 138:8

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever - do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 139:13

You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:15-16 NLT

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Proverbs 22:2

Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.

Isaiah 29:16

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"?

Isaiah 43:6-7

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Isaiah 45:9

Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making?"

Isaiah 45:11-12

This is what the Lord says - the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands? It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it.

Isaiah 60:21

Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.

Isaiah 61:3

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Isaiah 64:8

**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.**

Malachi 2:10

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?

Romans 9:20-21

**But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed
say to him who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?" Does not
the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some
pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?**

Ephesians 2:10

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Ephesians 4:24

**You were taught...to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and
to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and
holiness.**

Hebrews 10:5

A body you prepared for me.

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KEEP WATCH

Habakkuk 2:1

**I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will
look to see what he will say to me and what answer I am to give to this
complaint.**

Matthew 24:36, 42

**No one knows about that day or the hour, not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.**

Matthew 24:44

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 25:1-10, 13

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise...but while they [foolish virgins] were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut...Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 26:40-41

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Mark 13:32-27

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"

Luke 12:35-40

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes...You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

1 Timothy 4:16

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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HIGHWAY/PATH/WAY

Psalm 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 23:3

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 27:11

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Psalm 85:13

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 4:26

Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.

Proverbs 15:19

The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.

Proverbs 15:24

The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to the grave [Sheol].

Proverbs 16:17

The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.

Isaiah 11:16

There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

Isaiah 19:23

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed by Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."

Isaiah 26:7-8

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you.

Isaiah 35:8-10

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there and the ransomed of the Lord will return.

Isaiah 40:3

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

Isaiah 42:16

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Luke 1:79

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him...to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

Luke 3:5

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Hebrews 10:19-20

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God.

Hebrews 12:13

Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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EVIL SPIRITS

A SPIRIT OF DIZZINESS

Isaiah 19:14

The Lord has poured into them [Egypt] a spirit of dizziness; they make Egypt stagger in all that she does.

A SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

1 John 4:3

Every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

A SPIRIT OF PREDICTION

Acts 16:16

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

A SPIRIT OF DEAF AND DUMBNESS

Mark 9:17-27

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid."

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him."

Jesus rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and dumb spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead," But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

A SPIRIT OF FEAR

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

A SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY

Numbers 5:14-15

And if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure - or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure - then he is to take his wife to the priest. He must also take an offering...it is a grain offering for jealousy, a reminder offering to draw attention to guilt.

A SPIRIT OF STUPOR

Romans 11:8

As it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears, so that they could not hear, to this very day."

A LYING SPIRIT

1 Kings 22:19-22

Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'

"One suggested this and another that. Finally a spirit came forward, stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.'

" 'By what means?' the Lord asked.

" 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said.

" 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the Lord. 'Go and do it.' "

JESUS HEALING THOSE WITH EVIL SPIRITS

Matthew 4:24

News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.

Matthew 8:16

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

Matthew 8:28-32

When he arrived at the other side of the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water.

Matthew 9:32

While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven

out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Matthew 10:1

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Matthew 12:22

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.

Matthew 12:43, 45

Jesus answered, "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, "I will return to the house I left." When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

Mark 1:23

A man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God."

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 1:32

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Mark 5:3-5

When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!" For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

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STARS/HEAVENS

MORNING STAR

Morning star - To the believer who overcomes, Christ promises to give "the morning star" (Revelation 22:28) apparently symbolic of eternal life in heaven, and perhaps of Christ himself.

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**Job 38:4, 7**

**Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?**

**2 Peter 1:19**

**We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

**Revelation 2:26-28**

**To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations - "He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery" - just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.**

**Rev. 22:16**

**I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.**

## STARS

### **Genesis 1:14-16**

**And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth. And it was so. God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.**

### **Genesis 15:5**

**He [God] took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."**

### **Deuteronomy 1:10**

**The Lord your God has increased your numbers so that today you are as many as the stars in the sky.**

### **Judges 5:20**

**From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera.**

### **Psalms 8:3**

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?**

### **Psalms 136:4-9**

**To him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights - the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.**

### **Psalms 147:4**

**He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

### **Isaiah 40:26**

**Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

### **Daniel 8:10**



**It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.**

**Daniel 12:3**

**Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.**

**Matthew 2:2**

**Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.**

**1 Corinthians 15:41**

**The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another, and star differs from star in splendor.**

**Rev. 1:16, 20**

**In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance...the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

**Revelation 8:12**

**The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.**

**Revelation 12:1**

**A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.**

## STARS ARE

- Objects of God's creation (Genesis 1:14-19)
- Signaling transcendence (Job 22:12)
- Evidence of God's artistry (Psalm 8:3)
- Cheerful at creation (Job 38:7)
- Shining stars (Psalm 148:3)
- Images of glory (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- Seem to be wanderers in space (Jude 13)
- Have names given by God (Psalm 147:4)
- Can be symbols of people (Daniel 12:3; Philippians 2:15)

- Actors in God's cosmic drama of the end of history (Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10; Matthew 24:29)
- Angels of the seven churches (Revelation 1:20)
- Israel is identified as woman with twelve stars (Revelation 12:1)
- Christ - as morning star (2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16)
- *The* star of the Bible that led the wise men (Matthew 2:2, 7, 9-10)
- Held in Christ's hand (Revelation 1:16; 2:1)
- Given as "the morning star" to believers who overcome (Revelation 2:28)

Stars in the Bible are images of mystery. At a literal level they demonstrate God's awe-inspiring creativity and providence. In symbolic uses they appear in apocalyptic visions of impending cosmic events that we can barely imagine, and they represent such transcendent beings as saints in eternal glory and the resplendent ascended Christ. (From *Dictionary Of Biblical Imagery*, p 813-814)

#### REFERRING TO SATAN

##### **Isaiah 14:12**

**How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."**

##### **Ezekiel 28:12-19**

**This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "You were the model of perfection...You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you...you sinned...and I expelled you, O guardian cherub...your heart became proud...you corrupted your wisdom...So I threw you to the earth. You have come to a horrible end and will be no more."**

##### **Daniel 8:10**

**It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the commander of the army of the Lord.**

##### **Luke 10:18**

**He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."**

##### **John 12:31**

**Jesus said, "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out."**

**Revelation 8:10**

**The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water - the name of the star is Wormwood [bitterness].**

**Revelation 12:7-9**

**And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**

**Revelation 20:10**

**And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

**THE STARS AND HEAVENS DURING JUDGMENT**

**Psalms 102:25-28**

**In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.**

**Isaiah 13:13**

**Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.**

**Isaiah 34:4**

**All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll, all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.**

**Isaiah 51:6**

**Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies.**

**Ezekiel 32:7-8**

**When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over your land, declares the Sovereign Lord.**

**Joel 2:30-31**

**I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**

**Joel 3:15-16**

**The sun and moon will be darkened and the stars no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble.**

**Amos 8:9**

**"In that day," declares the Sovereign Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight."**

**Haggai 2:6-7**

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations.**

**Matthew 24:29**

**Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."**

**Matthew 24:35**

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.**

**2 Peter 3:7**

**Long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.**

**2 Peter 3: 10-12**

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.**

**Revelation 6:12-14**

**I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.**

**Revelation 20:11**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.**

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THE END OF THE AGE  
TIME OF THE END  
THE LAST DAYS

**Jeremiah 30:7**

**How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.**

**Daniel 7:25**

**He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.**

**Daniel 8:15, 19**

**While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man...He said, "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end."**

**Daniel 9:26**

**After the sixty-two sevens, the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood. War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.**

**Daniel 11:35**

**Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.**

**Daniel 11:40**

**At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships.**

**Daniel 12:1**

**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.**

**Daniel 12:4**

**But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.**

**Daniel 12:9-10**

**He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.**

**Habakkuk 2:3**

**For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**

**Matthew 13:39-40**

**The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.**

**Matthew 24:3**

**As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"**

**Matthew 24:6**

**You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

**Matthew 24:14**

**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**

**Matthew 24:21**

**For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now - and never to be equaled again. if those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.**

**Matthew 25:10, 13**

**But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut...Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**

**John 6:39**

**And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**John 6:54**

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**John 12 48**

**There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.**

**Acts 2.17**

**In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.**

**2 Timothy 3:1**

**But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.**

**Hebrews 9:26**

**But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

**1 Peter 4:7**

**The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.**

**2 Peter 3:3-5**

**First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.**

**1 John 2:18**

**Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.**

**Jude 17-18**

**But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."**

**Revelation 1:3**

**Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**

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MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST, AND THE  
LAST FIRST

**Matthew 19:29, 30**

**And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.**

**Matthew 20:8, 14, 16**

**Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first...I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you...So the last will be first, and the first will be last.**

**Mark 10:31**

**But many who are first will be last, and the last first.**



**Luke 13:29-30**

**People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.**

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The Lord wanted me to put at the end of this book a message that tells you how to receive salvation through Jesus Christ. So I chose to copy here the material from Good News Tracts at [www.goodnewstracts.org](http://www.goodnewstracts.org))

IS THERE A WAY TO BE SAVED?

Perhaps one of the most commonly referenced verses in the Bible is John 3:16, in which Jesus says, **"For God so love the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).**

John's gospel is crucial to learning more about Jesus and discovering what it means to become a Christian. His purpose in writing this book of the Bible is to evidence that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. By believing in Jesus and trusting in the salvation from our sin that he offers, people can gain eternal life.

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED?

Jesus said, **"Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (John 8:34).** If we are honest with ourselves, we cannot deny that from the moment of our birth we have done wrong things - things that make us guilty before God and deserving of his judgment. The Bible calls these wrong things sin, and sin separates us from God. And because we are separated from God, we face the awful prospect of his eternal wrath (John 3:36). **"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him" (John 3:36).**

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Can anyone save us from God's wrath and assure us of heaven? Some people believe that they can get into heaven by doing good works, or by following the teachings of a religion, or even by giving money to churches or charities. But Jesus clearly said that none of these things would save us: **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).** No human effort can give us eternal life.

In fact, the only "work" that can save us is the "work" of believing in what Jesus has done to accomplish our salvation: **"This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (John 6:29).** And to those who so believe, the promise of God stands firm: **"To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).**

### HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

John the Baptist, a biblical prophet, calls Jesus the **"Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).** Jesus explains that our salvation comes through his death on the cross as the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for our sin. **"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him, may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15).**

When reading the Gospel of John, for example, you'll notice that chapters 18-19 describe Jesus' death and then chapter 20 tells of his glorious triumph over death as he rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection means that he can give eternal life to all who believe in him: **"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).**

### DO YOU BELIEVE?

John 11:26 ends with Jesus asking, **"Do you believe this?"** It is a question that every person must answer: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Do you believe that he died on the cross to free you from guilt and judgment of sin? Do you believe that he rose from the grave, breaking the power of death and making a way for you to have eternal life in heaven?

If you believe that these things are true, then you may want to express your faith in him by praying the prayer:

*Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is your Son, and that he died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that he rose again to life, and that he invites me to live forever with him in heaven as part of your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask you to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors you. Amen.*

### GROWING IN CHRIST

Once you have received the gift of eternal life, you will want to grow in your knowledge of Christ and your obedience to him. Jesus' teaching about how to live for God can be summed up in three simple instructions:

**Read the Bible.** Jesus said, "**Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me**" (John 14:21). One way to show our love for God is to read and live out the commands set forth in the Bible, God's holy Word. Read the Bible daily to learn how to live a life that honors God and gives testimony to others that Jesus has made a difference in your life.

**Pray.** Communication with God through prayer keeps your focus on eternal things. If you are truly following Jesus, your desires will be for God's glory and for his kingdom, the church. Jesus promised, "**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you**" (John 15:7).

**Seek Christian fellowship.** Meeting regularly with Christian brothers and sisters allows you to follow Jesus' example of love and to fulfill his command to "**Love one another...just as I have love you**" (John 13:34). Just as Jesus surrounded himself daily with his disciples and followers, find a Bible believing church where you can meet with other Christians. There you will find joy and encouragement in the fellowship of God's people.

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