## THE BEGINNING OF BIRTH PAINS







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### INTRODUCTION

xperience in the human realm tells us that, once birth pains begin, they will then continue to become more intense, and will occur with increasing frequency - until birth inevitably follows. obviously, this is exactly what Jesus christ intended to convey regarding the 'end times' when he said of his prophetic utterances to the disciples (and also to us), "all these are the beginning of birth pains". ultimately, his return to Judge and rule the world is the 'birth' to which he refers! as to the 'context', we get this from the three synoptic gospels of matthew, mark and luke.

hen Jesus went out and departed from the temple (in Jerusalem), and his disciples came up to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "do you not see all these things? assuredly, i say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (occurred ad 70) now as he sat on the mount of olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "tell us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" (matchew

hen as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" and Jesus answered and said to him, "do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Now as he sat on the mount of olives opposite the temple, peter, James, John, and andrew asked him privately, "tell us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" (MARK 13, 1 – 4)

hen, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and bonations, he said, "these things which you see - the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." so they asked him, saying, "teacher, but when will these things be? and what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?" (Luke 21, 5 - 7)

### the 'timing' of events

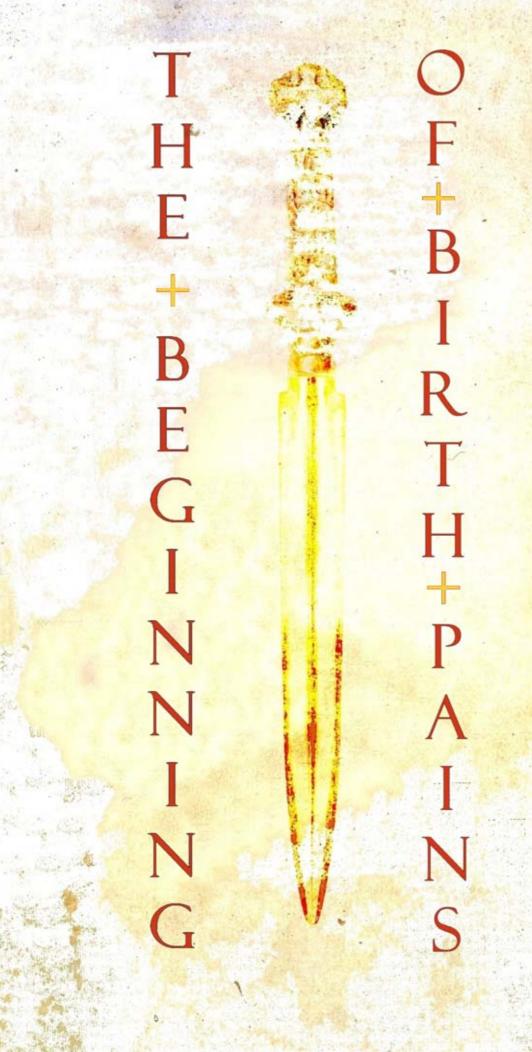
he synoptic gospels record Jesus Being asked two questions, namely, 'when will these things be?' and 'what will be the sign of your return?' (the present 'church age' was not poreseen in the hebrew old testament). Regarding the pormer, we must consult the three gospels of matchew, mark and luke to obtain the reply given by Jesus.

UT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR NO ONE KNOWS, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, BUT MY FATHER ONLY. BUT AS THE DAYS OF NOAH were, so also will the coming of the son of MAN BE. FOR AS IN THE DAYS BEFORE THE FLOOD, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that noah entered the ark, and did not know until the FLOOD CAME AND TOOK THEM ALL AWAY, SO ALSO WILL the coming of the son of man be. Watch therefore, for you to not know what hour your lord is coming. But know this, that if the MASTER OF The house had known what hour the thier would come, he would have watched and NOT ALLOWED his house to be broken into. therefore you also be ready, for the son of MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT."

(MATTHEW 24, 36 - 45)

LIT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR NO ONE KNOWS, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN, NOR THE SON (IN his incarnation), But only the FATHER. TAKE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY; FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME IS. IT IS LIKE A MAN GOING TO A FAR COUNTRY, WHO LEFT HIS HOUSE AND GAVE AUTHORITY TO HIS SERVANTS, AND TO EACH HIS WORK, AND COMMANDED THE DOORKEEPER TO WATCH. WATCH THEREPORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS COMING - IN THE EVENING, AT MIDNIGHT, AT THE CROWING OF THE COCK, OR IN THE MORNING - LEST, COMING SUDDENLY, HE FIND YOU SLEEPING. AND WHAT I SAY TO YOU, I SAY TO ALL: WATCH!" (MARK 13, 32 - 37)

ssuredly, i say to you, this generation alive at the time) will by no means pass away till all things take place. heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away, but take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the son of man." (Luke 21, 32 - 36)



together, they asked him, saying, "lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to israel?" and he said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the father has put in his own authority. But you shall receive power when the holy spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and samaria, and to the end of the earth." (this would be the 'age' in which christ would 'build his church' and gather all his saints from all nations, tribes, tongues and peoples.)

ow when he had spoken these things, while they watched, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "men of galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? this same lesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw him go into heaven."

hen they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's Journey. (ACTS 1, 6'-12)

### The signs of his return to earth

"TAKE heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'i am the christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

OR NATION WILL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM. AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES, pestilences, and earthquakes in Various places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

hen they will beliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and beceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end (of this present evil age) will come." (Matthew 24, 4 - 14)

"TAKE heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'i am he,' and will deceive many. But when you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.

OR NATION WILL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM. AND THERE WILL BE EARTHQUAKES IN VARIOUS PLACES, AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES AND TROUBLES. THESE ARE THE BEGINNINGS OF SORROWS. BUT WATCH OUT FOR YOURSELVES, FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU UP TO COUNCILS, AND YOU WILL BE BEATEN IN THE SYNAGOGUES. YOU WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE RULERS AND KINGS FOR MY SAKE, FOR A TESTIMONY TO THEM. AND THE GOSPEL MUST FIRST BE PREACHED TO ALL THE NATIONS.

Dut when they arrest you and beliver you up, bo not worky beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak but whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the holy spirit. Now brother will betray brother to beath, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to beath. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." (Mark

No he said: "Take heed that you not be beceived. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he," and, "the time has drawn near." Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

hen he said to them, "Nation will rise against Nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be pearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

ou will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to beath. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls." (Luke 21, 8 - 19)

## INTERMEDIATE SUMMARY

A TIME OF FALSE RELIGIONS AND EXTREME BIGOTRY AND PERSECUTION OF BELIEVERS IS APPROACHING. OF COURSE, SOME OF THINGS HE DESCRIBED ARE HISTORICAL, They happened to the Disciples in the First Century, and to the Many Christian Martyrs who have Laid down their lives rather than deny Jesus Christ as Lord.

OF SPIRITUAL CONFUSION, IGNORANCE AND DARKNESS

- ALONG WITH UNBELIEF AND MORAL DECAY. THOSE
Who BELIEVE IN CHRIST ALONE, FOR GOD'S SALVATION
BY GRACE ALONE, THROUGH FAITH IN THE SAVIOUR'S
REDEMPTIVE DEATH ALONE ARE NOT ALL THAT
'WELCOME' IN THE LIBERAL SOCIETY NOW BEING
DEVISED AND 'ORDAINED' BY MODERN MAN!

CCORDING TO JESUS, humanity's wars and violent confrontations will increase beyond what is 'normal' for a fallen world. Food shortages and disease will escalate due to our activities - however it seems there may also be increasingly extreme 'natural catastrophes' such as great earthquakes and celestial phenomena out of our control.





### the abomination of desolation

he penultimate, stage of 'birth pains' appears to be inextricably connected to this event. Jesus himself refers to it from the book of daniel. The apostles peter, John and paul all make reference to it or its consequences.

pparently, a man will take the 'world stage', and in the midst of global unrest and turmoil will come to power and be hailed as a saviour and beliverer. scripture refers to him as the antichrist who, with his cohort the false prophet, will exert worldwide power for 7 years - because god told daniel it would be so!

esus sweeps us seamlessly across the centuries from the time of the prophet daniel (about 700 bc) to the (future) time when antichrist sets himself up above the most high - when god will release days of vengeance upon the earth in three and a half years of distress upon the nations, the earth and the cosmos. And then to the moment of his return as Judge and king!

ANIEL WAS GIVEN VARIOUS PROPHETIC VISIONS BY GOD (ABOUT 700 YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST), AMONG THEM:

eventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy, know therefore and understand, that FROM THE GOING FORTH OF THE COMMAND TO restore and build lerusalem until messiah the prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-TWO WEEKS (These are 'weeks' of 7 years each); the street shall be built again, and the wall, EVEN IN TROUBLESOME TIMES. AND AFTER THE SIXTY-TWO WEEKS (A TOTAL OF 434 YEARS) MESSIAH SHALL be cut off (killed), but not for himself (for the sins of humanity); and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the SANCTUARY. THE END OF IT Shall BE WITH A FLOOD, and till the end of the war desolations are DETERMINED. Then he (ANTICHRIST) Shall confirm A COVENANT WITH MANY FOR ONE WEEK; BUT IN THE middle of the week he shall bring an end to SACRIFICE AND OFFERING. AND ON THE WING OF ABOMINATIONS SHALL BE ONE WHO MAKES DESOLATE. UNTIL the CONSUMMATION. which betermined, is poured out on the besolate."

(DANIEL 9, 24 - 27)

nd forces shall be mustered by him, and chey shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily SACRIFICES, AND PLACE There The Abomination of Desolation (perhaps an image of himself in the TEMPLE OF GOD). Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their god shall be STRONG, AND CARRY OUT GREAT EXPLOITS. AND those of the people who understand shall INSTRUCT MANY; YET FOR MANY DAYS THEY SHALL FALL BY SWORD AND FLAME, BY CAPTIVITY AND plundering, now when they fall, they shall be Aided with a little help; but many shall loin with them by intrigue. And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the Time of the end; because it is still for the Appointed time.

hen the king shall oo according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the god of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been betermined shall be done. he shall regard neither the god of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all." (Daniel 11, 31 - 37)

hen i heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time (three and a half years); and when the power of the holy people (israel) has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

No he said, "Go your way, daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days."

(DANIEL 12, 1 - 11)

herefore when you see the 'abomination of besolation,' spoken of by daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the sabbath.

OR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Then if anyone says to you, 'look, here is the christ!' or 'there!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, i have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, 'look, he is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'look, he is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it." (Matthew 24, 15)

o when you see the 'abomination of besolation,' spoken of by daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (Let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

OR *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which god created until this time, nor ever shall be. and unless the lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

hen if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the christ!' or, 'Look, he is there!' do not believe it. for false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, i have told you all things beforehand." (MARK 13,

by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the are in the country enter her.

OR These are the days of Vengeance, That all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! for there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by gentiles until the times of the gentiles are fulfilled. (Luke 21, 20 ~ 24)

Brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep (tied), lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if (since) we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so god will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

OR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMPET OF GOD. AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. THEN WE WHO ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND THUS WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.

Brethren, you have no need that i should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "peace and safety!" then subben bestruction comes upon them, as Labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

herefore let us not sleep, as others bo, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For god did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. (i thessalonians, 4 & 5)

et no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdicion, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called god or that is worshipped, so that he sits as god in the temple of god, showing himself that he is god.

NO NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS RESTRAINING, THAT HE MAY BE REVEALED IN his OWN TIME. FOR THE mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will to so until he is taken out of the way, and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the lord will consume with the breath of his mouth and descroy with the brightness of his coming. The coming of the Lawless one is according to the working of satan, with all power, signs, and Lying wonders, and with all unrighteous beception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, That they might be saved, and for this reason god will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but in unrighteousness. had pleasure

UT KNOW This, That in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be LOVERS OF THEMSELVES, LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO unthankful, unholy, PARENTS. UNLOVING. unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, BRUTAL, DESPISERS OF GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADSTRONG, baughty, lovers of pleasure rather than LOVERS OF GOD, hAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT denying its power, and from such people turn AWAY! FOR OF This SORT ARE THOSE WHO CREED into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by VARIOUS LUSTS, ALWAYS LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH. (ii Timothy 3, 1 - 7)

eloved, i now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which i stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the lord and saviour, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

OR This They Wilfully Forget: That by the word of god the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water, but the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of Judgement and perdition of ungodly men, but, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, the lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The night, in which the beavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. therefore, since all these things will be bissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of god, because of which the heavens will be bissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (ii peter, 3, 1 - 13)

or as the lightning comes from the east and plashes to the west, so also will the coming of the son of man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

hen the sign of the son of man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (god's spekinah). And he will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other, so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near - at the boors! assuredly, i say to you, this generation (alive at the time) will by no means pass away till all these things take place, heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away." (Matthew 24, 27 - 35)

ut in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send his angels, and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

ow learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near - at the doors! assuredly, i say to you, this generation (alive at the time) will by no means pass away till all these things take place. beaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away." (MARK 13, 24 - 31)

MOON, AND IN THE STARS; AND ON THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WITH PERPLEXITY, THE SEA AND THE WAVES ROARING; MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FROM FEAR AND THE EXPECTATION OF THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE COMING ON THE EARTH, FOR THE POWERS OF HEAVEN WILL BE SHAKEN.

Then they will see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption braws near."

hen he spoke to them a parable: "look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. so you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of god is near." (Luke 21, 25 - 32)

plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

hen the lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no Justice. He saw that there was no Man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his own arm brought salvation for him; and his own righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak according to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; the coastlands he will fully repay.

O Shall they fear the name of the lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the lord will lift up a standard AGAINST him. "The REDEEMER WILL COME TO ZION, AND TO THOSE WHO TURN FROM TRANSGRESSION IN JACOB," SAYS THE LORD. "AS FOR ME," SAYS THE LORD, "This is my covenant with them: my spirit who is upon you, and my words which i have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your FROM the Mouth. NOR Mouth OF your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the lord, "FROM This Time AND FOREVERMORE."

Rise, shine; for your light has come! and the glory of the lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the lord will arise over you, and his glory will be seen upon you. The gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (isaiah 59 & 60,)

low the trumpet in zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the lord is coming, for it is at hand: a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.

people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations. A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; the land is like the garden of eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. With a noise like chariots over mountaintops they leap, like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array.

Depore them the people writhe in pain; all faces Vare brained of colour, they run like mighty Men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they bo NOT BREAK RANKS. They do NOT push one ANOTHER; EVERY ONE MARCHES IN his OWN COLUMN. though they lunge between the weapons, they ARE NOT CUT DOWN. They RUN TO AND FRO IN The city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief. the earth quakes before them, the heavens TREMBLE: The SUN AND MOON GROW DARK, AND THE STARS DIMINISH Their BRIGHTNESS. The LORD GIVES voice before his army, for his camp is very GREAT: FOR STRONG is the one who executes his word, for the day of the lord is great and very terrible: who can endure it? "now. therefore," says the lord, "turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning," (Joel 2, 1 - 12)

and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the lord shall be saved.

OR IN MOUNT ZION AND IN JERUSALEM THERE SHALL BE DELIVERANCE, AS THE LORD HAS SAID, AMONG THE REMNANT WHOM THE LORD CALLS. FOR BEHOLD, IN THOSE DAYS AND AT THAT TIME, WHEN I BRING BACK THE CAPTIVES OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM, I WILL ALSO GATHER ALL NATIONS, AND BRING THEM DOWN TO THE VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT; AND I WILL ENTER INTO JUDGEMENT WITH THEM THERE ON ACCOUNT OF MY PEOPLE, MY HERITAGE ISRAEL, WHOM THEY HAVE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS; THEY HAVE ALSO DIVIDED UP MY LAND.

ROCLAIM This AMONG THE NATIONS: "PREPARE FOR WAR! WAKE UP THE MIGHTY MEN, LET ALL THE MEN OF WAR DRAW NEAR, LET THEM COME UP. BEAT your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "i AM STRONG." ASSEMBLE AND COME, ALL YOU NATIONS, AND GATHER TOGETHER ALL AROUND. CAUSE your mighty ones to go down there, o lord. "LET The NATIONS BE WAKENED, AND COME UP TO the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there i will sit to Judge all the surrounding nations. put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe, come, go bown; for the winepress is full, the vats OVERFLOW - FOR Their Wickedness is GREAT." multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of the Lord is near in the VALLEY OF DECISION.

he sun and moon will grow dark, and the STARS WILL DIMINISH THEIR BRIGHTNESS. THE LORD also will roar from zion, and utter his voice FROM JERUSALEM; The beavens and earth will shake; but the lord will be a shelter for his people, and the strength of the children of israel. "so you shall know that i am the lord your god, dwelling in zion my holy mountain. then lerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again." (Joel 2 & 3)

ehold, the day of the lord is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. for i will gather all the nations to BATTLE AGAINST JERUSALEM; THE CITY SHALL BE taken, the houses rigled, and the women ravished, half of the city shall go into CAPTIVITY, BUT THE REMNANT OF THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF FROM THE CITY. THEN THE LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle, and in that DAY his feet will stand on the mount of olives. which faces Jerusalem on the east, and the MOUNT OF OLIVES SHALL BE SPLIT IN TWO, FROM east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee through my mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to azal.

es, you shall plee as you pled from the earthquake in the days of uzziah king of Judah. Thus the lord my god will come, and all the saints with you. It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the lord - neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall bappen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall plow from Jerusalem, halp of them toward the eastern sea and halp of them

TOWARD THE WESTERN SEA; IN BOTH SUMMER AND

WINTER IT Shall occur.

NO THE LORD SHALL BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH. IN that day it shall be - "the lord is one," and his NAME ONE. ALL THE LAND SHALL BE TURNED INTO A plain from geba to rimmon south of Jerusalem. JERUSALEM SHALL BE RAISED UP AND INHABITED IN her place from benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate and the corner gate, and from of hananeel the TOWER ての Winepresses. The people shall dwell in it; and no longer shall there be utter destruction, BUT JERUSALEM shall be sapely inhabited. (Zechariah 14, 1 - II)

OD, Who AT VARIOUS TIMES AND IN VARIOUS WAYS SPOKE IN TIME PAST TO THE FATHERS by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom Also he made the worlds: who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high, having become so much the angels, as he Than has BETTER inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

OR TO Which OF The Angels bib he ever say: "you are my son, today i have begotten you"? And again: "i will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? But when he again brings the firstborn into the world, he says: "let all the angels of god worship him." And of the angels he says: "who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a plame of fire." But to the son he says: "your throne, o god, is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore god, your god, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."

NO: "you, lord, in the beginning laid the poundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has he ever said: "sit at my right hand, till i make your enemies your pootstool"? (hebrews 1, 1 - 13)

od, who made the world and everything in it, since he is lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, and he has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their twellings, so that they should seek the lord, in the hope that they might grope for him and FIND him, though he is not far from each one of us; for in him we live and move and have our being, truly, these times of ignorance god overlooked, but now commands all everywhere to repent, because appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained, he has given assurance of this to ALL BY RAISING him FROM The DEAD." (ACTS 17, 24 -

## the revelation of Jesus christ

he revelation of Jesus Christ, which got gave him to show his servants - things which must shortly take place. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Behold, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, even they who pierced him. and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. even so, amen. "i am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end," says the lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

John, both your brother, and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus christ, was on the island that is called patmos for the word of god and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead, but he laid his right hand on me, saying to me, "do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, I am he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this." (revelation 1, 1 - 19)

AND TEN borns, AND ON his borns ten crowns, and on his beads a blasphemous name. The bragon (satan) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

NO I SAW ONE OF his heads as if it had been MORTALLY WOUNDED, AND his DEADLY WOUND WAS bealed, and all the world marvelled and rollowed the beast, so they worshipped the DRAGON Who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, "who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" and he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given Authority to continue for forty-two months. then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against god, to blaspheme his name, his tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven, it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to OVERCOME THEM. AND AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN HIM over every tribe, tongue, and nation, all who twell on the earth will worship him, whose NAMES have not been written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

hen i saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon (the false prophet). And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

e performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

e was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (revelation 13, 1 - 17)

hen i saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-saying with a loud voice, "fear god and give glory to him, for the hour of his Judgement has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

NO ANOTHER ANGEL POLLOWED, SAYING, "BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, THAT GREAT CITY, BECAUSE SHE has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "if anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of god, which is poured out full strength into the cup of his indignation. he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the lamb.

hen i heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "write: 'blessed *are* the dead who die in the lord from now on." "yes," says the spirit, "that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them." (revelation 14, 6 - 13)

ben one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "come, i will show you the Judgement of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

o he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness. And i saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marvelled with Great amazement.

the 'reviveo roman empire'?) who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the lamb, and the lamb will overcome them, for he is lord of lords and king of kings; and those who are with him are called, chosen, and faithful."

hen he said to me, "the waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her plesh and burn her with fire. For god has put it into their hearts to fulfil his purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of god are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

FTER These things i saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

No he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great (a place – and the world's pinal social, economic, scientific, political and religious system) is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every poul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! for all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed pornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

NO I heard another voice from heaven saying, "come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. for her sins have reached to heaven, and god has remembered her iniquities, render to her Just as she rendered to you, and repay her bouble according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her, in the measure that she glorified herself and lived Luxuriously, in the same measure give her TORMENT AND SORROW; FOR she says in her heart, 'i sit *as* queen, and am <mark>no</mark> widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day - death and mourning and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the lord god who ludges her.

The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'alas, alas, that great city babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour your Judgement has come.'

MOURN OVER HER, FOR NO ONE BUYS THEIR MERCHANDISE ANYMORE: MERCHANDISE OF GOLD AND SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES AND PEARLS, FINE LINEN AND PURPLE, SILK AND SCARLET, EVERY KIND OF CITRON WOOD, EVERY KIND OF OBJECT OF IVORY, EVERY KIND OF OBJECT OF MOST PRECIOUS WOOD, BRONZE, IRON, AND MARBLE; AND CINNAMON AND INCENSE, FRAGRANT OIL AND FRANKINCENSE, WINE AND OIL, FINE FLOUR AND WHEAT, CATTLE AND SHEEP, HORSES AND CHARIOTS, AND BODIES AND SOULS OF MEN.

he fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all." (revelation 17 & 18)

eloice over her, o heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for god has avenged you on her!" then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "thus with violence the great city babylon shall be thrown bown, and shall not be found anymore.

he sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore, for your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were beceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

FTER THESE THINGS I HEARD A LOUD VOICE OF A GREAT MULTITUDE IN HEAVEN, SAYING, "ALLELUIA! SALVATION AND GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER BELONG TO THE LORD OUR GOD!

OR TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE his JUDGEMENTS, BECAUSE HE HAS JUDGED THE GREAT HARLOT WHO CORRUPTED THE EARTH WITH HER FORNICATION; AND HE HAS AVENGED ON HER THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS SHED BY HER." AGAIN THEY SAID, "ALLELUIA! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER!" AND THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS AND THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED GOD WHO SAT ON THE THRONE, SAYING, "AMEN! ALLELUIA!"

hen a voice came from the throne, saying, "praise our god, all you his servants and those who fear him, both small and great!" and i heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "alleluia! for the lord god omnipotent reigns!" (revelation 18 & 19)

ow i saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on him was called faithful and true, and in righteousness he Judges and makes war. his eyes were like a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. he had a name written that no one knew except himself.

le was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed him on white horses. Now out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. And he himself will rule them with a rod of iron, he himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty god. And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

No i saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse and against his army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he beceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image.

hese two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

(REVELATION 19, 11 - 21)

hen i saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. he laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

NO I SAW THRONES, AND THEY SAT ON THEM, AND JUDGEMENT WAS COMMITTED TO THEM. THEN I SAW the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of god, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with christ for a thousand years. but the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. this is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection, over such the second death (eternal separation FROM GOD) has no power, but they shall be priests of god and of christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

ow when the thousand years have expired, satan will be released from his prison and will go out to beceive the nations which are in the pour corners of the earth, gog and magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city (Jerusalem). And fire came down from god out of heaven and devoured them.

ben i saw a great white throne and him who LSAT ON IT, FROM Whose FACE the EARTH AND THE heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them, and i saw the bead, small and great, standing before god, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life. AND the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and hades delivered up the dead who were in them. and they were ludged, each one according to his works. Then death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death (eternal separation from god), and anyone not FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST into the lake of fire. (revelation 20, 1 - 15)

hen i, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from god, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And i heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "behold, the tabernacle of god is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them and be their god. And god will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

hen he who sat on the throne said, "behold, i make all things new." And he said to me, "write, for these words are true and faithful." And he said to me, "it is done! i am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. i will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. he who overcomes shall inherit all things, and i will be his god and he shall be my son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second beath."

(REVELATION 21, 2 - 8)

The not there shall be no more curse, but the chrone of god and of the lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him. They shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the lord god gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

hen he said to me, "these words are faithful and true." And the lord god of the holy prophets sent his angel to show his servants the things which must shortly take place. "Behold, i am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

ow i, John, saw and heard these things. And when i heard and saw, i fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "see that you do not do that for i am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book worship god." And he said to me, "do not seal the words of this book, for the time is at hand.

I e who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." "And behold, i am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every one according to his work i am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

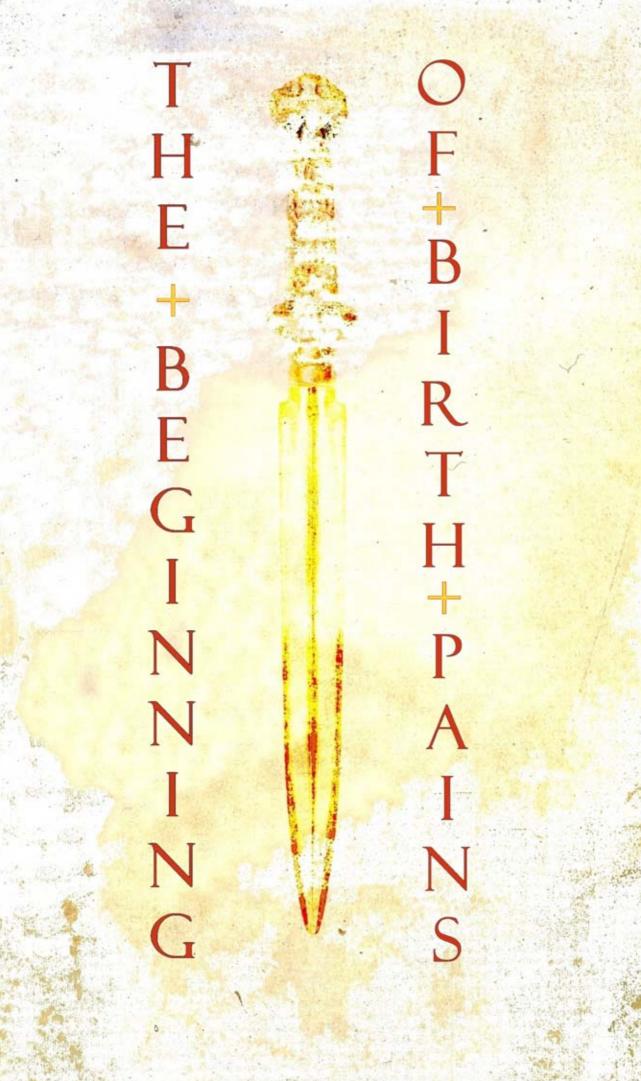
Lessed ARE Those who bo his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside ARE bogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practises a lie. "i, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. i am the root and the offspring of bavid, the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22, 3 - 16)

or i testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, god will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, god shall take away his part from the book of life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22, 18 & 19)

## he who testifies to these things says, "surely i am coming quickly." AMEN.

the mouth of all his prophets, that the christ would suffer, he has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the lord, and that he may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which god has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

OR MOSES TRULY SAID TO THE FATHERS, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR IN ALL THINGS, WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU. AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY SOUL WHO WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.' YES, AND ALL THE PROPHETS, FROM SAMUEL AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW, AS MANY AS HAVE SPOKEN, HAVE ALSO FORETOLD THESE DAYS."









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