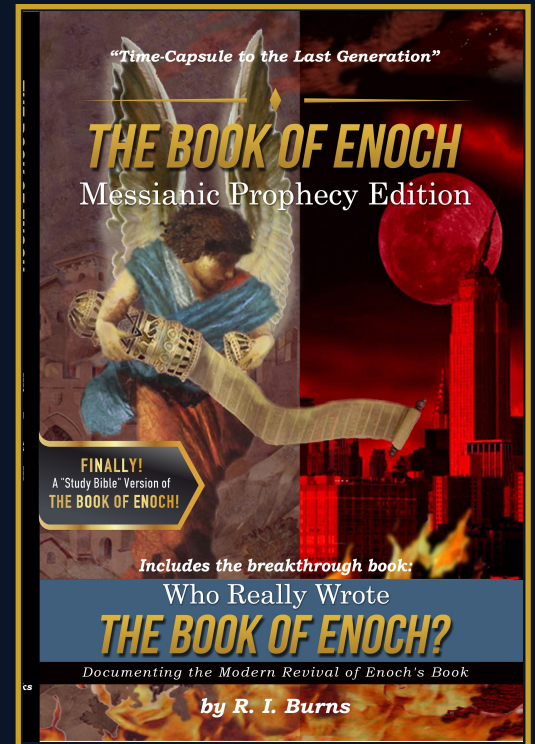


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The Epistle of Enoch

From the Book of Enoch itself (Enoch 91–108)

Enoch's final passionate sermons and the Prophecy of Weeks — one of the most powerful and accessible sections of the entire book. Includes the famous declaration "The Spirit is poured out upon me!" and the prophecy of the Righteous One rising from sleep.



THE BOOK OF ENOCH

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Introduction to the Epistle of Enoch

Title ~ Chapters 91-108 of the *Book of Enoch*, is the section commonly referred to as “*The Letter of Enoch*”, or, “*The Epistle of Enoch*”. Unlike the previous four sections of the *Book of Enoch*, the focus of this section is not primarily upon visions Enoch has received. Instead, the book’s passionate sermons flow as from the heart of the man of whom the Bible says, he spent his life walking with God.

Authorship ~ In 91:1, the claim is made that this section is being given by the biblical Enoch to his son Methuselah. Chapters 106 and 107, may have been written by Methuselah, since they take place after Enoch’s translation. Unlike the previous four sections, the contents of the *Epistle of Enoch*, were originally given orally by Enoch, then written down by Methuselah or another of Enoch’s descendants.

Date ~ The book is a logical continuation of that long section of the *Book of Enoch* which begins in chapter 81, verses 5-6. This places the composition of this section one year before Enoch is translated, or about 670 years before the Flood.

Major Theme ~ “*Methuselah went and summoned to him all his brothers and assembled his relatives. And Enoch spake unto all the children of righteousness and said, ‘Hear, ye sons of Enoch, all the words of your father, and hearken aright to the voice of my mouth; for I exhort you and say unto you, beloved: Love uprightness and walk therein’*” Enoch 91:2.

Background ~ Enoch has had the hand of God on his life since a young age. Then when Enoch received God’s call to the office of prophet, he delivered God’s message of rebuke to the angels who sinned. Enoch has been given a tour of the cosmos, and has spent time in heaven where he has seen the vision the Holy One and the exalted Son of Man seated on God’s throne. In this, the last of his writings, Enoch leaves his descendants an exhortation to righteousness.

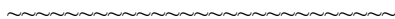
Purpose ~ Though the Watchers had already fallen by Enoch's time, the world will get much worse after Enoch's departure, and will continue to do so until the time of the Flood, (Enoch 91:5). In this book Enoch preaches against the increasing evils of his time. It is in this context that Enoch startlingly reveals that the period of the last days will be even worse than the days before the Flood. During the days of tribulation in the end times, "*transgression shall prevail in a twofold degree*". The last of the last days will be twice as bad as the time before the Flood. The *Epistle of Enoch* is to stand as a testimony not only to Enoch's own generation but also to the generation who will be living under similar circumstances at the end of the age.

Enoch has been told to record everything he has been shown. In this book Enoch dispatches this responsibility, teaching what he knows to his son Methuselah, who will in turn pass on his message and his books to later generations. Enoch's writings are to be deposited on earth as a testimony to the future generations of mankind.

Synopsis ~ The *Epistle of Enoch*, is a series of sermons contrasting the destinies of those who are God's people with those who are not. Though the unrighteous seem at ease and blessed and the righteous are suffering deprivation and injustice, the tables are set to turn. The righteous will be blessed forever and the unrighteous destroyed.

This book contains the Prophecy of Weeks. Although the Prophecy of Weeks is shorter than the Animal Apocalypse which we saw in the *Book of Dream-Visions*, it is no less grandiose in its scope, covering human history from creation to the eternal order. Its special focus is the godly human lineage signified by the 'Plant of Righteousness'.

The end of the book recounts the unusual circumstances surrounding Noah's birth. Noah's birth closes out the *Book of Enoch*, which sets the stage for the story of the Flood to be told in the *Book of Genesis*.



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Outline ~

- I. The Testament of Enoch** (91:1-108:15)
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“The Spirit is Poured Out Upon Me!”

91 “And now, my son Methuselah,⁴⁶⁹ call to me all thy brothers
And gather together to me all the sons of thy mother;
For the word calls me,
And the Spirit is poured out upon me,⁴⁷⁰
That I may show you everything
That shall befall you for ever.”

²And thereupon Methuselah went and summoned to him all his brothers
and assembled his relatives. ³And he spake unto all the children of
righteousness and said:

An Introduction to the Prophecy of Weeks

“Hear, ye sons of Enoch, all the words of your father,
And hearken aright to the voice of my mouth;
For I exhort you and say unto you, beloved:

⁴“Love uprightness and walk therein.
And draw not nigh to uprightness with a double heart,
And associate not with those of a double heart,

“But walk in righteousness, my sons.
And it shall guide you on good paths,
And righteousness shall be your companion.

Earth’s Early End

⁵“For I know that violence must increase on the earth,
And a great chastisement be executed on the earth,
And all unrighteousness come to an end:

“Yea, it shall be cut off from its roots,
And its whole structure be destroyed.

⁴⁶⁹ “**And now, my son Methuselah**”; here and elsewhere in the *Book of Enoch*, Methuselah is shown as the recipient of Enoch’s writings. **Enoch 82:1, 83:1**

⁴⁷⁰ “**The Spirit is poured out upon me**”; similar language can be found throughout the Hebrew prophets. See **Isaiah 32:15, 44:3, Ezekiel 39:29, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:33, 10:45**

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⁶“And unrighteousness shall again be consummated on the earth,
And all the deeds of unrighteousness and of violence
And transgression shall prevail in a twofold degree.”⁴⁷¹

Earth’s Latter End

⁷“And when sin and unrighteousness and blasphemy
And violence in all kinds of deeds increase,
And apostasy⁴⁷² and transgression and uncleanness increase,”⁴⁷³

“A great chastisement shall come from heaven upon all these,
* And the Holy Lord will come forth with wrath and chastisement
To execute judgment on earth.”⁴⁷⁴

⁸“In those days violence shall be cut off from its roots,
And the roots of unrighteousness together with deceit,
And they shall be destroyed from under heaven.

⁹“And all the idols of the heathen shall be abandoned,
And the temples burned with fire,
And they shall remove them from the whole earth,

“And they shall be cast into the judgment of fire,
And shall perish in wrath and in grievous judgment for ever.

The Righteous Shall Arise from Sleep

¹⁰“And the righteous shall arise from their sleep,”⁴⁷⁵
And wisdom shall arise and be given unto them.

¹¹“And after that the roots of unrighteousness shall be cut off, and the
sinners shall be destroyed by the sword... shall be cut off from the

⁴⁷¹ “**Transgression shall prevail in a twofold degree**”; the shocking claim here is that the time of tribulation before the end of our own age will be twice as bad as the days before the flood of Noah’s day when, “the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” **Genesis 6:5**

⁴⁷² **Apostasy will increase; 1 Timothy 4:1**, The Spirit expressly says that in later times some will *depart from the faith* by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons. **2 Thessalonians 2:3**, Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless *the apostasy* comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. (NASB)

⁴⁷³ **Lawlessness will increase; Matthew 24:12**, And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. **Matthew 24:21**, For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. **2 Timothy 3:1**, But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

⁴⁷⁴ * “**The Holy Lord will come forth**”; here Enoch restates the language of **Enoch 1:3-4**, “The Holy Great One will come forth from His dwelling, and the eternal God will tread upon the earth, even on Mount Sinai, and appear from His camp, and appear in the strength of His might from the heaven of heavens.” Earth’s final judgment will come about at the personal presence of God coming to earth. In Jude 1:14-15, we are told this prophecy of Enoch is accomplished by the second coming of Jesus Christ. **Enoch 1:3, 25:3, 52:9, 77:1, 90:15, 18, 20, 91:7, 100:4**

⁴⁷⁵ “**The righteous shall arise from their sleep**”; **Daniel 12:2**, And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake. **1 Thessalonians 4:16**, The dead in Christ will rise first.

blasphemers in every place, and those who plan violence and those who commit blasphemy shall perish by the sword.

The Prophecy of Weeks Part 2, Weeks 8-10 ⁴⁷⁶

Week Eight: The Messianic Age (For weeks 1-7 see 93:3-10)

¹²⁴And after that there shall be another, the eighth week, that of righteousness, And a sword shall be given to it that a righteous judgment may be executed on the oppressors,
And sinners shall be delivered into the hands of the righteous.⁴⁷⁷

¹³⁴And at its close they shall acquire houses through their righteousness,
And a house shall be built for the Great King in glory for evermore,

Week Nine: Great White Throne Judgment

¹⁴⁴And after that, in the ninth week,
The righteous judgment shall be revealed to the whole world,
And all the works of the godless shall vanish from all the earth,
And the world shall be written down for destruction.⁴⁷⁸
And all mankind shall look to the path of uprightness.

Week Ten: New Heavens and New Earth

¹⁵⁴And after this, in the tenth week in the seventh part,
There shall be the great eternal judgment,
In which He will execute vengeance amongst the angels.

⁴⁷⁶ Verse 12, begins abruptly here with week eight. This is because Enoch 93:1-10 have been moved out of its proper location the Ethiopic version of Enoch. This problem was cleared up by the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls. Enoch 93:1-10 should come between verses 91:11 and 91:12. The much older, Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls have this arrangement, (DSS 4Q212 Col. iv 13+14). This kind of misplacement sometimes occurred when a newly copied section of a scroll (called a "leaf") was sewn into the wrong location when the scroll was being assembled. Refer to appendix, *"The Prophecy of Weeks"* for a reordering of this prophecy.

⁴⁷⁷ **"Sinners shall be delivered into the hands of the righteous"; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3,** Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels?

⁴⁷⁸ **"The world shall be written down for destruction"; 2 Peter 3:7,** But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

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¹⁶⁴And the first heaven shall depart and pass away,⁴⁷⁹
And a new heaven shall appear,⁴⁸⁰
And all the powers of the heavens shall give sevenfold light.

The Eternal Order

¹⁷⁴And after that there will be many weeks without number for ever,
And all shall be in goodness and righteousness,
And sin shall no more be mentioned for ever.

¹⁸⁴And now I tell you, my sons, and show you
The paths of righteousness and the paths of violence.
Yea, I will show them to you again
That ye may know what will come to pass.
¹⁹And now, hearken unto me, my sons,
And walk in the paths of righteousness,
And walk not in the paths of violence;
For all who walk in the paths of unrighteousness shall perish for ever.”

Enoch Writes His Final Book

92 The book written by Enoch-⁴⁸¹ Enoch indeed wrote this complete doctrine of wisdom, which is praised of all men and a judge of all the earth for all my children who shall dwell on the earth. And for the future generations who shall observe uprightness and peace.

²Let not your spirit be troubled⁴⁸² on account of the times;
For the Holy and Great One has appointed days for all things.

Jesus, the Righteous One, Victorious Over Death

⁴⁷⁹ **“The first heaven shall depart and pass away”**; **Revelation 21:1**, The first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

⁴⁸⁰ **“A new heaven shall appear”**; **Revelation 20:11**, Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. **Revelation 21:1**, Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

⁴⁸¹ **“The book written by Enoch”**; **Enoch 1:1-2, 37:3, 108:1**

⁴⁸² **“Let not your spirit be troubled”**; **John 14:1**, Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **John 14:27**, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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* ³And the Righteous One⁴⁸³ shall arise from sleep,⁴⁸⁴
Shall arise and walk in the paths of righteousness,
And all his path and conversation shall be in eternal goodness and
grace.

⁴He will be gracious to the righteous and give him eternal uprightness,
And He will give him power⁴⁸⁵ so that
he shall be endowed with goodness and righteousness,
And he shall walk in eternal light.

⁵And sin shall perish in darkness for ever,
And shall no more be seen from that day for evermore.

93 And after that Enoch both gave and began to recount from the
books. ²And Enoch said:

“Concerning the children of righteousness
and concerning the elect of the world,
* And concerning the plant of uprightness,⁴⁸⁶ I will speak these things,
Yea, I, Enoch will declare them unto you, my sons:

Enoch’s Threefold Transmission of Revelation

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⁴⁸³ **“The Righteous One”**; this title for Messiah is found twice in the *Book of the Parables* and once in the *Epistle of Enoch*; it is also used in the Old and New Testaments as a title for Messiah. See **Enoch 92:3** in which the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Righteous One is prophesied. **Isaiah 24:16**, From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise, of glory to the Righteous One. **Isaiah 53:11**, By his knowledge shall the *Righteous One*, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **Acts 3:14**, You denied the Holy and *Righteous One*, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you. **Acts 7:52-53**, They killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the *Righteous One*, whom you have now betrayed and murdered. **Acts 22:14**, The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the *Righteous One* and to hear a voice from his mouth. **Enoch 38:2, 53:6, 92:3**

⁴⁸⁴ * **“The Righteous One shall arise from sleep”**; **Enoch 92:3**, is a prophecy of the resurrection of the Righteous One, a Biblical name for Messiah. **1 Cor. 15:20-21**, But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

⁴⁸⁵ **“He will give Him power”**; **John 17:2**, You have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’

⁴⁸⁶ * **“The plant of uprightness”**, **“plant of righteous judgment”** and **“plant of righteousness”** in verses 2, 5 and 10, are references to the godly lineage to be traced from Noah to Abraham and following. The term is messianic because Jesus Christ the Messiah sprang from this lineage. The plant metaphor appears throughout the Scriptures, both old and new testaments. It is applied to both the nation of Israel and to Jesus. In Isaiah 11:1 and 10, Messiah is said to be both the “root of” and a “branch from” this plant. This plant of righteousness inherits the quality of righteousness from its root. Jesus the Messiah is both the source of and a descendant from this plant. The plant, as well as the plant’s righteous quality come from Christ since he existed before the plant and gives it life. Through his life, death, and victory over death, Jesus also provided the way for any who wish to come to God to *become the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe* (Romans 3:22). Those who do so can be grafted into this plant. **Enoch 10:16, 84:6, 93:2+5+10**

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Visions	<i>"Which appeared to me in the Heavenly Vision"</i>	<i>"I saw the horses in my vision"</i>
Angels	<i>"I have known through the word of the Holy Angels"</i>	<i>"He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John"</i>
Books	<i>"Have learned from the Heavenly Tablets"</i>	<i>"So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll"</i>

"According to that which appeared to me in the heavenly vision,⁴⁸⁷
And which I have known through the word of the holy angels,
And have learnt from the heavenly tablets."⁴⁸⁸

The Prophecy of Weeks Part 1, Weeks 1-7

Week One: Enoch's Era (For weeks 8-10 see 91:12-19)

³And Enoch began to recount from the books and said:
"I was born the seventh in the first week,⁴⁸⁹
While judgment and righteousness still endured."⁴⁹⁰

Week Two: Noah's Time and the Flood

⁴"And after me there shall arise in the second week great wickedness,
And deceit shall have sprung up;
And in it there shall be the first end.

"And in it a man shall be saved;⁴⁹¹
And after it is ended unrighteousness shall grow up,
And a law shall be made for the sinners."⁴⁹²

⁴⁸⁷ **"The heavenly vision"**; **Acts 26:19**, Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

⁴⁸⁸ **"Vision, angels and heavenly tablets"**; here Enoch speaks of the three modes by which he received revelation. The same three modes of communication can be seen in the *Revelation of John*, though in the Revelation, tablets have been replaced by scrolls. For more about these tablets, see the footnote on Enoch 81:1-2. If one were to give the *Book of Enoch*, a more descriptive title, *The Revelation of Enoch*, or *The Enoch Apocalypse*, would be a more descriptive alternative.

⁴⁸⁹ **Enoch 93:3-10**, is out of order in the Ethiopic. In the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls, the section we now define as Enoch 93:3-10 is followed immediately by the passage we number as Enoch 91:12-17. This sort of disordering happened in ancient times when a completed scroll leaf was inserted at the wrong location when being sewn together. Refer to appendix: *"The Prophecy of Weeks"* for a presentation of this passage in its proper sequence. Thanks to Daniel in the UK for help understanding the *Prophecy of Weeks*.

⁴⁹⁰ **"While judgment and righteousness still endured"**; though the fall of these angels had occurred during Enoch's father's lifetime, during Enoch's day the world had not yet sunk down so low as the later time when the world became totally corrupt. Enoch's proclamation of judgment to the Watchers in Enoch 13, may have been as many as seven or eight centuries prior to its having been carried out.

⁴⁹¹ **Noah** and his immediate family were saved through the flood.

⁴⁹² **"A law shall be made for the sinners"**; after having landed the ark in safety, Noah, through revelation, delivered a kind of universal law for his descendants which should have

Week Three: Abraham is Raised Up

⁵“And after that in the third week at its close
A man shall be elected as the plant of righteous judgment,⁴⁹³
And his posterity shall become the plant of righteousness for evermore.

Week Four: The Law of Moses and the Tabernacle

⁶“And after that in the fourth week, at its close,
Visions of the holy and righteous shall be seen,
And a law for all generations and an enclosure shall be made for them.⁴⁹⁴

Week Five: Solomon’s Temple

⁷“And after that in the fifth week, at its close,
The house of glory and dominion⁴⁹⁵ shall be built for ever.

Week Six: Apostasy, Christ’s Ascension, Temple Destroyed

⁸“And after that in the sixth week all who live in it shall be blinded,⁴⁹⁶
And the hearts of all of them shall godlessly forsake wisdom.

been inherited by all the nations, prior to the law of Moses. **Genesis 8 & 9. 1 Timothy 1:9-11**, Understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane.

⁴⁹³ Here Abraham is the one “elected” or chosen as the plant of righteous judgment; from Abraham comes the “plant of righteousness”, Abraham’s offspring through Isaac then Jacob. The verse says the plant of righteousness is for evermore. God’s plans for his people Israel, the descendants of Jacob, have never been set aside.

⁴⁹⁴ **“A law for all generations and an enclosure”**; in other words, the Law of Moses and the tabernacle in the wilderness.

⁴⁹⁵ **“The house of glory and dominion”**; in other words the temple in Jerusalem and the Davidic throne. It “shall be built forever”; despite temporary periods of time during which the temple is not standing (as in 93:8) or when there is no Davidic kingdom, the promise of their restoration remains unchanged. In our time, there is no earthly temple, and Christ the root and branch of David is enthroned in heaven; both the earthly temple and the throne will have restoration at the return of Christ.

⁴⁹⁶ **“Shall be blinded”**; the sin of unbelief is highlighted here described as becoming blinded. Jesus Christ came to his own and his own did not recognize him at a time of prevalent apostasy among the religious leaders of the Jews.

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★ “And in it a man shall ascend;⁴⁹⁷

And at its close the house of dominion shall be burnt with fire,⁴⁹⁸

And the whole race of the chosen root shall be dispersed.⁴⁹⁹

Week Seven: All Israel Will be Saved!

⁹“And after that in the seventh week shall an apostate generation arise,

And many shall be its deeds,

And all its deeds shall be apostate.⁵⁰⁰

¹⁰“And at its close shall be elected⁵⁰¹

The elect righteous of the eternal plant of righteousness,

To receive sevenfold instruction concerning all His creation.

(For weeks 8-10 see 91:12-17)

Who Is Like God?

¹¹“For who is there of all the children of men that is able to hear the voice of the Holy One without being troubled? And who can think His thoughts? And who is there that can behold all the works of heaven?

¹²And how should there be one who could behold the heaven, and who is there that could understand the things of heaven and see a soul or a spirit and could tell thereof, or ascend and see all their ends and think them or do like them? ¹³And who is there of all men that could know what is the breadth and the length of the earth, and to whom has been shown the measure of all of them? ¹⁴Or is there anyone who could discern the

⁴⁹⁷ ★ “**In it a man shall ascend**”; this is a prophecy of the ascension of Christ, followed by a prophecy of the destruction of the Jewish temple in AD 70. **Acts 1:9**, And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

⁴⁹⁸ “**The house of dominion shall be burnt with fire**”; this is the house of dominion mentioned in 93:7. **Matthew 24:1-2**, Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, ‘You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ The stones were thrown down by the Romans in order to scrape the gold from between them which melted and ran down when the temple was burned.

⁴⁹⁹ “**The whole race of the chosen root shall be dispersed**”; **Luke 21:24**, They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

⁵⁰⁰ “**Apostate**” here means a defection from the God of Israel. Because of the rejection of Jesus, the Messiah of Israel, by the religious leaders of the Jews, the God of Israel had been also rejected. Jesus said, “no one comes to the father but by me”, John 14:6. In previous printings of this book, we labeled week seven “The Church Age”. However, though week seven *does* cover the same period of time, the Church itself was a mystery revealed only in the time of Christ’s Apostles. We have renamed the seventh week more appropriately here since the prophecy relates to Israel.

⁵⁰¹ “**At its close shall be elected the elect righteous of the eternal plant of righteousness**”; The nation who introduced Jesus Christ to the world will themselves be introduced to their Messiah. In this way the chosen people will be doubly chosen by reason of their election into Israel’s Messiah. This earth-shattering event will set the stage for the return of Jesus to earth. The regeneration of Israel, long prophesied by all the Hebrew prophets, will signal the soon coming Messianic age, a golden age on earth and the end of Satan’s rule over the affairs of humankind. **Romans 11:26**, “In this way all Israel will be saved.”

length of the heaven and how great is its height, and upon what it is founded, and how great is the number of the stars, and where all the luminaries rest?"⁵⁰²

Further Exhortation to Righteousness

94 And now I say unto you, my sons,
 love righteousness and walk therein;
For the paths of righteousness are worthy of acceptance,
But the paths of unrighteousness
 shall suddenly be destroyed and vanish.

²And to certain men of a generation
 shall the paths of violence and of death be revealed,
And they shall hold themselves afar from them,
And shall not follow them.

³And now I say unto you the righteous:
Walk not in the paths of wickedness, nor in the paths of death,
And draw not nigh to them, lest ye be destroyed.

⁴But seek and choose for yourselves righteousness and an elect life,
And walk in the paths of peace,
And ye shall live and prosper.

⁵And hold fast my words in the thoughts of your hearts,
And suffer them not to be effaced from your hearts;

For I know that sinners will tempt men to evilly-entreat wisdom,
So that no place may be found for her,⁵⁰³
And no manner of temptation may minish.

A Litany of Woes

⁶Woe to those who build unrighteousness and oppression
And lay deceit as a foundation;
For they shall be suddenly overthrown,
And they shall have no peace.

⁷Woe to those who build their houses with sin;
For from all their foundations shall they be overthrown,
And by the sword shall they fall.
And those who acquire gold and silver in judgment suddenly shall perish.

⁵⁰² **Who is like God?; Job 38:1-41**

⁵⁰³ **Enoch 42**

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⁸Woe to you, ye rich, for ye have trusted in your riches,⁵⁰⁴
And from your riches shall ye depart,
Because ye have not remembered the Most High
in the days of your riches.

⁹Ye have committed blasphemy and unrighteousness,
And have become ready for the day of slaughter,⁵⁰⁵
And the day of darkness and the day of the great judgment.⁵⁰⁶

¹⁰Thus I speak and declare unto you:
He who hath created you will overthrow you,
And for your fall there shall be no compassion,
And your Creator will rejoice at your destruction.

¹¹And your righteous ones in those days shall be
A reproach to the sinners and the godless.

The Mournful Prophet

95 Oh that mine eyes were a cloud of waters⁵⁰⁷
That I might weep over you,
And pour down my tears as a cloud of waters:
That so I might rest from my trouble of heart!
²Who has permitted you to practice reproaches and wickedness?

And so judgment shall overtake you, sinners.

³Fear not the sinners, ye righteous;

Further Woes

⁵⁰⁴ **“Woe to you, ye rich”**; **Luke 6:24-26**, Woe to you who are rich. **James 5:1-3**, Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

⁵⁰⁵ **“You have become ready for the day of slaughter”**; **James 5:5**, You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a *day of slaughter*.

⁵⁰⁶ **“The day of darkness and the day of the great judgment”**; **Joel 2:1-2**, The day of the LORD is coming; it is near, a *day of darkness* and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

⁵⁰⁷ **“Oh that mine eyes were a cloud of waters”**; **Jeremiah 9:1**, Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! **Luke 19:41-42**, When [Jesus] drew near and saw [Jerusalem], he wept over it, saying, ‘Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes’.

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For again will the Lord deliver them into your hands,
That ye may execute judgment upon them according to your desires.
⁴Woe to you who fulminate anathemas which cannot be reversed:

Healing shall therefore be far from you because of your sins.
⁵Woe to you who requite your neighbor with evil;

For ye shall be requited according to your works.
⁶Woe to you, lying witnesses,

And to those who weigh out injustice,
For suddenly shall ye perish.
⁷Woe to you, sinners, for ye persecute the righteous;⁵⁰⁸

For ye shall be delivered up and persecuted because of injustice,
And heavy shall its yoke be upon you.

96 Be hopeful, ye righteous;
for suddenly shall the sinners perish before you,
And ye shall have lordship over them according to your desires.

Deliverance on Wings of Eagles

²And in the day of the tribulation of the sinners,
Your children shall mount and rise as eagles,⁵⁰⁹
And higher than the vultures will be your nest,
And ye shall ascend and enter the crevices of the earth,
And the clefts of the rock for ever as conies before the unrighteous,
And the sirens⁵¹⁰ shall sigh because of you- and weep.

³Wherefore fear not, ye that have suffered;
For healing shall be your portion,

⁵⁰⁸ **"Ye persecute the righteous"; Matthew 23:29-31**, Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **Matthew 5:10**, Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁵⁰⁹ **"Your children shall mount and rise as eagles"; Exodus 19:4**, You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **Revelation 12:14**, The woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

⁵¹⁰ Nickelsburg/Vanderkam as well as Olson, lack 'sirens'. 96:3 should read "...like conies, before the lawless. And they will sigh because of you and weep."

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And a bright light shall enlighten you,
And the voice of rest ye shall hear from heaven.

Woe to the Unrighteous

⁴Woe unto you, ye sinners,
for your riches make you appear like the righteous,
But your hearts convict you of being sinners,
And this fact shall be a testimony against you
for a memorial of your evil deeds.

⁵Woe to you who devour the finest of the wheat,
And drink wine in large bowls,
And tread underfoot the lowly with your might.

⁶Woe to you who drink water from every fountain,⁵¹¹
For suddenly shall ye be consumed and wither away,
Because ye have forsaken the
Fountain of Life.⁵¹²

⁷Woe to you who work unrighteousness
And deceit and blasphemy:
It shall be a memorial
against you for evil.

⁸Woe to you, ye mighty,
Who with might oppress the righteous;
For the day of your destruction is coming.

The Source of Life

Fresh running water flows from a spring, it is in constant motion, a fountain of "living water". God is the source, the origin, the refreshment of life.

The Coming Vindication of the Faithful

In those days many and good days shall come to the righteous- in the day of your judgment.

97 Believe, ye righteous, that the sinners will become a shame
And perish in the day of unrighteousness.

²Be it known unto you ye sinners,
that the Most High is mindful of your destruction,
And the angels of heaven rejoice over your destruction.⁵¹³

⁵¹¹ **"You who drink water from every fountain"; Jeremiah 2:13**, My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

⁵¹² **"The fountain of life"; Psalm 36:9**, For with you is *the fountain of life*; in your light do we see light.

⁵¹³ **"The angels of heaven rejoice over your destruction"; Revelation 19:1+3**, I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, 'Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.'

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³What will ye do, ye sinners,
And whither will ye flee on that day of judgment,
When ye hear the voice of the prayer of the righteous?

⁴Yea, ye shall fare like unto them,
Against whom this word shall be a testimony:
“Ye have been companions of sinners.”

⁵And in those days the prayer of the righteous
shall reach unto the Lord,
And for you the days of your judgment shall come.
⁶And all the words of your unrighteousness shall be read out
before the Great Holy One,
And your faces shall be covered with shame,
And He will reject every work which is grounded on unrighteousness.

⁷Woe to you, ye sinners, who live on the mid ocean and on the dry land,
Whose remembrance is evil against you.

⁸Woe to you who acquire silver and gold in unrighteousness and say:⁵¹⁴
“We have become rich with riches and have possessions;
And have acquired everything we have desired.”⁵¹⁵

⁹“And now let us do what we purposed:
For we have gathered silver,
And many are the husbandmen in our houses.
And our granaries are brim full as with water.”

¹⁰Yea and like water your lies shall flow away;
For your riches shall not abide
But speedily ascend from you;

For ye have acquired it all in unrighteousness,
And ye shall be given over to a great curse.

98 And now I swear unto you, to the wise and to the foolish,
For ye shall have manifold experiences on the earth.

Prophecy Concerning Gender Confusion

²For ye men shall put on more adornments than a woman,
And colored garments more than a virgin:

⁵¹⁴ “**You who acquire silver and gold in unrighteousness**”; **James 5:3**, Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

⁵¹⁵ “**We have acquired everything we have desired**”; **Luke 12:19-21**, ‘I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

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In royalty and in grandeur and in power,
And in silver and in gold and in purple,
And in splendor and in food they shall be poured out as water.

³Therefore they shall be wanting in doctrine and wisdom,
And they shall perish thereby together with their possessions;
And with all their glory and their splendor,
And in shame and in slaughter and in great destitution,
Their spirits shall be cast into the furnace of fire.

⁴I have sworn unto you, ye sinners,
as a mountain has not become a slave,
And a hill does not become the handmaid of a woman,
Even so sin has not been sent upon the earth,
But man of himself has created it,
And under a great curse shall they fall who commit it.

⁵And barrenness has not been given to the woman,
But on account of the deeds of her own hands she dies without
children.

⁶I have sworn unto you, ye sinners, by the Holy Great One,
That all your evil deeds are revealed in the heavens,
And that none of your deeds of oppression are covered and hidden.⁵¹⁶

⁷And do not think in your spirit nor say in your heart that ye do not know
and that ye do not see that every sin is every day recorded⁵¹⁷ in heaven
in the presence of the Most High. ⁸From henceforth ye know that all your
oppression wherewith ye oppress is written down every day till the day
of your judgment.

The Coming Woes in the Day of Tribulation

⁹Woe to you, ye fools, for through your folly shall ye perish: and ye
transgress against the wise, and so good hap shall not be your portion.

¹⁰And now, know ye that ye are prepared for the day of destruction:
wherefore do not hope to live, ye sinners, but ye shall depart and die; for
ye know no ransom; for ye are prepared for the day of the great judgment,
for the day of tribulation and great shame for your spirits.

¹¹Woe to you, ye obstinate of heart, who work wickedness and eat
blood.⁵¹⁸ Whence have ye good things to eat and to drink and to be filled?
From all the good things which the Lord the Most High has placed in
abundance on the earth; therefore ye shall have no peace.

⁵¹⁶ **"None of your deeds of oppression are covered and hidden"; Mark 4:22, Nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light.**

⁵¹⁷ **"Every sin is every day recorded in heaven"; Luke 12:3, Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. Enoch 104:7-8**

⁵¹⁸ **Enoch 7:5**

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¹²Woe to you who love the deeds of unrighteousness; wherefore do ye hope for good hap unto yourselves? Know that ye shall be delivered into the hands of the righteous, and they shall cut off your necks and slay you, and have no mercy upon you.

¹³Woe to you who rejoice in the tribulation of the righteous; for no grave shall be dug for you.

¹⁴Woe to you who set at naught the words of the righteous; for ye shall have no hope of life.

¹⁵Woe to you who write down lying and godless words;⁵¹⁹ for they write down their lies that men may hear them and act godlessly towards their neighbor. ¹⁶Therefore they shall have no peace but die a sudden death.

99 Woe to you who work godlessness,
And glory in lying and extol them:
Ye shall perish, and no happy life shall be yours.

²Woe to them who pervert the words of uprightness,
And transgress the eternal law,
And transform themselves into what they were not:
They shall be trodden under foot upon the earth.

³In those days make ready, ye righteous, to raise your prayers as a memorial,⁵²⁰
And place them as a testimony before the angels,⁵²¹
That they may place the sin of the sinners for a memorial before the Most High.

⁴In those days the nations shall be stirred up,
And the families of the nations shall arise on the day of destruction.⁵²²

⁵And in those days the destitute
shall go forth and carry off their children,
And they shall abandon them,

⁵¹⁹ **“Woe to you who write down lying and godless words”**; **2 Peter 2:1**, But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

⁵²⁰ **“Raise your prayers as a memorial”**; **Acts 10:3-4**, He saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, ‘Cornelius.’ And he stared at him in terror and said, ‘What is it, Lord?’ And he said to him, ‘*Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.*’

⁵²¹ **“Place them as a testimony before the angels”**; **Revelation 8:2-4**, Another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

⁵²² **“In those days the nations shall be stirred up”**; **Revelation 16:14**, They are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

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so that their children shall perish through them:
Yea, they shall abandon their children that are still sucklings,
and not return to them,
And shall have no pity on their beloved ones.

⁶And again I swear to you, ye sinners, that sin is prepared for a day of unceasing bloodshed. ⁷And they who worship stones, and grave images of gold and silver and wood and stone and clay, and those who worship impure spirits and demons,⁵²³ and all kinds of idols not according to knowledge, shall get no manner of help from them.

⁸And they shall become godless by reason of the folly of their hearts,
And their eyes shall be blinded through the fear of their hearts
And through visions in their dreams.

⁹Through these they shall become godless and fearful;
For they shall have wrought all their work in a lie,
And shall have worshipped a stone:
Therefore in an instant shall they perish.

The Offer of Repentance is Still Open

¹⁰But in those days blessed are all they who accept
the words of wisdom, and understand them,
And observe the paths of the Most High,
and walk in the path of His righteousness,
And become not godless with the godless;
For they shall be saved.

More Woes in the End Times

¹¹Woe to you who spread evil to your neighbors;
For you shall be slain in Sheol.

¹²Woe to you who make deceitful and false measures,
And to them who cause bitterness on the earth;
For they shall thereby be utterly consumed.

¹³Woe to you who build your houses through the grievous toil of others,
And all their building materials are the bricks and stones of sin;
I tell you ye shall have no peace.

¹⁴Woe to them who reject
the measure and eternal heritage of their fathers

⁵²³ **“Those who worship impure spirits and demons”**; **Revelation 9:20**, The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk.

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And whose souls follow after idols;
For they shall have no rest.

¹⁵Woe to them who work unrighteousness and help oppression,
And slay their neighbors until the day of the great judgment.

¹⁶For He shall cast down your glory,
And bring affliction on your hearts,
And shall arouse His fierce indignation
And destroy you all with the sword;
And all the holy and righteous shall remember your sins.

The Tribulation Drenched in Blood

100 And in those days in one place
the fathers together with their sons shall be smitten
And brothers one with another shall fall in death
Till the streams flow with their blood.

²For a man shall not withhold his hand
from slaying his sons and his sons' sons,
And the sinner shall not withhold his hand from his honored brother:
From dawn till sunset they shall slay one another.

Blood as High as a Horse's Bridle

³And the horse shall walk up to the breast in the blood of sinners,⁵²⁴
And the chariot shall be submerged to its height.

⁴In those days the angels shall descend into the secret places
And gather together into one place all those who brought down sin,
And the Most High will arise on that day of judgment⁵²⁵
To execute great judgment amongst sinners.

Angels on Assignment

⁵And over all the righteous and holy
He will appoint guardians from amongst the holy angels

⁵²⁴ **"The horse shall walk up to the breast in the blood of sinners"**; the passage describes the aftermath of a future great war. That this is related to the end times is evident from the next verse which speaks of a coming day of God's judgment. There is a passage in the Book of Revelation in which the aftermath of a certain last days battle is described with strikingly similar terminology, with blood flowing "up to a horse's bridle". **Revelation 14:20**, The winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle.

⁵²⁵ **"The Most High will arise"**. According to **Enoch 1:3**, and **91:7**, the manner in which God will arise at that time will be by His personal presence on earth. In the New Testament *Epistle of Jude*, we are informed this is fulfilled by the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ. See footnote to Enoch 1:9. **Enoch 1:3, 25:3, 52:9, 77:1, 90:15,18,20, 91:7, 100:4**

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To guard them as the apple of an eye,
Until He makes an end of all wickedness and all sin,
And though the righteous sleep a long sleep,⁵²⁶ they have naught to fear.

⁶And then the children of the earth shall see the wise in security,
And shall understand all the words of this book,
And recognize that their riches shall not be able to save them
In the overthrow of their sins.

⁷Woe to you, sinners, on the day of strong anguish,
Ye who afflict the righteous and burn them with fire:
Ye shall be requited according to your works.⁵²⁷

⁸Woe to you, ye obstinate of heart,
Who watch in order to devise wickedness:
Therefore shall fear come upon you
And there shall be none to help you.

⁹Woe to you, ye sinners, on account of the words of your mouth,
And on account of the deeds of your hands
which your godlessness has wrought,
In blazing flames burning worse than fire shall ye burn.⁵²⁸

¹⁰And now, know ye that from the angels He will inquire as to your deeds in heaven, from the sun and from the moon and from the stars in reference to your sins because upon the earth ye execute judgment on the righteous. ¹¹And He will summon to testify against you every cloud and mist and dew and rain; for they shall all be withheld because of you from descending upon you, and they shall be mindful of your sins. ¹²And now give presents to the rain that it be not withheld from descending upon you, nor yet the dew, when it has received gold and silver from you that it may descend. ¹³When the hoar-frost and snow with their chilliness, and all the snow-storms with all their plagues fall upon you, in those days ye shall not be able to stand before them.

The Coming End to Watcher Misrule

⁵²⁶ **"Though the righteous sleep a long sleep, they have naught to fear"; 1 Thessalonians 4:13,** We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

⁵²⁷ **"Ye shall be requited according to your works"; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8,** God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁵²⁸ **"Blazing flames burning worse than fire"; Hebrews 10:27,** A fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

101 Observe the heaven, ye children of heaven,⁵²⁹ and every work of the Most High, and fear ye Him and work no evil in His presence.

²If He closes the windows of heaven, and withholds the rain and the dew from descending on the earth on your account, what will ye do then?

³And if He sends His anger upon you because of your deeds, ye cannot petition Him; for ye spake proud and insolent words against His righteousness: therefore ye shall have no peace.

⁴And see ye not the sailors of the ships, how their ships are tossed to and fro by the waves, and are shaken by the winds, and are in sore trouble?

⁵And therefore do they fear because all their goodly possessions go upon the sea with them, and they have evil forebodings of heart that the sea will swallow them and they will perish therein.

⁶Are not the entire sea and all its waters, and all its movements, the work of the Most High, and has He not set limits to its doings, and confined it throughout by the sand? ⁷And at His reproof it is afraid and dries up, and all its fish die and all that is in it; but ye sinners that are on the earth fear Him not.

⁸Has He not made the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein? Who has given understanding and wisdom to everything that moves on the earth and in the sea? ⁹Do not the sailors of the ships fear the sea? Yet sinners fear not the Most High.

102 In those days when He hath brought a grievous fire upon you, Whither will ye flee, and where will ye find deliverance? And when He launches forth His word against you Will you not be affrighted and fear?

²And all the luminaries shall be affrighted with great fear, And all the earth shall be affrighted and tremble and be alarmed.⁵³⁰

³And all the angels shall execute their commands And shall seek to hide themselves from the presence of the Great Glory,⁵³¹ And the children of earth shall tremble and quake;⁵³²

⁵²⁹ “Observe the heaven”; in language reminiscent of **Enoch 2:1**, the Watchers are exhorted to observe the heavens which do not deviate from their assigned orders. This fixed order of creation is contrasted with the sinning angels and sinful mankind who routinely transgress God’s laws. This is not a call to repentance, but an indictment of their sin, and a sure promise of their coming judgment. **Enoch 72:1**

⁵³⁰ **Isaiah 24:21-22**, On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. **Enoch 1:5, 13:3**

⁵³¹ **Enoch 14:20, 102:3**

⁵³² **Enoch 1:5, 13:3**

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And ye sinners shall be cursed for ever,
And ye shall have no peace.

Consolation for the Righteous Dead

⁴Fear ye not, ye souls of the righteous,
And be hopeful ye that have died in righteousness.⁵³³

⁵And grieve not if your soul into Sheol has descended in grief,
And that in your life your body fared not according to your goodness,
But wait for the day of the judgment of sinners
And for the day of cursing and chastisement.

⁶And yet when ye die the sinners speak over you:
“As we die, so die the righteous,
And what benefit do they reap for their deeds?”⁵³⁴

⁷“Behold, even as we, so do they die in grief and darkness,
And what have they more than we?
From henceforth we are equal.

⁸“And what will they receive and what will they see for ever?
Behold, they too have died,
And henceforth for ever shall they see no light.”

⁹I tell you, ye sinners, ye are content to eat and drink, and rob and sin,
and strip men naked, and acquire wealth and see good days. ¹⁰Have ye
seen the righteous how their end falls out, that no manner of violence is
found in them till their death? ¹¹Nevertheless they perished and became
as though they had not been, and their spirits descended into Sheol in
tribulation.

103 Now, therefore, I swear to you, the righteous, by the glory of the
Great and Honored and Mighty One in dominion, ²and by His greatness
I swear to you.

“I Know a Mystery”

I know a mystery
And have read the heavenly tablets,⁵³⁵

⁵³³ **“Be hopeful ye that have died in righteousness”**; **Revelation 14:13**, And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’

⁵³⁴ **“What benefit do they reap for their deeds?”**; **1 Corinthians 15:32**, If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’

⁵³⁵ **“I have read the heavenly tablets”**; Enoch is shown heavenly records written upon tablets, in which he learns about the future of the world and the activities of mankind over time and the coming judgment. **Enoch 81:1-2, 93:2, 103:2, 106:19**

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And have seen the holy books,
And have found written therein and inscribed regarding them:

³That all goodness and joy and glory are prepared for them,
And written down for the spirits of those
 who have died in righteousness,
And that manifold good shall be given to you
 in recompense for your labors,⁵³⁶
And that your lot is abundantly beyond the lot of the living.⁵³⁷

⁴And the spirits of you who have died in righteousness
 shall live and rejoice,
And their spirits shall not perish,
Nor their memorial from before the face of the Great One
Unto all the generations of the world:
 wherefore no longer fear their contumely.

⁵Woe to you, ye sinners, when ye have died,
If ye die in the wealth of your sins,
And those who are like you say regarding you:
“Blessed are the sinners: they have seen all their days.

⁶And now they have died in prosperity and in wealth,
And have not seen tribulation or murder in their life;
And they have died in honor,
And judgment has not been executed on them during their life.”

⁷Know ye, that their souls will be made to descend into Sheol
And they shall be wretched in their great tribulation.⁵³⁸

⁸And into darkness and chains and a burning flame
Where there is grievous judgment shall your spirits enter;
And the great judgment shall be for all the generations of the world.
Woe to you, for ye shall have no peace.

The Plight of the Persecuted

⁹Say not in regard to the righteous and good who are in life:
“In our troubled days we have toiled laboriously
 and experienced every trouble,

⁵³⁶ “**Good shall be given to you in recompense for your labors**”; **Revelation 22:12-17**, Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.

⁵³⁷ “**Your lot is abundantly beyond the lot of the living**”; **2 Cor. 4:16-17**, We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

⁵³⁸ “**They shall be wretched in their great tribulation**”; **Mark 13:19**, For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.

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And met with much evil and been consumed,
And have become few and our spirit small.

¹⁰“And we have been destroyed
and have not found any to help us even with a word:
We have been tortured and destroyed,
and not hoped to see life from day to day.

¹¹“We hoped to be the head and have become the tail:⁵³⁹
We have toiled laboriously and had no satisfaction in our toil;
And we have become the food of the sinners and the unrighteous,
And they have laid their yoke heavily upon us.

¹²“They have had dominion over us that hated us and smote us;
And to those that hated us we have bowed our necks
But they pitied us not.

¹³“We desired to get away from them
that we might escape and be at rest,
But found no place whereunto we should flee and be safe from them.

¹⁴“And we complained to the rulers in our tribulation,
And cried out against those who devoured us,
But they did not attend to our cries
And would not hearken to our voice.

¹⁵“And they helped those who robbed us and devoured us and those who made us few; and they concealed their oppression, and they did not remove from us the yoke of those that devoured us and dispersed us and murdered us, and they concealed their murder, and remembered not that they had lifted up their hands against us.”

Companions with Angels

104 I swear unto you, that in heaven the angels remember you for good before the glory of the Great One:⁵⁴⁰ and your names are written

⁵³⁹ “**We hoped to be the head and have become the tail**”; here the righteous complain that earthly prosperity has not been their lot. **Deuteronomy 28:13**, The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them.

⁵⁴⁰ “**In heaven the angels remember you for good**”; **Matthew 18:10**, See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

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before the glory of the Great One.⁵⁴¹ ²Be hopeful; for aforetime ye were put to shame through ill and affliction;⁵⁴² but now ye shall shine as the lights of heaven, ye shall shine and ye shall be seen,⁵⁴³ and the portals of heaven shall be opened to you.

³And in your cry, cry for judgment,⁵⁴⁴ and it shall appear to you; for all your tribulation shall be visited on the rulers, and on all who helped those who plundered you.

⁴Be hopeful, and cast not away your hope;⁵⁴⁵ for ye shall have great joy as the angels of heaven.⁵⁴⁶ ⁵What shall ye be obliged to do? Ye shall not have to hide on the day of the great judgment and ye shall not be found as sinners, and the eternal judgment shall be far from you for all the generations of the world.

⁶And now fear not, ye righteous, when ye see the sinners growing strong and prospering in their ways;⁵⁴⁷ be not companions with them, but keep afar from their violence; for ye shall become companions of the hosts of heaven.⁵⁴⁸

Not So, the Wicked

⁷And, although ye sinners say: “All our sins shall not be searched out and be written down,” nevertheless they shall write down all your sins

⁵⁴¹ **“Your names are written before the glory of the Great One”**; **Luke 10:20**, Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

⁵⁴² **“Be hopeful, for aforetime ye were put to shame through ill and affliction”**; **Matthew 5:10**, Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁵⁴³ **“Ye shall shine and ye shall be seen”**; **Daniel 12:3**, Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. **Matthew 13:43**, The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

⁵⁴⁴ **“In your cry, cry for judgment”**; **Revelation 6:9-11**, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, ‘O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

⁵⁴⁵ **“Cast not away your hope”**; **Hebrews 10:35**, Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

⁵⁴⁶ **“Ye shall have great joy as the angels of heaven”**; **Luke 15:10**, Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

⁵⁴⁷ **“Fear not, ye righteous, when ye see the sinners prospering”**; **Psalms 37:7**, Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁵⁴⁸ **“Ye shall become companions of the hosts of heaven”**; God's people are destined to become friends of angels. **Enoch 39:5**

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every day.⁵⁴⁹ ⁸And now I show unto you that light and darkness, day and night, see all your sins.⁵⁵⁰ ⁹Be not godless in your hearts, and lie not and alter not the words of uprightness, nor charge with lying the words of the Holy Great One, nor take account of your idols; for all your lying and all your godlessness issue not in righteousness but in great sin.

Sinners Twist God's Word

¹⁰And now I know this mystery, that sinners will alter and pervert the words of righteousness in many ways,⁵⁵¹ and will speak wicked words, and lie, and practice great deceits, and write books concerning their words.

A Prophecy Concerning Books of Enoch

¹¹But when they write down truthfully all my words in their languages,⁵⁵² and do not change or minish ought from my words but write them all down truthfully- all that I first testified concerning them. ¹²Then, I know another mystery, that books will be given to the righteous and the wise to become a cause of joy and uprightness and much wisdom. ¹³And to them shall the books be given, and they shall believe in them and rejoice over them, and then shall all the righteous who have learnt therefrom all the paths of uprightness be recompensed.⁵⁵³

105 In those days the Lord bade them to summon and testify to the children of earth concerning their wisdom: Show it unto them; for ye are their guides, and a recompense over the whole earth.

“I, and My Son, Will Be United with Them Forever”

⁵⁴⁹ **“They shall write down all your sins every day”**; **Matthew 12:36**, I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak. **Enoch 98:6-7**

⁵⁵⁰ **“Light and darkness, day and night, see all your sins”**; **Luke 12:3**, Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

⁵⁵¹ **“Sinners will alter the words of righteousness”**; **Revelation 22:18-19**, I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

⁵⁵² **“My words in all their languages”**; this passage need not be seen as an anachronism. It is true the rebellion at the Tower of Babel was resolved by the creation of the languages of the nations. In our world today, languages are born over time, due to the separation of people caused by geographic and topographic realities. That generations after Noah, people had one language, does not negate the possibility for multiplicity of languages before the flood.

⁵⁵³ **“Books will be given to the righteous”**; Here again, Enoch indicates there will be a future time of special blessing for readers of Enoch's book. This incredible prophecy indicates a truthful record of Enoch's books has been preserved and awaits revealing in the last days. Either this has been fulfilled in the present text, or will be fulfilled with a more ancient, more trustworthy text(s) which remains to be discovered. (See chapter 14, in *Who Really Wrote the Book of Enoch?*).

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² * For I and My Son⁵⁵⁴ will be united with them for ever⁵⁵⁵ in the paths of uprightness in their lives; and ye shall have peace: rejoice, ye children of uprightness. Amen.

The Uncanny Birth of Noah ⁵⁵⁶

106 And after some days my son Methuselah took a wife for his son Lamech, and she became pregnant by him and bore a son.

² And his body was white as snow and red as the blooming of a rose, and the hair of his head and his long locks were white as wool, and his eyes beautiful. And when he opened his eyes, he lighted up the whole house like the sun, and the whole house was very bright.⁵⁵⁷ ³ And thereupon he arose in the hands of the midwife, opened his mouth, and conversed with the Lord of righteousness.

⁴ And his father Lamech was afraid of him and fled, and came to his father Methuselah.

⁵ And he said unto him: "I have begotten a strange son,⁵⁵⁸ diverse from and unlike man, and resembling the sons of the God of heaven; and his

⁵⁵⁴ * **"I and my Son"**; In this passage using language which reminds us of Psalm 2:11-12, and Proverbs 30:4, the eternal God is said to have His Son by His side, which the New Testament identifies as Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. Here the writer of the *Book of Enoch* evidences the spirit of prophecy by his foreknowledge of the existence of the Son of God, the 2nd person of the Trinity, before the birth of Jesus Christ. **Psalm 2:11-12**, Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way. **Proverbs 30:4**, Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name? Surely you know!

⁵⁵⁵ **"I and my Son will be united with them forever"**; **John 14:23**, Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.' **Revelation 21:3**, I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God'. **Enoch 71:16**

⁵⁵⁶ **The Uncanny Birth of Noah**, the reader may find it interesting to read another version of this story in the Dead Sea Scrolls titled *"The Genesis Apocryphon"*, and *"Tales of the Patriarchs"* (1QapGen). That version has greater detail than the one included in Enoch. Before the discovery of the DSS, the version of the story in the *Book of Enoch* was all that was known.

⁵⁵⁷ **"The whole house was very bright"**; **Exodus 34:29**, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. **Matthew 17:1-2**, Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

⁵⁵⁸ **"I have gotten a strange son"**; The brightness coming from Noah's face was the kind of Shekinah glory which Moses had after meeting with God for 40 days. People were afraid of that brightness too and asked Moses to cover his face. Gradually the glory of Moses' face faded until it was gone. Apparently Noah was born with the Shekinah glory emanating from his face because this auspicious child was chosen by God to save humanity, foreshadowing Christ the savior of the world, and whose face also shone on the Mount of Transfiguration. Perhaps the Shekinah glory of God gradually faded from Noah's face as he grew. In the *Book of Enoch*, not only did Noah Shine, but God also shines, **Enoch 14:20-21**, angels shine, **Enoch 71:1**, and we are told we will all shine! **Enoch 104:1-2** This isn't the only occurrence

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nature is different and he is not like us, and his eyes are as the rays of the sun, and his countenance is glorious. ⁶And it seems to me that he is not sprung from me but from the angels, and I fear that in his days a wonder may be wrought on the earth. ⁷And now, my father, I am here to petition thee and implore thee that thou mayst go to Enoch, our father, and learn from him the truth, for his dwelling-place is amongst the angels.”

A Visitation by Methuselah to Enoch

⁸And when Methuselah heard the words of his son, he came to me⁵⁵⁹ to the ends of the earth;⁵⁶⁰ for he had heard that I was there, and he cried aloud, and I heard his voice and I came to him. And I said unto him: “Behold, here am I, my son, wherefore hast thou come to me?”

⁹And he answered and said: “Because of a great cause of anxiety have I come to thee, and because of a disturbing vision have I approached. ¹⁰And now, my father, hear me: unto Lamech my son there hath been born a son, the like of whom there is none, and his nature is not like man’s nature, and the color of his body is whiter than snow and redder than the bloom of a rose, and the hair of his head is whiter than white wool, and his eyes are like the rays of the sun, and he opened his eyes and thereupon lighted up the whole house.

¹¹“And he arose in the hands of the midwife, and opened his mouth and blessed the Lord of Heaven.

¹²“And his father Lamech became afraid and fled to me, and did not believe that he was sprung from him, but that he was in the likeness of the angels of heaven; and behold I have come to thee that thou mayst make known to me the truth.”

The Lord Will Do a New Thing

¹³And I, Enoch, answered and said unto him: “The Lord will do a new thing on the earth, and this I have already seen in a vision, and make

of a shining face in Scripture, nor the only occurrence of an unusual birth. John the Baptist jumped for joy in his mother’s womb on hearing the voice of the mother of Jesus. That’s pretty unusual too. On a side note of interest, in the Dead Sea Scrolls, a book referred to as *The Genesis Apocryphon* also tells the story of the unusual circumstances of the birth of Noah. **Isaiah 60:1** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

⁵⁵⁹ **Enoch 106:8-107:3**, purports to be written by Enoch after he was translated.

⁵⁶⁰ **“He came to me to the ends of the earth”**; This is one of two occasions on which Enoch is seen on earth after his translation. Perhaps Methuselah’s trip to the “ends of the earth” here is idiomatic for *traveling to the top of a tall mountain*. However, in ancient times there was the belief Enoch was not translated to heaven but into the Garden of Eden, (see Jubilees 4:22-24). In this passage, once Methuselah has traveled *to the ends of the earth*, he meets Enoch. In **Enoch 65:2**, we have a later event when Noah too sought Enoch at the ‘ends of the earth’.

known to thee that in the generation of my father Jared⁵⁶¹ some of the angels of heaven transgressed the word of the Lord. ¹⁴And behold they commit sin and transgress the law, and have united themselves with women and commit sin with them, and have married some of them, and have begot children by them. ¹⁵And they shall produce on the earth giants not according to the spirit, but according to the flesh, and there shall be a great punishment on the earth, and the earth shall be cleansed from all impurity.

¹⁶“Yea, there shall come a great destruction over the whole earth, and there shall be a deluge and a great destruction for one year.

¹⁷“And this son who has been born unto you shall be left on the earth, and his three children shall be saved with him: when all mankind that are on the earth shall die he and his sons shall be saved.

“Call His Name Noah”

¹⁸“And now make known to thy son Lamech that he who has been born is in truth his son, and call his name Noah; for he shall be left to you, and he and his sons shall be saved from the destruction, which shall come upon the earth on account of all the sin and all the unrighteousness, which shall be consummated on the earth in his days.

“There Shall be More Unrighteousness than That”

¹⁹And after that there shall be still more unrighteousness than that which was first consummated on the earth;⁵⁶² for I know the mysteries of the holy ones; for He, the Lord, has showed me and informed me, and I have read them in the heavenly tablets.”⁵⁶³

107 “And I saw written on them that generation upon generation shall transgress, till a generation of righteousness arises, and transgression is destroyed and sin passes away from the earth, and all manner of good comes upon it.

²“And now, my son, go and make known to thy son Lamech that this son, which has been born, is in truth his son, and that this is no lie.”

⁵⁶¹ **“In the generation of my father Jared”**; Here Enoch indicates the events which occurred before his birth, were shown to him in a vision. Those events are recorded in Enoch chapters 6-8. Perhaps this vision Enoch references can be found in the vision Enoch saw in the *Book of Dream-Visions*. **Enoch 6:6, Enoch 86:1-4**

⁵⁶² **“After that there shall be still more unrighteousness than that”**; On more than one occasion, the *Book of Enoch* compares earth's *first end* during the time of the flood, to a later more sever end of the age, see **Enoch 91:6**.

⁵⁶³ **“I have read them in the heavenly tablets”**; Enoch is shown heavenly records written upon tablets, in which he learns about the future of the world and the activities of mankind throughout history, and the coming judgment. **Enoch 81:1-2, 93:2, 103:2, 106:19**

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³And when Methuselah had heard the words of his father Enoch- for he had shown to him everything in secret- he returned and showed them to him and called the name of that son Noah; for he will comfort the earth after all the destruction.

Time-Capsule to the Last Generation

108 Another book which Enoch wrote⁵⁶⁴ for his son Methuselah and for those who will come after him, and keep the law in the last days.

The Book of Life

The *Book of Life* is mentioned here and throughout the Bible and early Jewish literature. Initially, all the living are enrolled in the *Book of Life*. However, *the soul that sins, shall die*, wrote Ezekiel, and when someone dies without redemption their name is then blotted out of the book. In our era, redemption comes through Jesus Christ. At the end of time, the *Book of Life* will then be called the *Lamb's Book of Life*, because the only names remaining in it will be those who have been redeemed by Christ, the Lamb of God. Will your name be listed in the *Book of Life* on that day?

²Ye who have done good shall wait for those days till an end is made of those who work evil, and an end of the might of the transgressors.⁵⁶⁵ ³And wait ye indeed till sin has passed away,⁵⁶⁶ for their names shall be blotted out of the Book of Life⁵⁶⁷ and out of the holy books, and their seed

shall be destroyed for ever, and their spirits shall be slain, and they shall cry and make lamentation in a place that is a chaotic wilderness,⁵⁶⁸ and in the fire shall they burn; for there is no earth there.⁵⁶⁹

⁴And I saw there something like an invisible cloud; for by reason of its depth I could not look over, and I saw a flame of fire blazing brightly, and things like shining mountains circling and sweeping to and fro.⁵⁷⁰

⁵⁶⁴ **"Another book which Enoch wrote"**; The composite nature of the collection we now call the *Book of Enoch* is highlighted here. **Enoch 1:1-2, 37:3, 92:1**

⁵⁶⁵ **"Wait for those days"**; the passage is an exhortation to those living in the time of the end. They are instructed to *wait* until an end is made of the transgressors which is accomplished by their deliverance from the transgressors by the return of Messiah Jesus.

⁵⁶⁶ **"Till sin has passed away"**; **Daniel 9:24**, Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to *put an end to sin*, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

⁵⁶⁷ **"Their names shall be blotted out of the book of life"**; **Exodus 32:33**, The LORD said to Moses, 'Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book'. **Psalms 69:28**, Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous. **Revelation 3:5**, The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. **Revelation 20:15**, If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

⁵⁶⁸ **"A chaotic wilderness"**; **Enoch 21:1-2**

⁵⁶⁹ **"There is no earth there"**; The Lake of Fire will be bottomless, as was the Abyss before it. **Revelation 20:15**, If anyone's name was not found written in the *Book of Life*, he was thrown into the lake of fire. **Enoch 10:13-14**

⁵⁷⁰ **"Things like shining mountains"**; here, and in Revelation 8:8, this imagery is an idiom for fallen angels. **Revelation 8:8**, The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a

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⁵And I asked one of the holy angels who was with me and said unto him: “What is this shining thing? for it is not a heaven but only the flame of a blazing fire, and the voice of weeping and crying and lamentation and strong pain.”

⁶And he said unto me: “This place which thou seest- here are cast the spirits of sinners and blasphemers, and of those who work wickedness, and of those who pervert everything that the Lord hath spoken⁵⁷¹ through the mouth of the prophets- even the things that shall be.

⁷“For some of them are written and inscribed above in the heaven, in order that the angels may read them and know⁵⁷² that which shall befall the sinners, and the spirits of the humble, and of those who have afflicted their bodies, and been recompensed by God; and of those who have been put to shame by wicked men: ⁸Who love God and loved neither gold nor silver nor any of the good things which are in the world,⁵⁷³ but gave over their bodies to torture.⁵⁷⁴ ⁹Who, since they came into being, longed not after earthly food, but regarded everything as a passing breath, and lived accordingly, and the Lord tried them much, and their spirits were found pure⁵⁷⁵ so that they should bless His name.

¹⁰“And all the blessings destined for them I have recounted in the books. And He hath assigned them their recompense, because they have been found to be such as loved heaven more than their life⁵⁷⁶ in the world, and though they were trodden under foot of wicked men, and experienced abuse and reviling from them and were put to shame, yet they blessed Me.⁵⁷⁷

great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. See **Enoch 18:13-15, 21:3**

⁵⁷¹ **“Those who pervert everything that the Lord hath spoken”**; **2 Peter 2:1**, False prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

⁵⁷² **“That the angels may read them and know”**; in Enoch, angels are not all-knowing and desire to learn as we do. **1 Peter 1:12**, It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, *things into which angels long to look*.

⁵⁷³ **1 John 2:15**, Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **Enoch 48:7**

⁵⁷⁴ **“Gave over their bodies to torture”**; **Hebrews 11:35**, Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

⁵⁷⁵ **“Their spirits were found pure”**; **Daniel 11:35**, Some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

⁵⁷⁶ **“Loved heaven more than their life”**; this is a euphemism for martyrdom. Those who love heaven more than life are those who are willing to die for love of God. **Revelation 12:11**, They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

⁵⁷⁷ **“Were put to shame, yet they blessed Me”**; **Matthew 5:10**, Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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¹¹“And now I will summon the spirits of the good who belong to the generation of light,⁵⁷⁸ and I will transform those who were born in darkness, who in the flesh were not recompensed with such honor as their faithfulness deserved. ¹²And I will bring forth in shining light those who have loved My holy name, and I will seat each on the throne of his honor.⁵⁷⁹ ¹³And they shall be resplendent for times without number; for righteousness is the judgment of God; for to the faithful He will give faithfulness in the habitation of upright paths.

“The Generation of Light”

The destiny of the “generation of light” is glorious. They will be rewarded with a jeweled “crown of life” (Rev. 2:10) and will share with Christ his royal status forever in eternal light.

¹⁴“And they shall see those who were born in darkness led into darkness, while the righteous shall be resplendent. ¹⁵And the sinners shall cry aloud and see them resplendent, and they indeed will go where days and seasons are prescribed for them.

⁵⁷⁸ **“Who belong to the generation of light”**; **Ephesians 5:8**, At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as *children of light*. **1 Thessalonians 5:5**, You are all *children of light*, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **Colossians 1:13**, He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

⁵⁷⁹ **“I will seat each on the throne of his honor”**; **Ephesians 2:6-7**, God raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **Matthew 19:28**, Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’