

**Lesson No 5            God and Creation****Genesis 1**

1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. 3And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. 6And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. 8And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. 14And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. 17And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." 21So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

**Genesis 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up--for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground-- <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**Psalms 8:1**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted

## **Romans 1:20-23**

<sup>20</sup>Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; <sup>21</sup>for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

## **Deuteronomy 4:15-19**

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore take good heed to yourselves. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup>beware lest you act corruptly by making a graven image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, <sup>17</sup>the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, <sup>18</sup>the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. <sup>19</sup>And beware lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and worship them and serve them, things which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

## **Ezekiel 14:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Then came certain of the elders of Israel to me; and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>3</sup>"Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces; should I let myself be inquired of at all by them? <sup>4</sup>Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him myself because of the multitude of his idols, <sup>5</sup>that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols.

## **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup>Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup>and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

## **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## **Acts 17:31**

because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead."

## **Psalms 90:2**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

## **Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

## **Exodus 34:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

## **Psalms 33:6**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

## **Genesis 2:15-25**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; <sup>22</sup>and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

## **Genesis 3**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them. <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever"-- <sup>23</sup>therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup>He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

## **Psalms 95:6**

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

## **John 4:23**

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

## **Isaiah 25:9**

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## **Psalms 24:1-10 A Psalm of David.**

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein; <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

## **Psalms 102:25-28**

<sup>25</sup>Of old thou didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. <sup>26</sup>They will perish, but thou dost endure; they will all wear out like a garment. Thou changest them like raiment, and they pass away; <sup>27</sup>but thou art the same, and thy years have no end. <sup>28</sup>The children of thy servants shall dwell secure; their posterity shall be established before thee.

## **Romans 1:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; <sup>21</sup>for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

## **Hebrews 11:3**

By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

## **Lesson No. 6 God so loved the World**

### **Isaiah 53:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand; <sup>11</sup>he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **Genesis 2:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

### **Romans 5:12**

Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned--

### **Jeremiah 17:9**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it?

### **Romans 7:18**

For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

### **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

### **Ephesians 2:8**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God--

### **Hebrews 11:16**

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### **Romans 5:12**

Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned--

### **Romans 5:18-21**

<sup>18</sup>Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **John 3:16**

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### **Revelation 5:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>and they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth." )

### **Ephesians 2:1-22**

<sup>1</sup>And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup>Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup>not because of works, lest any man should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. <sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands-- <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## **Lesson No 7 The Return of the Lord Jesus to the Earth**

### **Acts 1:1-26**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; <sup>13</sup>and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'His office let another take.' <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

### **John 16:20**

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

### **John 20:20**

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

### **Luke 24:51-52**

<sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

### **Matthew 28:20**

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

### **Luke 21:27**

And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast;

and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **Acts 3:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

### **2 Peter 3:4**

and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation."

### **2 Peter 3:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

### **2 Timothy 4:1**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16**

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first;

### **2 Thessalonians 1:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>and to grant rest with us to you who are afflicted, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, <sup>8</sup>inflicting vengeance upon those who do not know God and upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

<sup>51</sup>Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

### **Philippians 3:21**

who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

### **Psalms 72:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son! <sup>2</sup>May he judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice! <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor! <sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! <sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! <sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! <sup>9</sup>May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! <sup>12</sup>For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. <sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. <sup>15</sup>Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! <sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may men blossom forth from the cities like the grass of the field! <sup>17</sup>May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed! <sup>18</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. <sup>19</sup>Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!

<sup>20</sup>The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

## **Zechariah 12:10**

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born.

## **Revelation 22:20**

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## **1 Thessalonians 4:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from unchastity; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honour, <sup>5</sup>not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you. <sup>7</sup>For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. <sup>9</sup>But concerning love of the brethren you have no need to have any one write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; <sup>10</sup>and indeed you do love all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup>to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; <sup>12</sup>so that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody. <sup>13</sup>But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; <sup>17</sup>then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## **Daniel 12:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. <sup>4</sup>But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

## **Lesson No. 8.            Signs of the coming of Jesus.**

### **Luke 21:1-38**

<sup>1</sup>He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup>and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. <sup>3</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; <sup>4</sup>for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had." <sup>5</sup>And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?"

<sup>8</sup>And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be a time for you to bear testimony. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; <sup>17</sup>you will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup>"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it; <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfil all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for those who are with

child and for those who give suck in those days! For great distress shall be upon the earth and wrath upon this people; <sup>24</sup>they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; <sup>35</sup>for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man." <sup>37</sup>And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. <sup>38</sup>And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

### **Acts 3:19-21**

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

### **Matthew 24:36**

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

### **Matthew 24:3**

As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"

### **Jeremiah 30:3**

For behold, days are coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it."

### **Ezekiel 37:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all sides, and bring them to their own land; <sup>22</sup>and I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.

### **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.

### **2 Peter 3:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>First of all you must understand this, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions <sup>4</sup>and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation."

### **Judges 17:6**

In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of stress. <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people.

### **Daniel 12:1-2 <sup>1</sup>**

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one

whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

## **2 Peter 3:11**

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

## **Jeremiah 31:10**

"Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'

## **Ezekiel 5:5**

Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries round about her.

## **Joel 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will enter into judgment with them there, on account of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations, and have divided up my land,

## **Joel 3:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. <sup>10</sup>Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a warrior."  
<sup>11</sup>Hasten and come, all you nations round about, gather yourselves there. Bring down thy warriors, O LORD. <sup>12</sup>Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations round about. <sup>13</sup>Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the wine press is full. The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. <sup>14</sup>Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup>The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel. <sup>17</sup>"So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who dwell in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy and strangers shall never again pass through it.

## **Luke 12:40**

You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."