



For [Messiah] our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7 (Isaiah 53:5-7)

There had never been a Passover quite like this one. And now it is gone, with no prospect of recovery for our troubled city. It had been cancelled! Extinguished by political correctness under the cover of darkness. — Putting to death the “Prince of Life” and hope for our world: The very Messiah for whom we had been waiting!

Our teachers kept insisting that the words of the prophets were far too difficult for common people to understand . . . although the hungry had been fed, with the lame leaping in our streets —and even the blind were discovering new sight (as the dead were raised!) We had even sensed, deep in our hearts, a new kind of deliverance from a darkness that had seemed so very deep (even deeper than the Deep State!). — And then . . . **the Darkness made a come back(!)**, and our new found freedom vanished in a flash, as the very Prince of Darkness seemed to walk our streets with a renewed vengeance, and we arose in the Night with torches blaring, and found ourselves crying out, “Crucify him!”

—Would we never learn? Would we never be free from the boomerang effect of evil? Could we not find the liberty to do what is right, forever?

Must we always fall back into the pit which we have dug for ourselves, by our own foolishness? What is it within man that we must always look goodness in the face, and ultimately reject it? May we never be delivered from the evil one, and—may we never have God’s will done on earth, as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10)??

He had told us that He was (is) the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no one can truly gain access to God, except through Messiah (John 14:6)—yet, instead of bowing at His feet (after He had washed our own—John 13:1-5) we had stood idly by while the forces of Darkness moved forward with an agenda to extinguish His Light! In fact, even though Peter had found it in his heart to rise up against the Night by flashing his sword in the Lord’s defense: Jesus had rejected the offer, and told Peter to put up his sword. “For all who take

* “passach” — Hebrew for “Passover”

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the sword,” Jesus said, “will perish by the sword.” (Matt. 26:52) —So, how are we to ever get free? How are we to ever be free from tyranny? —By turning the other cheek?!!

Yet, that is exactly what Jesus had done, over and over again. The prophets had known about this, and foreseen that, “His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;” (Isaiah 52:14) and we “hid our faces from Him” (Isaiah 53:2). As friends would ask, concerning His scars, “What are these wounds in your hands?” And He answers,

Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Zechariah 13:6 AV

But not —*not today!*

For today, we can see that God’s love is stronger than death! And His grace is truly more glorious than all of the wickedness and malicious plotting of the “Deep State”—whether such agendas originate within the very temples, courts, or DC corridors of men and women in our highest institutions —or birthed from ignorance, ’er *learning*, discovered within the quiet recesses and secret places of the mind, where plots are hatched in the back (and blackened) rooms of fallen humanity.

Yes, today, on this day that has been a

mere three days beyond the Jewish Passover, the Death Angel has again passed over us. For, Christ, the Passover Lamb has been offered up for us, and the Prince of Life has arisen victorious over Death and the Grave!

And we, by simply bowing at His feet and pledging ourselves to His victory, may now be *born again!* Born into a “brand new” experience and humanity, if you will.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

And:

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Come, my friend, let us “pass over” into the Kingdom of God, where the real “Deep State” of a fallen humanity and our own sin, has been conquered, as we experience the love and resurrection power of the Christ *for ourselves!*

For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord Jesus, shall be saved (Acts 2:21).



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BEFORE

THERE WAS TIME

... for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:24

Even before time began in our world, the Bible informs us, Love existed, and God was preparing a masterpiece of creation for one consuming purpose of having a “Bride” and “children” who would be given everlasting life, and eventually spend the rest of eternity with Him. God knew, however, that in order to have such an event take place, He would have to allow—not only the existence of good in the Universe, but evil as well. For true love, that has no choice in the matter, is not love at all(!).

In other words (as it relates to us now, in the outworking of what we call “history”)—God knew that one day He would eventually have to enter His creation as the Answer to all the trouble and sorrow that would ultimately result from the fashioning of this Masterpiece of love and that . . . there would be a level of *pain* that only He, personally, would be able to shoulder, in order to give birth to this gem of creation. This is what the Bible means when it speaks of the Lamb (Christ) being “slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). But first, one important detail: God would have to create the Universe . . . and time itself.

In its most basic and simple terms, biblical timing makes use of factors known as night & day, or night time and the dawning of the next day, to support an enduring legacy. — And the first time we hear God speak, it is to call Light out of the darkness—again. Thus, the Bible opens with the words:

¹ *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* ² *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.* ³ *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

Genesis 1:1-3

Then, we witness the first act of (what we might call) “satisfaction” in the Godhead: After the Night, God examines the result in the Day, and pronounces judgment:

⁴ *And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.* ⁵ *God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the*

first day.

Genesis 1:4-5

But wait! What was that about the earth being “void” with darkness upon its surface? Did God not create the world to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:15)? Yes, yes, but in order to accomplish anything worthwhile, there is (what we might call) “push back.” You don’t fashion beauty, within “time and space” without first carving away that which is un-beautiful. Light is not appreciated without the presence of the dark. A diamond shines most brilliantly against a black background. But, we digress from our mission of creating time, and space itself.



Like having a baby first open its eyes . . .

As the first day “clocked out” on this magnificent planet that was privileged to have one key element that makes it unique within the physical Universe (WATER!!) God begins fashioning it for the sustenance of a specific kind of life, by installing a “firmament:” establishing a “firm” place where the waters that are above, are separated from those beneath—in order to give us a “breathing space,” or atmosphere. This, also, becomes what Bible students call the “first heaven” (where the birds may fly, and humankind breathes). There is also a space above this (outer space), and a “third

heaven” where God dwells (2 Cor. 12:2).

And God called the [atmosphere] Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:8

This marking of the passing of what we call “time” by the cycling of night, and then the day: darkness, and then the light, was established by (what we now know to be) the “simple” formation of our solar system, with a planet (our earth) turning on its axis to face the sun at a “comfortable” rate that we now recognize as 24 hours—and then months & years, as God notes later in the creation account:

¹⁴ *Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;"* ¹⁵ *and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.*

Genesis 1:14-15

Why place this notation so late within the creation account? Perhaps it is to place a capstone upon our human experience. Or, perhaps we might look at the creation account as God’s first example of what He would so often use when talking of deep concepts to followers (disciples) —by using parables. Like having a baby first open its eyes (to the light, on day one)—then being able to breathe (the atmosphere, day 2)—and having something to walk upon (grass, fields, vegetables to eat; on day 3) —Before establishing what would soon become a permanent “time stamp” upon our existence within this world by distinguishing our humanity in a tangible way, from Eternal God, whose “day” never ends.

The next event recorded, in the

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GOD'S “REGIME CHANGE”

²⁰ Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹ And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²² He revealeth the deep and secret things: . . .

Daniel 2:20-22 AV

Even though the Bible is quite capable of speaking in noble generalities—and in spite of the fact that Christ once rebuked the disciples for requesting details on the fulfillment of prophecy—informing them that it was not for *them* to know the times and seasons, there *are* times when knowing about the future is encouraged by God. In fact, there are times when a failure to avail ourselves of this heavenly “intelligence gathering” can be detrimental to the wellbeing of those insisting on burying their heads in the sand. . . .

This paradox exists, even though knowing about future events in advance may not shield us from possible pain when actually living through the forecast—or even protect us from the collateral damage that results. We can see this applying to God, Himself, for example, very close to the very opening of the Bible. We know that God knew that the creation of man would not only bring Him much joy and pleasure—but also such pain that He would have to send His only begotten Son on an incredibly painful rescue mission;—even to the Cross of Calvary itself, to make it possible for His Bride to enjoy communion, well *beyond time itself* in a new Paradise.

Yet we first run into this painful reality when, wonder of wonders, we read the following statement very close to the beginning of humanity’s journey, within the antediluvian world:

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:5-6

The term “antediluvian” refers to the world that existed before the flood—the flood that was the result of a wayward and rebellious humanity shaking its fist in the face of God, while seeking to create a super race of individuals who would outdo God at His own business of creation (with their own “mandates” - Genesis 6:1-3)—before experiencing a head-on collision with the judgment of God.

⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

Genesis 6:7

. . . Yet we also see the very heart of God in the next verse, when witnessing the Bible’s first use of the word, “grace.”

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:8

We again see God’s heart laboring within a foreknowledge of the future, much later, within the New Testament; as Christ purposefully delays the reviving of Lazarus from the dead. We know that He *knew* Lazarus would come back from the dead, and that the whole event been orchestrated to demonstrate His power over our *worst enemy* (Death, itself- Jn. 11:14-15, 41-42)—nevertheless, as Lazarus’ sisters and friends wept over the death of a man who many rec-

ognized as Jesus' close friend. . . Scripture records its shortest, and in some ways, most poignant verse:

Jesus wept.

John 11:35

For Jesus (as do all who have stood over the open grave of a love one) *hates death*. Yet, when humankind sinned, back in Paradise, God knew that we had to be banished from that lively and glorious place. In fact, we might even say that God determined to make a special provision for us, that had not been made for the angels who sinned. In summary (for we must move on) God observed that a very twisted fate was awaiting humankind, after our falling into sin:

²² *Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--*

²³ *therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Genesis 3:22-24

The word translated "know" in verse twenty-two (about "knowing" evil) is the same word used in the opening of the next chapter, where Scripture notes that Adam "knew" his wife and bore a son. Now, this certainly does not mean that Adam shook his wife's hand . . . But that Adam had *entered into* an intimate experience. And in reference to evil? Before, Adam may have witnessed animals or himself making a mistake—but now the "mistake" was originating from deep within himself. He had, in a sense, become married to evil. It would take a special "surgical procedure" to cleanse his soul of this condition—a procedure that had been denied to fallen angels.

The subject of demons is well beyond the scope of our discussion, here; suffice it to say that they are being held in another dimension, within "chains of darkness" (2 Pet. 2:4) to protect us from them, in general, and to restrict their movement. Yet, for our sakes God has allowed death to reign in this world, so that one day Christ would be able to come and "taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9)—and, as Jesus told Lazarus' sister,

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in*

Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

What beautiful verses to ponder on the Sunday that we call "Easter"!
Selah.

So now, we must be willing to dig into some aspects of Bible prophecy that many may find quite disturbing; for the United States (and even its ultimate judgment) *is* outlined within the Scriptures, but like the Lord Jesus, although we may weep over a pending demise, we must continue to move forward towards the resurrection of all who would dare to embrace God's heart (through Christ), and believe in Him. —**And, who knows? If enough of our fellow travelers within the Kingdom of God catch the vision; perhaps, because of the many options described within Scrip-**

ture, we may yet see an extension of our present season of grace . . . and even, freedom. So let us begin to dig deeper, for we have a lot of "unpacking" to do. But first, there are a few details that we must familiarize ourselves with, in order to dig into this goldmine hidden within Scripture.

The first "detail" is this: that God really does know the future . . . yet we need to acknowledge that the prophets to whom God gave the inspired words of Scripture did not *need to understand* all that they were writing about. We see this truth applied by the apostle Peter in his description of how Old Testament prophets recorded future events concerning Christ's first coming; by saying that the prophets realized that

they were actually writing about things revealed for *our* understanding, who would actually live to experience the benefits of the atonement that the Christ would provide, by His own death and resurrection (1 Peter 1:10-12).

Bible scholars may often parse and divide Scripture in a way that may be understood fully, within the generation in which it was written. Yet, a more exemplary investigating may understand that there are secrets that Heaven reserves for the generation that actually experiencing their fulfillment. By applying this understanding to prophecies containing symbols, we may begin to suspect that every generation may thus apply meaning (to what they perceive as) a fulfillment of prophetic truth, to bolster their hope for deliverance in their generation.

Ultimately, however, all of the symbols must line up in perfect agreement with the current events of the terminal generation.

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Acknowledging the above truth will assist us, as we hurry along to begin digging into a chapter of Daniel's prophecy that modern scholars have attempted to apply solely to the era that Daniel lived in—but which is more accurately understood when comparing it with a chapter lodged in the belly button of the Apocalypse (John's Revelation) at the end of the Bible.

Here, with a little discernment we can detect a mirror image (of sorts) appearing in John's thirteenth chapter—as we compare it with Daniel's seventh. We will hurry along, now—even though calling to mind that God can actually stop time (or even reverse time itself, if He wills, as when reversing the sundial for Hezekiah —2 Kings 20:11). **Yet, it is not normal to go backwards . . . so we must continue to move along with the prophets into the future.**

Quickly now, as we remember that the apostle stated that we can see our world in a mirror (1 Cor. 13:12) — and then examine Daniel's seventh chapter with its mirror image in John's Revelation. Daniel's prophecy:

² . . . "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

⁵ "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

⁶ "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Daniel 7:2-6

Notice the above progression, after coming out of the Great Sea: of a lion with eagle's wings, then a bear that devours much flesh, and finally a leopard with four heads (which I will simply state implies an entity with a *world wide* dominion, typified by doubling its use of the numeral "4"—denoting the four points of the compass). Notice, as well, something quite painful: that the lion with eagle's wings eventually has them "plucked off" (which, to save time, I will denote as a reference to this nation losing its noble faith that would allow it to soar like an eagle —Isaiah 40:31)—after these wings are plucked: a new type of nation arises; one dependent upon a humanistic mindset, as it proudly stands up upon

two feet, "like a man, and a man's heart was given to it."

Now we proceed to a modified "mirror image" within John's Revelation:

¹ *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.*

Revelation 13:1-2

Note, with me, the exact reverse order (mirror image) of the symbolic sequencing above. Both arise out of the sea, yet now: the *first* is the leopard, followed by the bear, and finally

the lion. Looking more closely, we now note what seems most apparent, within our post modern world:

The lion does appear to represent Great Britain, (Note her boast of lions, in Trafalgar Square) —having a famous colony whose symbol is the eagle (the USA)—denoting our dependence upon God in our nation's founding—but now rapidly casting this aside in favor of . . . Humanism, which is truly the main religion taught within our centers of "higher learning" today.

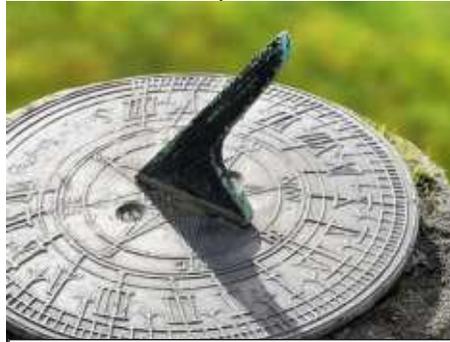
The bear, of course, represents Russia. The Leopard with its world-wide dominion may easily represent the third world, with its multicolored spots . . . representing diverse skin tones.

One more, very important detail: the mouth. It represents that of the (wing plucked) lion. In other words, the main "mouthpiece" (like it or not) of this federation—speaks English (on the Internet, through Hollywood, etc.).

Notice with me, as well, that the writer of the Revelation says that this creature *looks like* a leopard. In other words, its dominating characteristic (or most numerous membership) derives from the third world: very much like our modern day . . . United Nations organization. Or, if you are more familiar with more aggressive terms, we might easily state that what we have just witnessed within these reflections, is the rise of

the New World Order.

To be continued.



God can even halt time . . .

(Continued from page 3)- *Before . . . Time* creation account, is a joyous celebration of what we may call higher life forms (animals, fish & birds):

²¹ *So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

²² *And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."*

Genesis 1:21-22

And so, the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Finally, we come on the scene, as God takes a personal hand in forming Adam from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7)—awakening us, so to speak, to the experience of living. Nevertheless, let us not forget this emphasis on the cycling of darkness, to be followed by the light, as it continues to be played out in the *moral sphere* for millennia. Remember the cycle: of darkness, and then the light. As the apostle Paul notes:

¹³ *But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.* ¹⁴ *Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."*

Ephesians 5:11-14

In other words, before the next day comes, or before we can advance to the next level, we must always deal with the Night—until there is a new heaven and new earth, where there will no longer be a need for the sun or moon. For God Himself will then be the everlasting Light (Revelation 21:22).

It does seem so very appropriate, therefore, that when the disciples of the Christ would question Him about the end of the age, He gives an answer that seems to reflect the very nature of our mortality, and the circular nature

of history itself, in an answer that reflects the cycling of a historical clock: going round and round until . . . what?

⁶ *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

Matthew 24:6

Yet, even before giving the above answer, which involves what must precede the coming of Jesus for a second time: the Lord warns of the seductive nature of the Night: of its ability to seduce us to go back to sleep (in fact. He even tells a story of the faithful dozing off: with some being wiser than others (Matt. 25:1-10)). . .

⁴ *And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.* ⁵ *For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.*

Matthew 24:4-5

In this caveat to our quest to discover the Light while daring to expose the darkness, there is always an interval of struggle. True godliness never comes to pass, in this world, without a commitment to overcome evil. Even in the creation of the world there was a period of resistance, as we noted in our opening, which evidently allowed the advent of angels falling from heaven (Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 14:12-17). No, God knew all of this beforehand, and He was prepared for starting over. He did so, again, with Noah and the flood. —And finally, after we “get the message” that God alone, must provide an ultimate moral answer, He called Abraham and his descendants into covenant (which takes up the bulk of the book of Genesis)—and God sets out to accomplish a long term solution to humankind’s fascination with evil.

This long term solution, must involve only those who dare to “take the plunge” and actually *believe* in the God who planned to give us His best, by sacrificing himself upon a Cross—*from the very beginning*. Thus, *before*

the beginning of the foundation of the world: God planned to give each of us a new beginning. For:

. . . as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

Hebrews 9:27-28

Christ will appear to those on earth a *second time*, remember that. There is only *one* second coming (Rev. 20:4-5). Again, we have begun here to set the stage for a march down through the ages—towards the greatest contest and battle of the ages, for the hearts and minds of those who will spend eternity with the God who loves us.

³⁸ *For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,* ³⁹ *and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* ⁴⁰ *Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.* ⁴¹ *Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.* ⁴² *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

Matthew 24:38-42

Thus, as Noah was snatched away from the destruction beneath them (in the flood), washed away that old world, and they rode in Noah’s Ark towards a new world, in which they would begin again: So too, Christ will come again to carry us with Him, into the new world, wherein Christ will rule without question (Rev. 19:15), with us at His side, forever (1 Thes. 4:17)

—at His appointed “time.”

What Must I Do?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."
Acts 16:31

How?

... If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

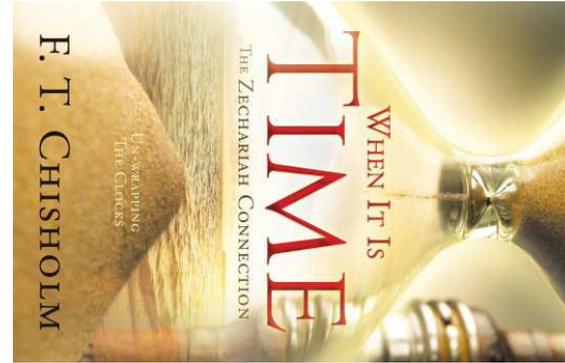
Live for Him: with your new life.

For the scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed."

Romans 10:11

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