

The Last Days and the Political Environment.

The two issues that lie at the foundation of most wars that have been fought throughout history are the same two issues most often banned at every family gathering: Religion and Politics. These two subjects seem to cause mental stress and emotional temperatures to flare beyond the bonds of familial relationships, and national treaties.

So, lets take these two oral contagions as the topic of discussion. So, prepare yourself for anger, insults, disagreements and perhaps an emotional war.

The goal of this presentation is to look at each topic in a different light and perspective than is usually done. Don't expect words of flattery so gather your stones early keep and keep the remote handy.

The fine print is as always: 'You don't have to believe a word I say'

First, we tackle the subject of 'religion' from the ever-popular topic of the Last Days, then look at the politics of the Last days. This we will do from a scriptural perspective as these topics appear throughout scriptural history and prophetic utterance.

"There was an unusual excitement on the subject of religion" recorded Joseph Smith, and a similar phrase is echoed today. 'There is an unusual excitement on the subject' of the Second Coming and the events of the Last Days. The vogue discussion in most Latter-day seminars, meetings, meals and family events revolve around the 'last days' and the events leading up to the millennial reign of Christ. The plethora of books, YouTube videos and podcasts about this subject are a tell-tell sign of the interest of the last-day minded masses. Everyone seems to have an overt interest in the events of the last days. The Sixty-four-dollar question is: Why?

While sitting around the holiday feast as the conversation grows stale and boring one needs only mention the calamities of the last days and/or the political environment. The only stop to the vocal war of words which ensues is to pass out the desert and switch the venue to the organized brawls we call, sports. Like all athletic competitions, all the screaming, cheering, and crying foul or penalty by those involved in the discussion will not change the outcome of the game of religion and politics.

People will usually try to satisfy their interest in these last-day curiosities and fears by listening to a supposed expert expound personal points of view, opinions, and interpretations rather than searching the scriptures (its much easier this way). These vocal experts are specialists in the art of striking fear in the heart of the listener for the upcoming life threatening events. This they often do in the effort to sell a product that the populace cannot survive the last-day calamities without, or promote a candidate that will provide a safe and secure future. The predictive nature of these

speakers reminds one of the words of Christ when he said: ‘that many will cry, lo here, and lo there, deceiving the very elect’.

When it comes to the subject of ‘Religion’ and ‘Politics’ the Standard Works of scripture should be the source upon which a person relies for answers. Likewise, the scriptures should be the eschatological source to understand the events (temporal and political) that lead up to the Second Coming. The political and religious nature of men and nations can be seen in history and therefore predicted in the present and the future because ‘the nature and constitution of man hasn’t changed since the beginning’ (TPJS) and the “natural man is an enemy to God and always will be unless...”

The advent of Christ and His millennial reign comes about because of the environment of religious and political conflict. The ‘Second Coming’ initiates the amalgamation of ‘religion and politics’, the separation of church and state will be over. He is the King of Kings that will inaugurate a welcome ‘theocracy’. Christ will combine civil and religious life together for those of one heart and one mind. Even with this common knowledge of the millenium, the scriptures are completely overlooked when it comes to the influence of politics and political leadership that will escort the events of the last days.

In the minds of many members there is a total ‘disconnect’ between scripture and life in general, especially politics. The secular or temporal concern will usually supersede the scriptural and spiritual anxieties in all faiths. It is thought by many that historical political content found throughout scripture is predominantly just historical context rather than insights provided by God through prophetic inspiration. There are two world or global views that are embraced by the masses. The first is the ‘*secular world view*’ which is the most popular and prevalent, and the second is the eternal or ‘*scriptural world view*’ that reflect the vision of prophets and holy men found and the words of God that are found in the holy writ.

The ‘disconnect’ from scripture is because of the secular world view that is embraced by the masses. The secular view ignores moral injunctions found in scripture that pertain to a temporal environment. This is done by negating the commands that would pertain to the plan of salvation and happiness that project eternal investments found in scripture rather than earthly enjoyments. For example: is abortion condoned by God and scripture, or LBGT lifestyles? What about socialism in the political arena? Today faith and religion, in a very subtle way, are the headliners on the political stage and platforms, and in the courts. The line between the separation of church and state blurs as the state controls moral and religious thought in public education as teachers turn religious and moral sins into civil rights. This secular world view is found in the teachings and arguments of our friend Korihor, in Alma Chapter Thirty.

The spiritual or scriptural world view looks beyond this life, providing a purpose of mortality for immortality. Realizing that Death is an event we live through and that an individual will be judged by the works that manifest their character. All of world history religious and political is nothing more than the details of the battle between God and Satan, between good and evil, between Babylon and the establishment of Zion. The scriptural world view reveals to the mind of the individual, that our own personal life falls into the context of that same battle.

Many individuals fail to realize that the spiritual and political successes and failures of antiquity should be applied to current thought and events. Not so much the details, like names and places that are found in antiquity, but the hearts and thoughts of the leaders and the people involved. Some of the most important aspects of scriptural history are the consequences that follow the choices that are made by the leaders, the voting populace and the individual.

Speaking of mankind in general, Joseph Smith said: ‘the nature and constitution of man hasn’t changed since the beginning’ (*source). For this reason, scripture contains the necessary information for the spiritual salvation as well as the temporal salvation of mankind. Besides the fullness of the Gospel, The Book of Mormon and the Bible (especially The Old Testament) contain a ‘record of a fallen people’ (*). Why would a member of the Church need a ‘record of a fallen people’ today? Because, the scriptures record the reasons why these *nations* came to an end, and the people destroyed. “But that can’t happen to us” is the cry today, because ‘all is well in Zion yea, Zion prospers’. This was the infamous cry of the people before Noah shut the doors of the Ark. The cry of Judah before the Babylonian captivity, as well as the nations of Nephites and Jaredites prior to their destruction. Why do we have multiple records of fallen nations? Because the ‘nature and constitution of man hasn’t changed since the beginning’ and the sins of Israel (those who know the gospel) are the sins of Israel in every dispensation and every generation.

Thus, “The Last Days and the Political Environment” is the topic chosen to offend as many people as possible.

First: a look at the prophecies of the “Last Days” from the Inspired Version of Matthew 24

As Christ began to teach those closest to Him about the events leading to His Second Coming, He made some interesting comments. Speaking of these events:

1. For I say unto you, that ye shall not see me henceforth and know that I am he of whom it is written by the prophets, until ye shall say: Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, in the clouds of heaven, and all the holy angels with him. Then understood his disciples that he should come again on the earth, after that he was glorified and crowned on the right hand of God

In this chapter it is easily seen that there are patterns of repetition (because the nature and constitution of man is always the same). The two parts of this repetitive prophecy is that which will come upon Jerusalem during the time of the Apostles and early believer and the second that will come after the great apostacy and after the time of the restoration of the Gospel. Because the patterns in each division are the same, the whole chapter should be reviewed for a better view of the events leading up to the Second Coming and the end times.

As the discussion begins about the signs of the time of His coming, the first and foremost element of last day events is one of warning from Christ. The opening message of the Last Days is one of warning and *deception*.

5. And Jesus answered, and said unto them: ***Take heed*** that no man ***deceive you***;

Christ then begins to talk of false Christs and Messiahs to lead and deceive those without a foundation in the standard of scripture:

6. For many shall come in my name, saying—I am Christ—and shall ***deceive many***;

Christ then talks about the arm of flesh and the false teachers and supposed prophetic leaders and states that:

9. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall ***deceive many***;

The reason this deception is prevalent is addressed by the Savior as He explains that ‘iniquity shall abound’. The natural character of mankind is one of self-indulgence and selfishness. This is the ‘natural man’ that is an enemy to God (***Mosiah**) The result of this iniquity is that the love of mankind shall wax cold.

10. And ***because iniquity shall abound***, the love of many shall wax cold

The obvious question that must be asked: How does one protect themselves from this deception and iniquity. The formulas of safety are addressed in the explanations given by Christ to the readers. There is a steadfast security by using the standards He has set rather than ‘alternate voices’ that cry ‘lo here and lo there’.

11. But **he that remaineth steadfast and is not overcome**, (because of the iniquity) the same shall be saved

Christ ends this discussion about the events of the last days, by explaining to the elect the only prescription to keep from being deceived in order to remain faithful during this illusory Last Days extravaganza:

37. And ***whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived***, for the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The life preserver against the deception of the false ‘last day’ propaganda, podcasts, and PowerPoints, is a muster to ‘*treasure up the word of God*’. What a novel idea to trust in the words of the Lord rather than the arms of flesh. The “Last Days for Dummies” is found in the pages of the Standard Works not on YouTube.

Christ ends this discussion to the Apostles of what is coming soon to Judea in another 38 years, and explains that this is the pattern of that will come globally at the time of the end. This He does by bringing a statement to the forefront about the “abomination of desolation” again. The reader is admonished to understand that the pattern has repeated in history and will be repeated again in the future. The patterns of history are, more often than not, the predictions of the future found in prophecy. Hence, the phrase, ‘whoso readeth let him understand’ as we ‘liken all scripture unto ourselves’. Remembering the ‘nature and constitution of man hasn’t changed since the beginning’.

12. When you, therefore, shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, then you shall stand in the holy place; **whoso readeth let him understand**.

Continuing the warning of deception, the Savior explains that the ruse is embraced, not only by those who are faithful members of the Church, but those who are '*elect according to the covenants*' of the temple. The faithful are deceived because of the market. The 'elect' listen, and want to know, they seek for light and truth sometimes with a zeal without a standard. It is not that the End Time professors and pontiffs are wanting to deceive the 'elect'; but the elect are deceived because of the source. The 'elect' are not specifically targeted in an objective assault, but as Christ explains "many shall come *in my name*" propagating interpretations and opinions, qualifying themselves with special insights because of their supposed inspiration, visions, manifestations and miraculous experiences. The greatest obstacle to truth is the ego that believes it already knows, and good people in good faith will knowingly and even unknowingly set themselves as a light and a beacon for others to follow. There is no greater allurements to the stage than to see one's name is lights.

21. ...if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, **believe him not**;
 22. For in those days there shall also arise **false** Christs, and **false** prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch, that, **if possible, they shall deceive the very elect**, who are the elect according to the covenant.

This message of Matthew 24 is for the "elect's sake" and the unmistakable message is 'don't be deceived' and to 'treasure up the words of Christ' to keep from being misinformed.

23. Behold, **I speak these things unto you for the elect's sake**; and you also shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars; **see that ye be not troubled**, for all I have told you must come to pass; but the end is not yet

Verse 23 above and verse 28 state that "wars, and rumors of wars" will surround us, but again the council of the Savior is "*see that ye be not troubled*" don't worry about it, the end will come, but the end is yet to come. These wars and rumors of wars are a natural result of religion and politics, the natural man, the absence of love, and the abounding iniquity.

The warning of deception continues as the focus turns towards supposed places of safety and refuge where one might think to gather with the righteous.

25. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you: Behold, he is in the desert; **go not forth**: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; **believe it not**

The Savior speaks again in the following verses to the "elect" so they can understand in order to not worry, for the 'righteous need not fear'. The anxiety of Christ for the elect is seen as He accentuates the deception that will run rampant which is a result of the 'natural man' governing nations and kingdoms.

29. Behold *I speak for mine elect's sake*; for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

The world is recognized by the wars and rumors of war as nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. These are the tell-tell signs of what we call “civilization”. ‘Wars and rumors of wars’ have been going on since the institution of governments and cultural religious beliefs, and wars and rumors of war will continue until Christ comes again and the real civilization is established. There are over 5000 ‘cultures’ but only one ‘civilization’ which is found in the establishment of Zion.

The discussion to the Apostles now makes a summary movement from the natural and controllable acts of man (war) to the supernatural acts of God. Famines, pestilences and earthquakes, that will be in many different places throughout the world. Again, this has been common throughout history and is common today. These events are part of life because this is a natural world governed and populated by the natural man, which is an enemy to God, and always will be until there is a change.

30. And again, ***because iniquity shall abound, the love of men shall wax cold***; but he that shall not be overcome, the same shall be saved.

This is the second time (vs. 10, 30) that iniquity shall abound and the love of men waxing cold is mentioned. The two great commandments, to love God and love our fellow man upon which hang all the law and the prophets, must also be the two commandments upon which all judgment must rest. Mankind’s love of God and his fellow man becomes the fundamental reason for the destructions that have come in history and are to come in the last days. The rejection of God and the desire for the competitive edge over others play a principle part in what is coming. Each of these are directly connected to politics and religion. Again, Christ instructs (vs. 11) that if we are not overcome by the iniquity and lack of love, we can be saved.

Chapter 1

1. For I say unto you, that ye shall not see me henceforth and know that I am he of whom it is written by the prophets, until ye shall say: Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, in the clouds of heaven, and all the holy angels with him. Then understood his disciples that he should come again on the earth, after that he was glorified and crowned on the right hand of God.

2. And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him, for to hear him, saying: Master, show us concerning the buildings of the temple, as thou hast said—They shall be thrown down, and left unto you desolate.

3. And Jesus said unto them: See ye not all these things, and do ye not understand them? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here, upon this temple, one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

4. And Jesus left them, and went upon the Mount of Olives. And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying: Tell us when shall these things be which thou hast said concerning the destruction of the temple, and the Jews; and what is the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world?

5. And Jesus answered, and said unto them: Take heed that no man deceive you;

6. For many shall come in my name, saying—I am Christ—and shall deceive many;

7. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations, for my name's sake;

8. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another;

9. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many;

10. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold;

11. But he that remaineth steadfast and is not overcome, the same shall be saved.

12. When you, therefore, shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem**, then you shall stand in the holy place; whoso readeth let him understand.

13. Then let them who are in Judea flee into the mountains;

14. Let him who is on the housetop flee, and not return to take anything out of his house;

15. Neither let him who is in the field return back to take his clothes;

16. And wo unto them that are with child, and unto them that give suck in those days;

17. Therefore, pray ye the Lord that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day;

18. For then, in those days, shall be great tribulation on the Jews, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, such as was not before sent upon Israel, of God, since the beginning of their kingdom until this time; no, nor ever shall be sent again upon Israel.

19. All things which have befallen them are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them.

20. And except those days should be shortened, there should none of their flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake, according to the covenant, those days shall be shortened.

21. Behold, these things I have spoken unto you concerning the Jews; and again, after the tribulation of those days **which shall come upon Jerusalem**, if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe him not;

22. For in those days there shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch, that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant.

23. Behold, I speak these things unto you for the elect's sake; and you also shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for all I have told you must come to pass; but the end is not yet.

24. Behold, *I have told you before*;

25. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you: Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not;

26. For as the light of the morning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, and covereth the whole earth, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

27. And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together; so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth.

28. And they shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars.

29. Behold I speak for mine elect's sake; for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

30. And again, because iniquity shall abound, the love of men shall wax cold; but he that shall not be overcome, the same shall be saved.

31. And again, this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked;

32. And **again shall the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, be fulfilled.

33. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

34. Verily, I say unto you, this generation, in which these things shall be shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled.

35. Although, the days will come, that heaven and earth shall pass away; yet my words shall not pass away, but all shall be fulfilled.

36. And, as I said before, after the tribulation of those days, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory;

37. And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived, for the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

38. Now learn a parable of the fig tree—When its branches are yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand;

39. So likewise, mine elect, when they shall see all these things, they shall know that he is near, even at the doors;

40. But of that day, and hour, no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only.

41. But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man;

42. For it shall be with them, as it was in the days which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage;

43. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

44. Then shall be fulfilled that which is written, that in the last days, two shall be in the field, the one shall be taken, and the other left;

45. Two shall be grinding at the mill, the one shall be taken, and the other left;

46. And what I say unto one, I say unto all men; watch, therefore, for you know not at what hour your Lord doth come.

47. But know this, if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up, but would have been ready.

48. Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

49. Who, then, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

50. Blessed is that servant whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing; and verily I say unto you, he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

51. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart: My lord delayeth his coming,

52. And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken,

53. The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

54. And shall cut him asunder, and shall appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

55. And thus cometh the end of the wicked, according to the prophecy of Moses, saying: They shall be cut off from among the people; but the end of the earth is not yet, but by and by.

Joseph Smith--Matthew 1:21

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Joseph Smith--Matthew 1:25

25. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you: Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not;

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Today the greatest fear is that of a political nature. Which begs the question: Which candidate is going to lead the country to ruin?

The sins that cause a people to fall 3 Ne.

Birth and looking into the face of a baby and see the miracle of two cells dividing and multiplying 47.2 trillion times. Now these cells contain instructions within them for some to turn into different organs for different purposes from its inside to the outside from brain to bone blood to skin eyes teeth and hair lungs to breath in the oxygen. so that in nine months a person is born that looks like a combination of their parents and ancestors and is now able to live on a planet traveling through space. Psalms 139. One of gods greatest miracles is the conception growth and birth of a body for a spirit to inhabit and animate a body that will be unlike any other person.

Mother Teresa said that "a nation that will kill their posterity has lost its soul." Each time you look in the mirror you look at a miracle an individual that cannot be duplicated and never will be duplicated. Your birth is proof of the genius of god that explodes into you and only you. If your personal genetic code was written out in long hand it would be a 3 billion word book the Bible alone has 783,137 words your genetic code would be then 4000 printed Bibles.

Every 24 hours planet earth makes a 360 degree spin at 1,000 mph while going through space at 67,000 mph that is faster than a bullet and 87 times faster than the speed of sound. On a day you do nothing and set on your porch you have traveled 1.6 million miles through space. Now that's a miracle. Now our solar system is traveling through space in the rotating Milky Way galaxy at a speed of 448,000 mph. At this rate it would take 230 million years to make one rotation. So here is our speed through space within our galaxy: 1,000 rotation + 67,000 mph around the sun and 448,000 mph in the galaxy that's at the slow speed of 516,000 mph right now. That's 8600 miles every minute that we travel. Now the whole galaxy is moving through space at the speed of 252,000 mph which will collide with the Andromeda galaxy in about 4 Billion years. Now that's makes a total speed of 12,800 miles per minute or 213.3 miles per second.

Isa 45:18. For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

1 Nephi 17:36

36. Behold, the Lord hath created the earth that it should be inhabited; and he hath created his children that they should possess it.

55. And thus the works of darkness began to prevail among all the sons of men.

56. And God cursed the earth with a sore curse, and was angry with the wicked, with all the sons of men whom he had made;

57. For they would not hearken unto his voice, nor believe on his Only Begotten Son, even him whom he declared should come in the meridian of time, who was prepared from before the foundation of the world.

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14. And Seth lived, after he begat Enos, eight hundred and seven years, and begat many sons and daughters.

15. And the children of men were numerous upon all the face of the land. And in those days Satan had great dominion among men, and raged in their hearts; and from thenceforth came wars and bloodshed; and a man's hand was against his own brother, in administering death, because of secret works, seeking for power.

27. And he heard a voice from heaven, saying: Enoch, my son, prophesy unto this people, and say unto them—Repent, for thus saith the Lord: I am angry with this people, and my fierce anger is kindled against them; for their hearts have waxed hard, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes cannot see afar off;

28. And for these many generations, ever since the day that I created them, have they gone astray, and have denied me, and have sought their own counsels in the dark; and in their own abominations have they devised murder, and have not kept the commandments, which I gave unto their father, Adam.

29. Wherefore, they have foresworn themselves, and, by their oaths, they have brought upon themselves death; and a hell I have prepared for them, if they repent not;

30. And this is a decree, which I have sent forth in the beginning of the world, from my own mouth, from the foundation thereof, and by the mouths of my servants, thy fathers, have I decreed it, even as it shall be sent forth in the world, unto the ends thereof.

13 ...and the earth trembled, and the mountains fled, even according to his command; and the rivers of water were turned out of their course; and the roar of the lions was heard out of the wilderness; and all nations feared greatly, so powerful was the word of Enoch, and so great was the power of the language which God had given him.

14. There also came up a land out of the depth of the sea, and so great was the fear of the enemies of the people of God, that they fled and stood afar off and went upon the land which came up out of the depth of the sea.

26. And he beheld Satan; and he had a great chain in his hand, and it veiled the whole face of the earth with darkness; and he looked up and laughed, and his angels rejoiced.

32. The Lord said unto Enoch: Behold these thy brethren; they are the workmanship of mine own hands, and I gave unto them their knowledge, in the day I created them; and in the Garden of Eden, gave I unto man his agency;

33. And unto thy brethren have I said, and also given commandment, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their Father; but behold, they are without affection, and they hate their own blood;

34. And the fire of mine indignation is kindled against them; and in my hot displeasure will I send in the floods upon them, for my fierce anger is kindled against them.

35. Behold, I am God; Man of Holiness is my name; Man of Counsel is my name; and Endless and Eternal is my name, also.

36. Wherefore, I can stretch forth mine hands and hold all the creations which I have made; and mine eye can pierce them also, and among all the workmanship of mine hands there has not been so great wickedness as among thy brethren.

37. But behold, their sins shall be upon the heads of their fathers; Satan shall be their father, and misery shall be their doom; and the whole heavens shall weep over them, even all the workmanship of mine hands; wherefore should not the heavens weep, seeing these shall suffer?

38. But behold, these which thine eyes are upon shall perish in the floods; and behold, I will shut them up; a prison have I prepared for them

4. And there came forth a great famine into the land, and the Lord cursed the earth with a sore curse, and many of the inhabitants thereof died

22. And God saw that the wickedness of men had become great in the earth; and every man was lifted up in the imagination of the thoughts of his heart, being only evil continually.

23. And it came to pass that Noah continued his preaching unto the people, saying: Hearken, and give heed unto my words;

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4. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

5. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6. If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7. Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8. Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10. And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11. Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

12. But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

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35. And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

34. Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

35. For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his;