

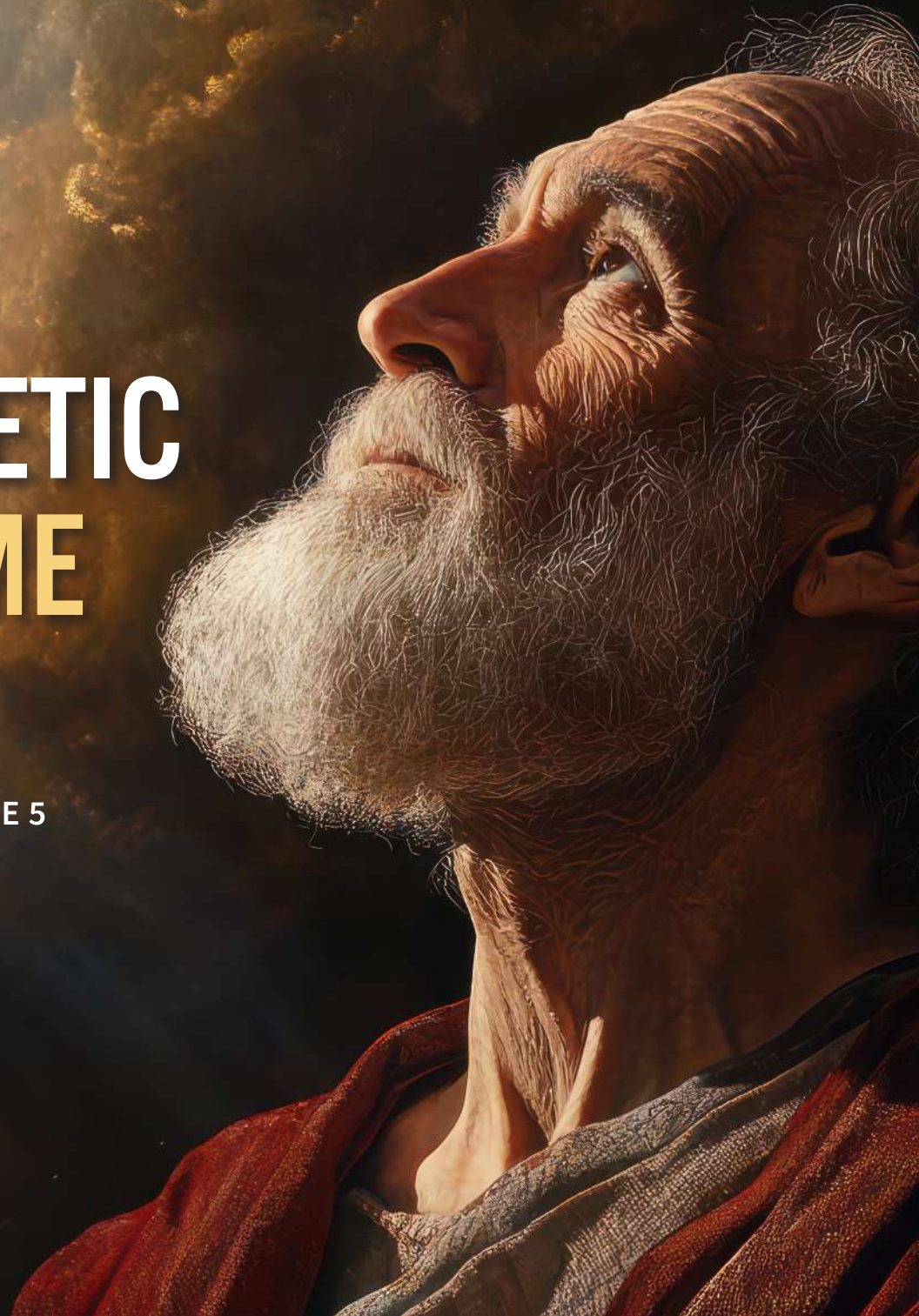


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"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." Isaiah 58:1

## JOHN'S PROPHETIC END-TIME VISION

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# Editorial

To all of our dear readers, a very happy New Year! May God truly be glorified in all of our lives throughout 2025, for His great name's sake!

And oh, what a year shall it be? The conflict is waxing hot, with the vile devil unleashing hell's fury, intent on the destruction of every one of us.

The flying roll of God's Word is still going abroad in the earth, warning sinners to repent and prepare to meet their God, and commanding His people to flee Babylon lest they receive of her plagues. Judgment is looming o'er the land. This is a fiery message with fiery consequences, if unheeded.

Almost 2,000 years ago, an aged apostle named John was banished to the small island of Patmos by wicked Domitian, a Roman emperor. God met His beloved John on the shores of that island, and opened before his view a divine revelation of what would come to pass after he left this world. This magnificent vision revealed the history of the church right up to the very end—our time!

Thank God for giving these prophecies to John—for us! For by these, we understand where we are and what is going on in the world. We know there is a great shaking ahead, and we also know that God's church will prevail. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Hence, it is with courage that we fight this end-time fight of faith. Though the battle be hot, as we stay on this prophetically appointed path, God will keep our hearts and minds through it all.

May God's power and grace rest upon His people daily.

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I dare say, whether you are political or not, the recent U.S. election caught your attention as none other has done. President-elect Donald Trump's unprecedented sweeping victory sent shock waves all around the world.

The atmosphere has been shaken-gripped, if you will, by 2024's election results. Trump's populist message resonated with Americans of both parties, enough for many to jump the Dem ship and go with the man. And, for the first time, he attracted the votes of millions of black people, Jews, Latinos, and young people.

While his victory left some deeply chagrined, multitudes more were ecstatic with joy and relief.

But this election was not entirely about politics—that system so many have long trusted in; nor was it about a political party. It was not even all about a man. It is, in fact, a prophetic event at a time prophetically appointed by God Almighty.

God is ruling. He is orchestrating matters among men to accomplish His purposes, just as He permitted Pharaoh to continue in his obstinacy that He would be the greater glorified in delivering His people from Egypt's bondage. Pharaoh unwittingly played right into God's almighty hands.

Let us never forget that God is sovereign. "He changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings." Daniel 2:21. "God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up an-

# A PROPHETIC SHAKING AHEAD

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other." Psalm 75:7.

"The living" need to "know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:17.

We are presently in the most momentous time in human history, not due to the U.S. election, but because we are very near the climax of the battle of Armageddon, the war between good and evil. It started in Eden and will end

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**Daniel 2:21.**

at the sounding of the last trump when Jesus returns.

Satan is engaged in all-out war against God, having great wrath, for he knows he has but a short time (Rev. 12:12). He has gathered together all of his forces (Rev. 20:8-9) and is presently encompassing the beloved city—the church of the living God. Christianity, most surely, is increasingly under fire,

yea, as is every righteous principle; yet all suffer in this war. Humanity is groaning!

What has transpired in the past sixty years is evidence of Satan's craft. The tumultuous 60's caused a paradigm shift in society with amazing swiftness, resulting in the madness and evil we see today. With the devil's bold workings manifest, even unbelievers are recognizing that we are in a war between good and evil, and many are turning to God.

Even Richard Dawkins, a noted atheist, who once wrote

that religion has caused grievous harm to society, more recently admitted that Christianity is a force for good against transgender ideology. He now believes *we need* Christianity as a buttress against something worse. I personally know of other professed atheists who, troubled by the abounding evil in the world today, have converted to Christianity.

Many feel that the end is near. They are right. But prophecy declares that at the apex of this spiritual war, shortly before the final trumpet actually sounds, God will manifest His power in executing the fierceness of His wrath upon Babylon.

God has spoken. So shall it be.

A great spiritual shaking is coming—"a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." See Revelation 16:17-19.

New faces will be in the White House in 2025, but that is no guarantee of fair weather and smooth sailing ahead. Our certainty is founded on the Word of God. May God's will be done and may He come quickly! 📖



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## DIVINE GUIDANCE

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I own a Providence supreme, divine,  
Has ruled and overruled this life of mine.  
Yes, ruled in all that heaven's love bestows,  
O'eruled in that from ill-intending foes.  
But, oh, what mystery veiled all His policy,  
And made this life a solemn wonder!

To trace the mystic path my feet have trod,  
And note how every step is marked of God,  
How mercy hovered o'er my single blank  
Till at Love's throne my haughty spirit sank,  
And saw my pardon free flow down from Calvary,  
Unlocks my bosom's grateful fountain.

But greater, wider, higher, O my Lord,  
My humble walk with thee unfolds thy Word,  
Unfolds thy plenitude of love and grace,  
And helps thy hand in providence to trace.  
And yet high o'er my soul, like ocean billows roll,  
Unsolved, ten thousand sacred wonders.

I bless thee, O thou wise and loving Guide,  
That thou didst lead to full salvation's tide,  
And there my heart didst wash in crimson blood,  
Restored into the image of my God.  
Thenceforth, my soul hath been the palace of a King;  
The joyful place of royal banquet.

And I, who kingly honors never dreamed,  
Am raised with Him who hath my soul redeemed,  
To jointly reign on Love's eternal throne,  
His peace and joy and glory all my own.  
O mystery Providence! Why lavishly dispense  
Thy gifts on one so meanly suited!

Lord Jesus, when I retrospect my life  
Down through the varied scenes of mortal strife,  
At every change I stand in wonder wrapt,  
How thou hast saved and used and blessed and kept,  
And by thy blood hast bought a thing of utter naught;  
And well may all the angels marvel.

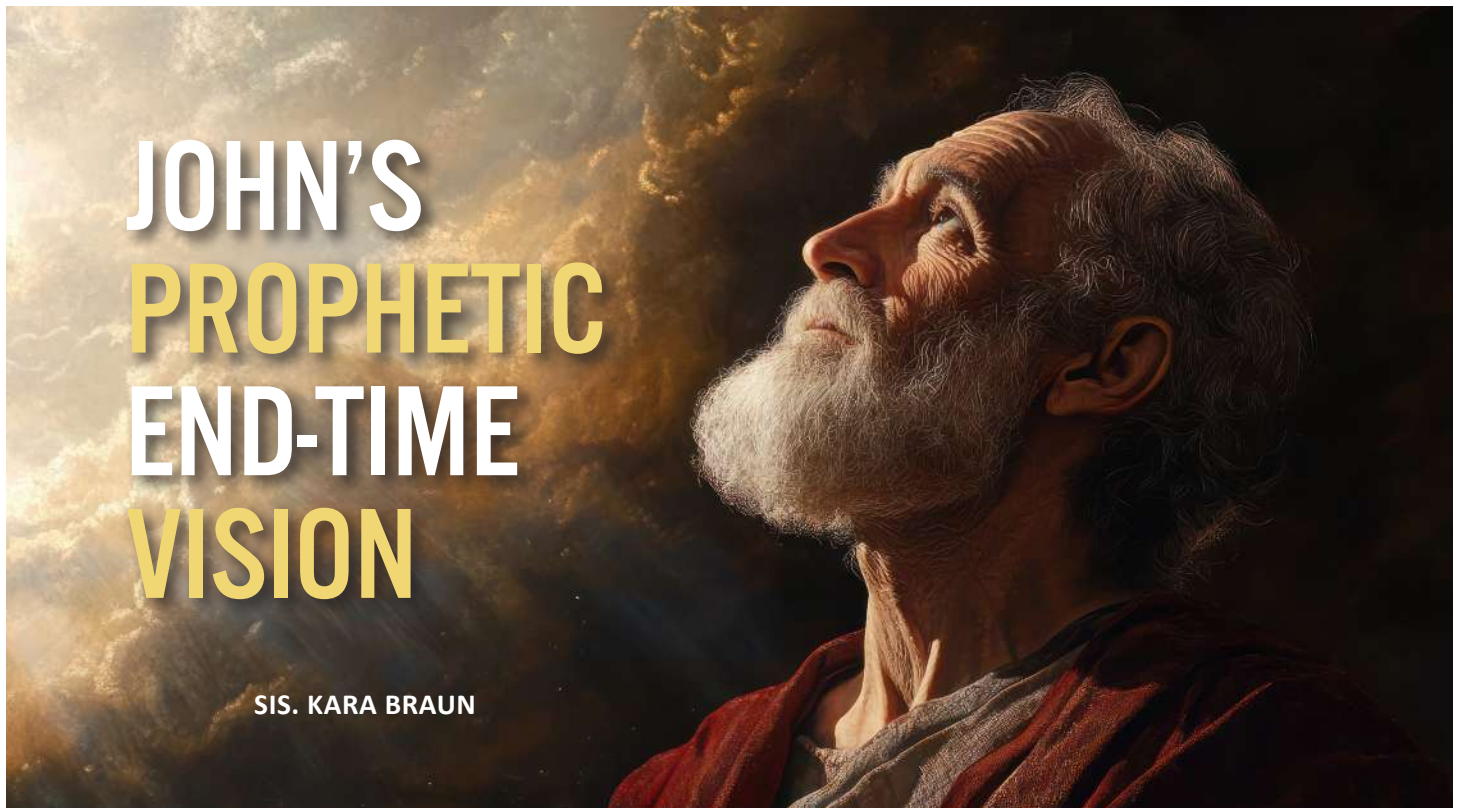
In exile upon the lonely Isle of Patmos, a burdened apostle toiled with the thought of the unfinished work he was to leave behind. He had been there through the years of Jesus' earthly ministry, watched Him feed the multitudes, heard His revolutionary message, and experienced the people's divided response. At the well with the Gentile woman of Samaria, he had heard Christ's groan for laborers and pondered in his sensitive heart what that ripened harvest field must mean. Then, as Christ prepared

It was a commission so deep and so wide that John had lived his whole life and still had not seen it completed.

Despite the tremendous work that had been done and the reconciliation that had been made, John recognized that there were prophecies which remained unfulfilled—known in part, truly, but not known as they ought to be known. There was a greater work that must happen before the Great Commission could be fulfilled. Time must go on, but John's days upon earth were numbered. Who would

was revealing Himself in the person of His church; and with them together the light of the world, He showed Himself unstoppable. The beginning had been good, there was no question. And so would be the ending. He who had begun the work would finish it. He would see to it that the light He had carried and the work He had brought into being would be carried on to the very end of time.

As John marveled and took down the words which were to be sent in letters to the churches of Asia, the vision of the can-



to seal His message with blood, John had received the commission to continue the great work of unity and reconciliation which Christ had begun.

John had pondered deeply the weight and scope of the mission Jesus had impressed upon him and upon his comrades—twelve men specially chosen and sent just as Jesus had been sent to do the work of Christ in His absence. It was a work of reconciling God with man and of reconciling man with his brother. It was a work of reconciling Jew with Gentile.

do the work? Who *could* do the work?

Breaking into John's reverie that Sunday morning there sounded a voice both commanding and familiar, and the message it carried held the answers for which John's soul yearned. "I am Alpha and Omega," the voice assured, "the beginning and the ending." Looking to see the source of that familiar voice, John beheld Jesus—not alone, but together with and enshrined in the light of seven golden candlesticks. The symbolism of the candlestick was clear (Rev. 1:20). Christ

dlestick gave place to a vision yet more grand—a vision of the throne of God itself, encircled by a rainbow and bordered by a sea of glass. Included within the throne where the Almighty reigned supreme, John noticed the seats of elders reigning in authority with Him—not twelve elders as there had been at the start, but twenty-four elders, a number inclusive of more to come. There would be more men to carry on the legacy Christ had begun. There would be more seats to fill before the prophetic picture could be perfected.

And so John looked and wondered as vision by vision unfolded. As he looked, he recorded for future generations the hope that he had seen. Dark times would come. Powers would attack the church. But the end would be glorious.

The entire vision recorded in the book of Revelation is not a vision of a work that had already peaked in the time of John the apostle. Clearly, it was a work whose climax lay at the end. A panoramic view of two thousand and more years of history revealed its most momentous struggle in the last moments before the White Throne Judgment itself (Rev. 20:9). It showed the most dazzling display of God's glory to the world during the sounding of the last message of a series of angelic messengers (Rev. 16:17-18). The greatest judgments, the greatest revealing of wickedness, and the greatest downfall of everything that opposed holiness—all were reserved until the very end (Rev. chapters 15-18).

While some theories have placed such events in a future dispensation, a careful reading of Scripture in its proper context yields no indication of any dispensation other than the present day of grace. Also, the time-centered language of these prophecies (e.g. Rev. 10:7) strongly indicates fulfillment before the final day of Judgment, after which there will be only eternity and no more time. We can only conclude that time itself will yet witness a glorious revealing of Christ's power such as has never before been known. There will be a final showdown between the church and the powers of wickedness dwarfing even what John experienced.

This is a bold position to take, but it is everywhere corroborated by Scripture. Zechariah, looking forward in prophetic vision to the Gospel Day, noted that after the rising of the Sun of Righteousness (see Mal. 4:1-2), there would be a time when the gospel light would not shine clearly. At the *end* of this prophetic day, however, there would be light (Zech. 14:6-7). Paul

and Peter in their writings foreshadowed times of falling away and trouble for the church (1 Thess. 2; 2 Pet. 2); yet Paul assured his readers that the church for which Christ would return was to be glorious (Eph. 5:27).

The church lost much of its respect in the world when it lost the early glory of its government. Lukewarmness and apostasy made successful inroads where before they had been avoided—not that the spirits of lukewarmness and apostasy had never tried to attack the church before, but now there was no one there to stop them. False prophets in the guise of leaders of the church became vehicles themselves for this corruption and apostasy. In time, respect for church leadership was so low that individuals felt justified living according to the guide of their own conscience, a sentiment which, however


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seemingly justifiable in the moment, led to catastrophic results. Unity was lost, the message of reconciliation lost its potency, and factions strove bitterly with each other over the most minor of issues because there was not a central authority with power to unite them.

In light of John's vision and the corroborating prophecies, is this the state we can expect the church of God to be in upon Christ's final return? Is God going to leave the work of the most difficult struggle to a ministry less powerful than the early morning apostleship? Does the church expect to conquer a more organized and desperate foe than ever before with a more divided, disorganized, and

disempowered church government? Is God to rely on a scattered people with scattered interpretations of a government that hasn't existed for 2,000 years when Satan has fully functioning current authorities and systems in place? If Satan is at his best, will not God bring out His best for the final showdown?

As soon as the magnitude of the end-time work of the church sinks in, it is no stretch of the imagination to realize the caliber of authority God *must* invest in His end-time workers. Without current apostolic authority, we are a joke and an open prey. We are children without a father and an army without a commander. We have lost all relevance and all legitimacy as a people. The church of the end is to be a formidable force. And it is not to be feeble in its government.

Revelation 10 records a beautiful vision of a mighty end-time messenger clothed with a cloud of witness, surrounded by a rainbow of promise, and feet astride the sea and the earth in a gesture of dominion. In his hand he holds an open book, and the words that are uttered by the thundering voices around him are words John is not permitted to write. "And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not...But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets" (Rev. 10:4,7). There were, in other words, things John could not declare—even in his writing of Scripture—which one day would be declared. There were questions John was not given the ability to answer which one day someone would answer. Another messenger was coming—a messenger powerful enough to deal with the end-time reconciliation message. John could not finish the work. But someone would. 



# FIRE *On the* EARTH

DEAN VAUGHAN

“I am come to send fire on the earth.”  
Luke 12:49

If the gospel was a mere tame and spiritless influence, a mere soothing and stroking down of human faults and passions, a mere palliative and balsam for the wounds and sufferings, for the wrongs and woes of fallen nature, it would have differed in many other respects from the thing which Jesus Christ brought us from heaven. But certainly and most evidently in this, that it would have caused no strifes and no contentions, no violences and no discords.

It is because the gospel is first and above all else a “fire,” enkindled and sparkling, pervading and transforming the whole body and substance of the being to which it is effectually applied. It brings with it this irritating, this provoking, this exasperating influence upon every bystanding and surrounding being which repudiate, and “we will have none of it.”

It needs but a little reflection to make all hearts echo the statement. There are

those in this day who tell us that the real gospel is a mere enforcement or suggestion, or, if you will, revelation of charity. We ask what is meant by “charity,” and we find that it is a sort of easy going tolerance for all creeds and all religions, a good-natured “live and let live” for all the philosophies, and all the philanthropies, and all the superstitions, and all the idolatries which have entered into the heart of man, as the truth and the whole of truth, the duty and the whole of duty, whether toward God or toward man.

If the gospel had thus entered the world, if this had been the idea of it as Christ and the apostles preached it, it would have raised no hostility. It could not possibly have had the history which we know Christianity has had, as flinging abroad upon the earth “division” or a “sword.” For this simple reason, it would not have had in it one single characteristic of “fire.”

Men would have been perfectly willing under Nero or Domitian to let Christians alone, if they would only have glided about among their contemporaries as

men whispering peace and safety, hinting at a new divinity, one among many, each having some claim, and none having an exclusive claim to the belief and faith of mankind; a new divinity to occupy one niche of a crowded and worldwide pantheon—“Jesus and the resurrection.”

Athens would have let this alone. Rome would have let this alone. Human nature would have made room for this, because it would have put oil or water in the place of fire, because it would have been a mere religion of negatives and platitudes, stirred by no storm and brightened by no ray.

“I came to cast fire upon the earth,” and although fire has many beautiful and many comforting aspects, this is in virtue of a quality which makes it also, and before all else, penetrating and exploring, consuming and purifying. A power, first, formidable and destructive, then, secondly, an influence brightening and warming, cheering and comforting. It is thus with the sign, it is thus, also, with the thing signified. 📖



# KEEP YOUR MINDS

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Decades back, I noticed a troubled-looking woman walking alone down the street talking aloud to herself. I thought, poor soul, who knows what trauma and sorrows she has faced along life's journey. Then I considered it was actually a

"what is a woman?" A "church" in Switzerland is now using an AI hologram of Jesus to take confessions from worshippers. The list of madness goes on and on, and you can be sure there will be more to come.

lieve. Some ask, as did Pilate, what is truth, and who are the truth-tellers? Satan loves to blind minds, and in this end time is employing all his foul craft to deceive and confuse. In a recent speech in Austria, Prince Leo von Hohenberg described it as a war of words to change "norms through universal rep-



wonder many others

in town were not in like condition. Life can strike pretty hard, and man can bear only so much.

At that time, I never could have imagined what mankind would be facing today. Our world has been turned upside-down. In the past four years, we have seen things never seen heretofore, and heard things unthinkable not so very long ago—the military placing feminine hygiene products in men's bathrooms; people asking

Added to this, the threat of WWII is troubling many minds and hearts. Only God knows what the future may hold. But we are, in fact, already in a global war of a deeper nature; a spiritual warfare being waged against all of us wherein our minds are being attacked.

We are being assailed with propaganda bombs and conflicting narratives, creating such constant chaos that one is left to wonder what to be-

etition of mantras in media, film, and television, through changing school and university curriculum, through changing culture, through selectively manipulating data, now with the help of AI and other subtle techniques."

Employing also the addictive power of our technological devices, Satan captures minds, dumbing us down all the while, as well as hindering meaningful conversations with real people at hand. Fast and furious come the damaging blows and many late night attacks leave people weary,



lonely, and empty.

The pressures against the mind are very real. Many factors in this war were caused by decades of social engineering and technocratic planning by the kings and merchants of the earth—the rich, elite technocrats who run this world.

Now here we are in a crisis of mental health issues, with a prevalence of depression and an epidemic of suicides. For the sake of our well-being, we would all do well to draw aside from the daily pressures that seem to demand our attention and yet appear to be so inescapable.

If you, dear reader, are not already

consolation—God Himself will keep our hearts and minds, which are under attack now more than ever! Isaiah the prophet speaks of a promise with similar comfort: “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee.*” Isaiah 26:3.

In order for our minds to be stayed on God, we must exert a violence to

stated: “Look up from your phone and try to initiate casual conversations with the cashier, the taxi driver, your fellow passenger on a train or an airplane”—and, most importantly, your own family. No phones at the dinner table would greatly benefit the entire family.

We were not designed to live in



saved, I urge you, first and foremost, to turn to God. We desperately need Him! He desires to be your anchor in the storm and give you the strength to endure the strain of this warfare. Philippians 4:7 assures us that “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, *shall keep your hearts and minds* through Christ Jesus.” What sweet

ia coming on our devices hourly. Limit screen and audio time. Read a book instead. Reduce your news intake. Visit family and friends. Walk in nature. Spend time with God. Eat well and get rest. You will find that stress will decrease and peace of mind will increase as you exercise yourself in these things. As Prince Leo von Hohenberg

*not* stay them on the incessant stream of news and triv-

a virtual media world, but to live a real life connecting with real people. First and foremost, we were designed to walk with God, and to abide in His loving care. His paths are pleasantness and peace.

Consider this timeless counsel from Holy Writ: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *think on these things.*” Philippians 4:8. 📖



# ZECHARIAH'S FLYING ROLL

**Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and I looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll...Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth.**

**Zechariah 5:1-3**

We may interpret the scriptures in one way or another. We may study or neglect, revere or despise them; we may consider them to be below the level of human intelligence; we may call them a word of delusion, or the Word of God, but in the extremest varieties of opinion, no one can escape from this—that they are a leading phenomenon in the history of civilization and in the aspect of the moral world.

In the text, an angel speaks in vision to the prophet and asks, “What seest thou?” The prophet raises his eyes and

sees a winged book, “a flying roll” of restless speed. It “goeth forth over the face of the whole earth.” It was the roll of the Lord’s judgments—a consuming fire. It is a testimony against unrighteousness; a “fiery law.”

Consider the points that we discover in the “flying roll”:

## **The Extraordinary Dimensions of the Book**

What a space does the Bible fill in the gaze of mankind, though it can be carried about in the hand of the feeblest wayfarer! Do we not speak truly of its wonderful dimensions when it holds on its ample pages such a widely scattered wisdom, and is discerned from so far?

## **Its Preservation and Continuance Through so Long a Sweep of Time**

This is remarkable. Since faithful Abraham came out from Chaldea, vast

tribes and strong nations have risen to renown and passed away into silence. Oracles of wisdom have grown forgotten as well as dumb. Genius and learning have gone down into the dust, and there is not a finger track of an inscription upon it for their posterity to read. Whole literatures have disappeared, their tongues having ceased, and their characters blotted entirely out. But here is writing, from many hands, dating as far back as the school lessons of human improvement. It has defied time. It has repelled decay. The Lord protected its archives.

## **Its Spread**

It is, indeed, a “flying roll.” The scriptures move rapidly. They are not only preserved, but incredibly multiplied. They were addressed for the most part to one people, and they now speak to all people. They were written in their own peculiar tongues, and now they call all tongues



their own. Have they not “gone forth over the face of the whole earth”? They are among the studies of learned men, who find there a wisdom higher than all else they know; while the ignorant and the simple, reading as they run, are made wise to life everlasting.

### **Its Influence and Surprising Power**

That roll of the divine covenants has always been of a divine force. It has acted upon communities, wherever it has been introduced, so as to accomplish the most astonishing consequences. Are you inquiring what overthrew many of the oppressions, the enormous abuses, of the elder times? It was its paper edges that smote upon all that dark strength, and before those thin leaves buttress and battlement went down. How much has it done for individual minds.

### **The Honour with which It has Been Received as It has Flown Along**

They are recognised in the public worship of most of the civilised tribes now under heaven. They are revered, at least with all outward forms of homage, in the courts of the proudest empires. They are sworn upon when the most solemn vows by which we can be bound are to be attested. Countless presses are now perpetually busy, that they may be distributed over the globe. The rarest genius and the profoundest learning are employed upon the illustration of them.

It may be objected that we have said nothing of the disrespect and derision with which the scriptures are regarded by multitudes, and have always been. We may admit this, but consider that they have withstood even this trial. Nothing could better show how deeply they are

seated in the veneration of mankind.

### **Its Immeasurable Superiority, Above Everything that has Been Handed Down to Us From the Ancient World**

There is in their contents a deep spring of instruction, such as the old generations nowhere furnish, and the coming ones are not likely soon to exhaust. Your own minds will surely leap to the inference—the finger of God was here. You may be perplexed with many passages in

your Bible. You may slight some things as unimportant, and repel others as ungenial. You may think you discern great blemishes and errors here and there, but what of that—the finger of God was here!

Yes, the divine providence ordained and protected this charter of man’s truest liberty and highest good. Let us look thoughtfully at it, then, as it flies on its holy errand. 📖

*N. L. Frothingham*

## **A CURSE OVER THE GUILTY**

ALL MANKIND IS LIABLE TO THE JUDGMENT OF GOD, and wherever sinners are, anywhere upon the face of the whole earth, the curse of God can and will find them out and seize them.

Oh, that we could with an eye of faith see the flying roll of God’s curse hanging over the guilty world as a thick cloud, not only keeping off the sun-beams of God’s favour from them, but big with thunders, lightnings, and storms, ready to destroy them!

How welcome then would the tidings of a Saviour be, who came to redeem us...by being Himself made a curse for us, and, like the prophet, eating this roll! The vast length and breadth of this roll intimate what a multitude of curses sinners lie exposed to. God will make their plagues wonderful, if they turn not. 📖

— *Matthew Henry* —





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