

# The Four Parts of God's Plan

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**Matthew 13:11** Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

God's plan is all-encompassing. And oftentimes it seems like the more you learn about it, the more there is to know. But you can simplify God's plan by breaking it down into four basic parts. They're not the *only* four parts, but I think I'd be pretty safe in saying they're the four major parts.

And in breaking it down very simply into these four parts we can take a look at some key passages throughout the Bible and get a good idea of what God's plan is all about. I'll just tell you in advance that the four parts of God's Plan we're going to look at today are these:

1. The Fathers will.
2. The Fathers purpose.
3. The Fathers determination.
4. The Fathers good pleasure.

We're going to look at each one of these as they're spelled out in the Bible. And when we're done we'll have the overall picture of God's plan for this final generation, i.e., How our heavenly Father is going to end this flesh age and usher in the millennial age and the eternal age after that.

## **Part I of God's Plan: Our Father's Great Will**

So let's go to the book of John, chapter 6. We're going to take a look at verses 37 thru 40, and in the process examine the very first part of God's plan, which is His will. Jesus is speaking in chapter 6, and He says in verse 37:

**John 6:37** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Our heavenly Father gives us to Christ, and we receive that calling to become Christians, and to carry forth His Word. And when that takes place, we have a promise from Him. It is part of His will. In the above verse, He says, "I will in no wise cast out..."

You see that, right? That's part of God's will, i.e., if you come to your heavenly Father through the Savior, He won't cast you out. But let's take a deeper look at Father's will, in the very next verse. Christ is still speaking, and says:

**John 6:38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

And what exactly IS that will of God, which He sent our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from heaven to accomplish?

**John 6:39** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

In other words in the very last day of this flesh earth age, when the 7<sup>th</sup> trump blows and Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> advent begins, Christ's faithful servants will be raised up into their new spiritual bodies, and will be given eternal souls. As it's written in I Corinthians chapter 15:

**1Co 15:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**1Co 15:54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**1Co 15:55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

So we see that the Father's will is that all of those He has given to Christ for salvation, Christ should lose none, but should raise them up into eternal life at the last day. Let's continue for a moment in John 6:40:

**John 6:40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

That word everlasting means "eternal." It means you'll live forever, by believing on Christ. And of course everyone is going to see the Son when He returns at His 2<sup>nd</sup> advent. But not everyone's going to believe on Him as Lord and Savior. And those who don't are, to put it simply, operating outside of our Father's will.

So we see here that the Father's will is to save His children. In fact, you can sum up your Father's will in those four very words: "To save His children." And He does so through Jesus Christ, whose name means Yahveh's Savior, the Anointed One.

If you want salvation you must come through Yahveh's Savior, the Anointed One. So that, in a nutshell, is your heavenly Father's will.

Of course, for a person's will to be in effect, the testator, which is to say, the person who wrote the will, has to die. That's why our heavenly Father came in the flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ, and gave His life on the cross. The moment He gave his life, His *will* kicked into effect. And now it's a reality for anyone who believes on Jesus Christ.

God's will – i.e., to save His children – has been in full effect since the day Christ shed His precious blood on that cross. And all who believe on God *through Jesus Christ* can be saved.

None of them will be lost. But there's a little more to this will, and I don't want you to miss it. So let's go to 2 Peter 3:9 for just a moment.

**II Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The promise Peter is speaking of in the verse above is the promise of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. This includes God's promise of judgment on the wicked as well as His vindication of His faithful and righteous servants.

St. Peter is saying here the Lord is not slacking off concerning His promise. He's not simply taking His sweet time and letting things drag on and on. Instead, He's giving each and every one of His children the opportunity for salvation *through repentance*. Each child of God comes through the flesh only one time, in order to make up his or her mind whether or not to worship God and strive for heaven, or to worship Satan and embrace his evil system on this earth.

In other words, God is willing to give each and every one of His children a chance, in the natural order of things. That's because he's "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

In other words, His *will* is for all of His wayward children to be saved. And they *will* indeed be saved, but only if their own will lines up with His will. In other words, they have to *want* salvation through Christ Jesus in order to obtain it. And they have to be willing to obtain it God's way, which is to say, through repentance of sins.

You see, it's part and parcel of our Father's will that we must come to repentance regarding our sinful ways. Our very nature is to sin, and we must recognize that sinful nature in our self, and repent of it. And when we fall short and sin again, we must turn to Him and repent again, in sincere and humble recognition of the fact that our sinfulness can only be negated by Christ's atoning act on that cross, at which time He became the once-and-for-all-times sacrifice for sin. He paid the price for all of our sins, upon sincere and humble repentance.

In short, our heavenly Father is simply not willing that any of His wayward children should perish, but that all should take advantage of the specific and *only* means of salvation which He has provided the world: Jesus Christ. As it's so clearly written in the great book of John:

**Joh 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Joh 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**Joh 3:18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

That doesn't mean everyone's going to be saved. But it does mean He's not willing to lose any. He might have to lose some if and when, of their own free will, they say, "Nope, I don't want anything to do with you, Lord".

Indeed, we know from the book of Revelation there's a whole multitude at the end of the thousand year "millennium" teaching period that will once again choose to follow Satan over God, and will say, essentially, "We still don't want anything to do with you, Lord." And sadly, they end up in the lake of fire, to be blotted out, never to exist again in any form.

God has promised us a peaceful and trouble-free eternal family household. So the trouble-makers will be done away with at the end of the millennium teaching period, after it's become abundantly clear they will never accept God's will and come to salvation through Jesus Christ. And so be it.

But the point is, part one of God's plan -- the Father's will -- is that all men should come to repentance and be saved so they don't have to perish in that lake of fire. And that beautiful will of God is open to *all* of us.

Even His enemies can change course and embrace His will. It's a wonderful thing. Amazing that anyone one would turn it down. And yet they do. So we see now part one of God's four-part Plan for this flesh earth age: The Fathers will, which is to save His children through repentance of sins and belief on Jesus Christ. And you can be part of that will. That's basic Christianity 101.

## **Part II of God's Plan: Our Father's Great Purpose**

Let's take a look at part two of God's four-part plan. Part two is a little more complicated. But we'll use Scripture to take a micro view and a macro view of it, and I think that will open it up to us pretty good. Let's start with Isaiah 14:12.

**Isaiah 14:12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

So we see here the subject matter is the fall of Lucifer from heaven to this earth. That fall concludes in the final days of this flesh earth age, and is thoroughly described in Revelation 12 where we see the archangel Michael kicking Satan and his fallen angels out of heaven for what you might call their "last hurrah" on this old earth.

**Isaiah 14:13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

**Isaiah 14:14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

That's Satan's will. Indeed, that's him in full-blown self-will-run-riot mode. He thinks he's as good as God or better. And he claims he's going to take God's place. What's God's reply?

**Isaiah 14:15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

**Isaiah 14:16** They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Through all these thousands of years Satan has been shaking kingdoms. He moves them to act in rejection of God's commands. And he does one final shaking when he returns to this earth in this final generation, pretending to be the savior of the world. Yet he'll be brought down to the pit by God, where he'll be reduced to little more than a pathetic spectacle, for all to see.

**Isaiah 14:17** That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

When Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross, He went and preached to the prisoners in hades (I Peter 3:18-20), meaning to those souls that were bound and could not enter heaven because they had never accepted our heavenly Father's ways. And Christ preached the good news to them and released those who would believe on Him.

But Satan opened not the house of his prisoners. His whole goal is to keep as many souls as possible from God, and drag them, through deception, into the lake of fire with him. That's Satan's way of hurting our heavenly Father. How can you hurt any father the most? You cause that father to have to destroy His own children, that's how. And that's Satan's goal. It's all he's got left. He causes God's children to sin, and then binds them in that sin through deception. And refuses to release them. Only through faith in Christ Jesus can they finally be released.

**Isaiah 14:18** All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

**Isaiah 14:19** But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Remember God's promise in Genesis 3:15? He promised that Satan would have his head "bruised" (i.e., crushed) by the seed of the woman, Eve, meaning by Jesus Christ. And here we see Satan with his carcass trodden under feet, euphemistically speaking. In other words, ultimately, he suffers total humiliation at the hand of Jesus Christ for his wickedness. And rightfully so. He doesn't even get his own grave. He's going into the lake of fire and he'll never exist again.

**Isaiah 14:20** Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

God is saying here that Satan is not even going to get a gravestone or marker. He doesn't deserve it. He'll just be blotted out. There will be no renown for him, because even the memory of him will be wiped from the records and from the minds of God's children who had to suffer so harshly under him. Disease. Famine. Poverty. Starvation. War. Crime. Filth. Perversion. Murder. Deception. You name it. These were all parts of Satan's *modus operandi*.

**Isaiah 14:21** Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

In other words God is going to clean house and get rid of both Satan and his Christ-hating children, the Kenites, who have snuck in among our brother Judah and pretend to be Jews (Revelation 2:9/3:9). As it's written of them in the great book of Jude, "*For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Jude 1:4).

Their hallmark is that they deny the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. And if they won't turn to Jesus Christ they're gone. Why? Because it's Father's will that all be saved through Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ alone. There's no other way to salvation, no matter what anyone tells you.

**Isaiah 14:22** For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

In other words, all of the devils children are going down, if they don't turn to Christ Jesus. No matter what their relation to him, it doesn't matter. If they hate Christ, they're gone for good.

**Isaiah 14:23** I will also make it a possession for the bitter, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

This is Satan's kingdom, Babylon, we're now talking about. A "besom" is a broom. Our heavenly Father is going to sweep Satan's kingdom clean away, like a broom sweeping dust off the floor. In other words, prophetically, we're speaking of Revelation chapter 18 here. That's where Mystery Babylon, that great one-world system, gets wiped out. It's going to be swept away, never to exist again. And all that will remain is a clean floor, so to speak. We'll learn more about that in the third part of our Father's Plan, which is His great *determination*. But first, let's finish up learning about His great *purpose*.

**Isaiah 14:24** The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

This is what we came here for. Part two of God's plan, Father's great *purpose*. His purpose is to destroy Satan and his children, so He can sweep their kingdom clean. "As I have purposed so shall it stand." And it will, beloved. Nothing can stop our heavenly Father's great purpose. As it's written, so it shall come to pass.

**Isaiah 14:25** That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

Remember from verse 19 that Lucifer is going to get trodden under foot, spiritually speaking. He's going to get stomped on, based on that promise from Gen 3:15 that Christ will bruise (i.e., crush) the serpent's head. In other words Satan will no longer oppress God's People true Israel nor any of God's other children, either. He won't exist. And neither will his wicked children who help him carry out his wicked policies on this earth.

**Isaiah 14:26** This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

**Isaiah 14:27** For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

So we've seen that part one of God's plan is called the Fathers will – and it's to save His children. And part two of God's plan is called the Fathers Purpose – and it's to destroy Lucifer and his unrepentant children who help him accomplish his evil works on this earth.

We'll jump to John 8:44 just for a quick second to document how Satan's children operate on his behalf in this flesh earth age. Just so you know, God's not being unfair. He's not being unfair at all. He's just cleaning house of the trash that won't accept His will, which is to say, won't accept salvation through Jesus Christ.

In John 8:44 Jesus is speaking, and he's speaking to some of the religious leaders who are claiming to be Jews and who pretended for awhile to be followers of His, but who then showed their true colors by plotting to kill Him. As it's written, our Lord and Savior openly stated to them:

**Joh 8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**Joh 8:45** And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

**Joh 8:46** Which of you convinceth [i.e., convicts] me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

**Joh 8:47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

You see here in John 8:44 that the devil has children, and they do the lusts of their father – murders and lies and refusing to abide in the truth of God's Word. And that's why God's *purpose*, as spelled out so plainly in Isaiah 14:24, is that both Satan and his children be destroyed. It's because no liars can be found in God's eternal kingdom, and no murderers. As

it's written in Revelation 21:8, "*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*"

Our heavenly Father has promised us an eternal habitation of peace, through Jesus Christ. So in the eternity, there's not going to be any more liars and murderers allowed among His children. Satan's time is through at that point. And his unrepentant children who stand against Christ and Christianity will be destroyed, as well. Satan's entire kingdom will be gone like a broom sweeping away the dust on a smooth floor.

Let's jump quickly to Hebrews 2:14 in order to obtain a second witness to the fact that part two of God's Plan – which is God's great *purpose* -- is to wipe out the devil as well as remove that spiritual yoke that's been placed upon us by the devil, his wicked children and his earthly system. I'm talking about that yoke of satanic deception...that chronic drag that's on top of us, always pulling us down to do something wrong, something sinful, something evil, that's from that satanic spirit that pervades this whole earth. It's going to be wiped out. And it's Christ's death on the cross that has provided the means for it to be wiped out.

**Heb 2:14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Our heavenly Father became a partaker of flesh and blood when He came to this earth in the person of Jesus Christ. And He gave His life for our sins, for the specific purpose of providing that atoning sacrifice that negates Satan's power of death for all who embrace it. So you see the Father's purpose once again. It's that the devil is to be destroyed and along with his power structure that always leads to death.

### **Part III of God's Plan: Our Father's *Determination***

We learned in Part II of God's Plan, which is God's great *purpose* on this earth, that Satan and His children who help him wreak havoc on this earth and who oppose God's will, are going to be destroyed.

And briefly, as part of that destruction, we learned that Satan's *kingdom* would be swept away like a broom sweeping dust off the floor. But here, in Part III of God's Plan – God's great determination -- we learn there's more to that destruction of Satan's kingdom than might meet the eye. We learn exactly *how* God's going to pull it off.

So without further adieu, let's move along to part three of God's Plan. I think it's very important to understand. After all, it's your heavenly Father's *determination*. And it's described in Zephaniah 3:8.

The Hebrew name Zephaniah, by the way, means “whom YAH has hidden.” So this information is strictly to God’s hidden ones...to His elect. And verse 8 of chapter 3 of the great book of Zephaniah reads like this:

**Zeph 3:8** Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my **determination** is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

You see? The Fathers *determination* -- part three of His Plan for this flesh earth age -- is to gather all the nations together and assemble the kingdoms of this earth before Him. We’re talking about the new world order. We’re talking a one-world system in which all the nations of the world will be sewn together as one, under Satan’s rule. And our heavenly Father is allowing that to happen for a very specific purpose. He’s allowing it to happen so that once He has the nations all together as one He can pour upon them *all at once* His righteous indignation....His fierce anger...and the fire of His jealousy.

And why would He do such a thing? Why would our heavenly Father gather the nations together and assemble the kingdoms, just to destroy them? You remember Psalm 2, don’t you? It’s because the nations of the earth and their kings hate, loathe and despise Him and want to break away from Him and run this world their own way. In other words, they oppose God’s great will. And they oppose God’s great purpose. Therefore they will reap God’s great *determination*. As it’s written in the great book of Psalms:

**Psa 2:1** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

**Psa 2:2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

**Psa 2:3** Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

**Psa 2:4** He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

**Psa 2:5** Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

I’ve always taught that our heavenly Father is a “you asked for it, you got it” kind of guy. If you want to rage against Him and cut the cords from Him so you can operate on your own, without Him, *He’ll let you do it*. He’ll allow the one-world system to come into being, if only to use it to separate the wheat from the chaff, which is to say, those who hate Him from those who love Him. And then He’ll destroy the whole thing to show the rulers of this world who’s really in charge. And it’s Him. Not them.

Our heavenly Father is very angry. He’s very upset. All of the nations of the earth have conspired against Him and His people. They’ve basically worked to destroy Christianity – His bride – through Satanic deception. This is why, in Zephaniah 3:8 one of the reasons given for His great wrath on the nations is His jealousy. Spiritually speaking, He’s furious with the leaders

of this world who operate under Satanic deception because they work to seduce His bride away from Him on behalf of Satan.

And then they have the nerve to claim they can bring “peace on earth” without the Prince of Peace, by cutting that tie to God, which is Jesus Christ. You know, as in the old song “*We are the world...we are the people... we’re saving our own lives, so let’s start giving.*” It’s a blatant rejection of the salvation our heavenly Father has provided through Jesus Christ in His will. So our heavenly Father is going to let the leaders of this world set up their one-world kingdom under Satan. And when the time comes for Father’s great wrath to be poured out upon this earth, He’ll destroy that kingdom right in front of their eyes.

The nations of this world will not be able to deny His Lordship any longer. They might still reject Him. But they’ll know for a fact that He’s in charge. He’s in total control.

I’d like to point out that Zephaniah 3:8 is one of the few chapters in the Bible that actually contain all the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, including the five final letters which are rarely used. This is important to understand. If you think about it for a moment, it means that every word in the Hebrew language can be spelled through the letters that this verse is composed of. Every letter of the Hebrew alphabet is encompassed in this verse. So in other words, our heavenly Father’s *entire plan* is written in this verse. In a sense you can even say the entire Word of God is condensed into this verse.

And so the whole thing is right there. It’s for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear. It’s showing you the all-encompassing nature of this great plan of God. He’s going to assemble the nations. When you see that happening you’re seeing the whole ball of wax beginning to come to a conclusion. You’re seeing God’s entire Word coming together at one point, like the period at the end of a sentence. Do you understand that?

It should be extremely exciting and comforting to understand. When you see the action of the Father’s *determination* taking place -- that gathering together of the nations, the assembling of the kingdoms of the world into a unified whole -- when you see that happen, you’re seeing the *culmination* of your Father’s plan for this flesh earth age.

You’re seeing the Father’s *determination* being acted out upon this earth, finally, and once and for all times. So it’s very, very exciting to even know this verse is here, and to understand the depth and breadth it encompasses. You remember the old song, “Satan, Your Kingdom Must Come Down”? Well, that’s our heavenly Father’s great determination in a nutshell.

So we have now seen that part three of our heavenly Father’s Plan is His great *determination* to bring the nations and kingdoms of this world together under Satan, so He can destroy that entire system. Let’s take a somewhat broader look at this determination. Turn with me to Revelation 13:1-2. I think most of you have read these passages many times. But let’s look at them real quick, because basically this is the assembling of the kingdoms of the world spoken of by God in Zephaniah 3:8. Revelation 13:1 says:

**Rev 13:1** And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

In other words this is a very satanic thing. Very blasphemous, because it's the world and its leaders working to come together as one, without Christ.

We know that in the Bible the waters represent the "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" of this earth (Revelation 17:15). So this one-world beast system is rising up out of the peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. It's that "we are the world" crowd again. And our heavenly Father allows it – as we learned in Zephaniah 3:8. Indeed, He makes *sure* it's going to come to pass, so He can destroy it right in front of their faces once they have it up and running. He wants them to know He's in charge, and that their efforts to cast off His cords are in vain.

**Rev 13:2** And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Again, it's completely satanic. The entire world is coming together *as one* under Satan's rulership. You can see it happening, today. That old dragon, the devil, our old adversary, will ultimately be in charge, once he's kicked out of heaven by Michael the archangel as described in Revelation 12:7-10. God's will is being ignored by the leaders of this world. And the tie that binds us to God – Christ Jesus the Savior -- is even being cast off by the leaders of this world, as we learned in Psalm 2.

What's more, Satan will ultimately be exalted as the "God" of this world, as it's written in II Thessalonians 2:4. And he will seat himself in the temple of God, "shewing himself that he is God."

In the Revelation 13:2 above, the leopard, the bear and the lion represent the amalgamation of the three main power structures of this earth into one: the eastern religions (including Judaism, Islam and Hindu), plus socialistic communism and western Christianity. When combined, these become *Babylonianism*, which, in the Hebrew language means *confusion*. It's the captivity of confusion that the entire world is going into in the final days of this flesh earth age. Again, you can already see it happening, today, if you've really got your eyes open.

The development of that worldwide Babylon is described by St. John, who was given a vision of it by Christ in Revelation chapter 17. As it's written:

**Rev 17:3** So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

There's that blasphemous one-world beast system we already learned of in Revelation 13:1-2. The woman that sits upon that "scarlet coloured beast" is representative of the one-world "city"

under Satan himself -- Babylon. The woman basically represents Satan worship by the population of the world. All of the kingdoms of the world, and their people, worshipping Satan as the savior of the world, and doing business under Satan's world system, thinking he's the promised messiah come to save the world from itself.

**Rev 17:4** And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

She's decked out in royal colors, and with gold and precious stones and pearls, because, spiritually speaking, she's become the wife of Satan. Just as faithful Christians are considered to be the bride of Christ (and will become His wife, spiritually speaking, when He returns and the Kingdom Wedding takes place), so when the people of this world unwittingly turn to this one-world system and begin worshipping Satan as their savior, they become the wife of Satan, the false messiah. They've become part of the false kingdom wedding with the false messiah – the devil himself.

As it's written of this blasphemous "woman" in verse seven of the very next chapter, "*How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.*"

The woman riding the beast system thinks of herself as the Queen of the World because she's married to what she thinks is the king of this world. But as you'll see when we jump to the next chapter of Revelation, our heavenly Father has other plans for this wicked "woman" – this world-wide system that all of the kings of the earth commit spiritual fornication with by rejecting Christ and joining in with her, and leading their people to do the same.

**Rev 17:5** And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

That's who she is. She's Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.

Think about it: St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:9-10 that the mystery of *God's will* is the bringing together of the Gentiles and Israel under Christ's salvation. Paul writes, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him."

Likewise, in the final days of this flesh earth age, just *before* Christ's Second Advent, the gathering together of the entire world *to Satan* through this one-world system is also considered to be a religious mystery. It's called "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth." That's because, through Satan's great deception, the whole world will be brought under the captivity of Satanic confusion. Satan comes to this earth claiming to be its savior, and the people will fall for it. Even most *Christians* will fall for it. After all, thanks to the thoroughly deceptive "Jesus can come at any moment now" doctrine being taught

by most churches (and which completely contradicts God's Word in II Thessalonians 2:1-4), most Christians have already been set up by their pastors to accept as their savior the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth. And that supernatural being is Satan himself, in his role as the false messiah, the false savior of the earth.

**Rev 17:6** And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

The word "admiration" should have been translated as "astonishment." St. John was astonished that such a thing could happen -- this one-world system under Satan that works to destroy Christianity, casting off Jesus Christ, the only true tie that binds the people of this world to their Creator, and replacing Him with Satan in his role as the false Christ, or false savior.

But how's it all going to end? After all, in Zephaniah 3:8 we learned that our heavenly Father is allowing this one-world system under Satan to come about. In fact, He's *making* it happen for the explicit purpose of destroying it at Christ's Second Advent. It's His great *determination*. It's part III of His Plan for this flesh earth age. And it's going to come to pass exactly as it's written. So that means the destruction of this one-world system must be written of elsewhere in the Scriptures. And of course it *is*, in Revelation chapter 18. Let's take a quick look:

**Rev 18:1** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

St. John is about to describe the events that take place *after* Satan's kingdom -- that great one-world system -- is set up and is running at full throttle.

**Rev 18:2** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

As our heavenly Father promises in Zephaniah 3:8, the Satanic one-world system will go down. After all, right from the start *it's been set up to go down*. God destroys it right in front of the eyes of the rulers of this world and all of the people of this world, in order to let them know He's in charge, and not Satan who they've been unwittingly worshipping as the saving messiah of this world.

**Rev 18:3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

You'll remember that St. John marveled in astonishment at Satan's one-world system that had all of the people of the world living in complete confusion, believing that Satan was their savior -- their messiah.

**Rev 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Through this voice from heaven God tells His Christian People to come out of this religious confusion and return to Him, through Christ Jesus. If they don't want to be partakers of her sins and receivers of her plagues, they've got to get in line with God's *will*, God's *purpose* and God's *determination*. Only those who understand and who faithfully back God's Plan will escape God's great wrath on this earth.

**Rev 18:5** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

**Rev 18:6** Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

That's payback, folks. The word "reward" in the verse above means *recompense*. Our heavenly Father says we're to help Him pay this spiritual whore back *double* for the wickedness she's foisted upon His children. She worked to steal God's bride from Him by sucking the Christian church into the orbit of her one-world system and one-world religion. Now, through the fire of His jealousy our heavenly Father is going to make sure she pays for her wicked works.

Keep in mind, as it's written in Psalm 104:4, as one of God's faithful servants, *you're* considered to be a "minister of fire." That means the fiery truth of God's Word should be in your mouth, and you should know how to use it when confronted with such evil. And as Christ further stated in Luke 12:49, "*I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?*"

In other words, He expects us to turn up the heat on this spiritual harlot – this one-world system of deception and confusion -- even as it's in development. That means right *now*. Listen to me closely: We don't fight against the *development* of this one-world system, this assembling of the nations, for as we learned in Zephaniah 3:8 it's part of God's great determination to see that it comes to pass. But we *expose it for what it is* so that no one can say they weren't warned in advance that it was coming.

If we do our part and teach God's truth exactly as it's written, the vast multitudes who join this spiritual system in worshipping the false messiah just before Christ's Second Advent will have no excuse. They won't be able to escape their shame by saying "No one ever told me."

Remember, as it's written in the great book of Ezekiel, we're supposed to be God's watchmen on this earth. And the watchman's specific job is to sound the alarm when he sees the enemy coming in – even when God Himself brings the enemy upon the land. As it's written in Ezekiel chapter 33:2-6:

*"Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;*

*Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.*

*But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*”

In short, as God’s watchmen it’s *our job...our solemn duty...*to sound the alarm when God starts acting on His great determination and begins bringing the one-world system into being. You’ve seen that system being put into place for years now. It’s had its ups and downs. But it’s coming along just fine. So we’re to let the people know that the false Christ and his false one-world system and one-world religion is coming, and that it’s specifically designed to deceive the people of the world into worshipping that old dragon, the devil, known as Satan, who comes to this earth pretending to be its savior. In other words, he’s the false Christ, which is to say, the antichrist.

If we do our job, the spiritual blood of those who fall for Satan’s deception will not be on our heads. It will be on *their own heads* for rejecting God’s Word when it was faithfully presented to them. But if we fail to do our job, the blood of those who fall for Satan’s deception is indeed on our heads. And beloved, that’s something you don’t want. It puts your own salvation at risk. You don’t want to be the Christian who saw it coming and failed to sound the alarm, because you’ll share in the shame of those who failed to heed the alarm.

Knowing in advance God’s great determination as spelled out in Zephaniah 3:8, and knowing in advance the great destruction God has determined upon the nations of this earth and the harlot one-world system they’ll be participating in, its incumbent upon us to kindle that flames of recompense now. We do so by blowing the trumpet. We sound the alarm. We let the people of this world know what’s coming and how utterly wicked it is. And when God’s destruction of the one-world system has taken place, they’ll know there were prophets of God among them who told them the truth. Here’s what to expect when our heavenly Father destroys that system:

**Rev 18:7** How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

**Rev 18:8** Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

**Rev 18:9** And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

**Rev 18:10** Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

**Rev 18:11** And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

The one-world system will be utterly destroyed. The fire of God's Word will take it down. You'll have a role in that because you'll take your stand against Satan when God's faithful servants are delivered up before this harlot system. We'll speak more of that in must a moment. But first, let's jump from here to verse 20, for the sake of time. You can go back and study the entirety of Revelation chapter 18 on your own, later. But here are more instructions to us, from our heavenly Father:

**Rev 18:20** Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

**Rev 18:21** And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

**Rev 18:22** And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

**Rev 18:23** And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

**Rev 18:24** And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

We're to rejoice over the destruction of this one-world harlot system that had the entire world worshipping the false messiah, who is Satan himself. God promised us in Zephaniah 3:8 that He was going to bring it into full fruition and then destroy it. And so He will, exactly as it's written. After all, it's the very same Satanic system that has killed God's prophets down through the ages. It's the same Satanic system that hung Christ on that cross at Calvary. It's the same Satanic system that's worked to destroy God's saints down through the ages. And at the very apex of its power and glory, our heavenly Father will bring it to nought, just as he promised in Zephaniah 3:8.

So we've learned previously that Part I of our heavenly Father's Plan for this flesh world age is His great will, which is to *save His children through repentance in Christ.*

We've also learned that Part II of our heavenly Father's Plan is his great purpose, which is to *destroy Satan and His wicked and unrepentant children.*

And now we see that Part III of our heavenly Father's Plan is His great determination, which is to *bring about Satan's one-world system on this earth in its fullness and finality, and destroy it just as it reaches its apex...it's culmination, which is to say, its height of power.*

Pretty soon we'll see the deadly wound of Revelation 13:3 take place on this earth at Jerusalem, which will result in Satan's return to this earth as the false messiah, the "savior" who heals the deadly wound and appears to restore order to this old earth.

He will then quite literally claim to be God and will seat himself in the temple of God in Jerusalem, exalting himself about "above all that is called God" (II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

And that's where *your* commission on this earth really begins, beloved. If you're one of Father's faithful servants in Christ, you'll have on that Gospel armor and as it's written in Ephesians 6:11-18, and you'll take your stand against the "fiery darts of Satan," which is to say, against his deceptive teachings.

And perhaps, if Father so chooses, you'll be one of those faithful servants who are delivered up to the synagogues of Satan, so that Father can speak through you at those trials described in Mark 13 and Luke 21. As it's written of that soon-coming time:

**Luk 21:12** But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

God's faithful servants who refuse to join in with Satan's system will be delivered up to the very kings and rulers of Psalm 2:2-3 who seek to "take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." And at the right time, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's words will flow through their mouths. As it's further written:

**Luk 21:13** And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

**Luk 21:14** Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

**Luk 21:15** For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Our adversaries will not be able to refute or stand against the Word of God flowing forth from our mouths at those trials. God's Word of truth will bowl them over because it will be our heavenly Father Himself speaking through us, via the power of the Holy Spirit. And the whole world will hear that truth, for it will be broadcast to them. And for many of them, it will be the very first time in their lives they've heard it. But first, before that happens, here's what to expect...

**Luk 21:16** And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

Christ tells us in Hebrews 2:14 that Satan has the "power of death." That is to say, as the chief prosecuting attorney of heaven, he seeks the *death penalty* against you for your sins. But that

power has been taken from him once you faithfully embrace and stand firm in Christ's atoning sacrifice. That's why verse 18 below says "but there shall not an hair of your head perish." And it's why Romans 8:33-34 says, "*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*"

Satan can bring all of the charges he wants against us when we're betrayed and delivered up to him during his reign on this earth as the false messiah. But by Christ's shed blood those charges are made moot. Our intercessor – which is to say, our heavenly defense attorney – is Jesus Christ Almighty. And His Word in Romans 8:33-34 says we've already been "justified," which, in the original Greek, means *judged and found not guilty*. And that's thanks to His shed blood which has wiped our sins off the records and has cleansed our very souls.

Yes, verse 16 of Luke 21 above says you'll be delivered up to death. Why? For refusing to worship Satan when he's here on this earth. But that death sentence is no longer Satan's to carry out. It's overturned by the fact that you stand on the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

As it's further written of this time in Revelation 12:10-11, "*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*"

Even the threat of imminent death will not stop God's elect from standing against Satan in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and allowing our heavenly Father to speak through us at those trials so the whole world will know what God has in store for them. As Luke 21:14 above says, we're not to meditate beforehand what we'll say at those trials. It's not our own words, but God's wisdom that will flow forth from our mouths. You can count on it, beloved. It is written.

**Luk 21:17** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

**Luk 21:18** But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

**Luk 21:19** In your patience possess ye your souls.

Be patient, and let Father accomplish His Plan, His way. Stay in His will, His purpose, and His determination. And you'll see with your own eyes His vengeance upon His enemies, and His great mercy upon His Christian People.

#### **Part IV of God's Plan: Our Father's Good Pleasure**

This is the very last stage of God's four-part Plan, so let's take a good look at it. It's very important. And quite frankly, it's what we came here for.

We looked at our heavenly Father's great *will*, which is to save his children through repentance. We looked at our heavenly Father's great *purpose*, which is to destroy the devil and his wicked, unrepentant anti-christ children. We've looked at the Father's great *determination*, which is bring Satan's kingdom to its apex and then destroy it at Christ's Second Advent in front of the very faces of the wayward leaders of this world.

Now let's look at part four of God's Plan, which is our Father's Good Pleasure. We'll find it written, quite succinctly, in Luke 12:32.

**Luke 12:32** Fear not, little flock; for it is **your Father's good pleasure** to give you the kingdom.

Note the comma after "Fear not." In other words there's a *pause* put there. I believe it's put there on purpose. Just for you and me. Kind of like the Hebrew word "selah" you'll find in some of the Psalms, which means to pause and think about what you've just read, and then relate it to what you're about to read.

In other words, think about everything you've just learned. You don't have anything to fear from part one of God's plan, which is to save His children. You don't have anything to fear from part two of His plan, which is to destroy the devil and his wicked children. You don't have anything to fear from part three of God's plan, which is our Father's determination to bring one-worldism to its culmination and then destroy it. And you certainly don't have anything to fear from part four of God's plan, which is to give *you* the kingdom of God.

In other words, through all of this, *have no fear at all*. I've got to emphasize that, because everybody gets so worked up and frightened when they start thinking about God's Plan. "Oh Lord, He's going to pour out His fiery indignation on the earth." But not on *you*, beloved. Not on those who operate within His will and who back His great Plan. Even Satan can't make "an hair of your head perish."

So feel free to let out a great big "Wow!" if you want to. The kingdom of God. It's going to be *yours*. Under Christ, of course. It's the King and His dominion. And He's turning it over to His faithful servants to run *with Him*.

And He says it's His "good pleasure" to give you that kingdom. There's a *lot* of love in that, beloved. Meditate on it. Much more is said there than the average Christian can absorb.

Do you remember Christ's words to His faithful followers in Revelation 3:21? He states there, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Again, there's a lot said there that the average Christian can't absorb. So meditate on it. Think it through. And take great joy in it. It will all be worthwhile in the end. More than you can know right now.

I'd also like you to take your Strong's Concordance and look up the word "little" (from "little flock") in Luke 12:32 above. It's #3398 in the Greek section of your Strong's Concordance. I want you to verify it. I don't want you to take my word for it. It's the Greek word *mikros*. You

know what it means? It's where we get our English word *micro*. As in *microscopic*. Do you know what Christ is talking about here? This is a *tiny* flock. This isn't a major worldwide Christian denomination.

The Scripture doesn't say, "Fear not, you great big denomination with huge cathedrals across the world." Nope. And it doesn't say, "Fear not, you great big denomination with huge buildings that can hold thousands of people at a shot." No. It doesn't say any of that.

It says this: "Fear not, *microscopic* flock."

That word *micro*s in the Greek means the smallest or least part. It's that tiny seed of Psalm 22:30 where the Scripture says "a seed shall serve Him" in the final generation of this flesh earth age. As it's written:

**Psa 22:30** A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

**Psa 22:31** They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Just a tiny seed. The remnant of God. That's all He needs. It's that little flock that constitutes God's church without walls. That church called the body of Christ. The called out ones. The ones who are willing to stand firm in the final days of this flesh earth age and not cave in to the humanistic garbage being offered by the world, nor to the empty religious traditions of man being offered by the mega-churches.

It's those who understand the four parts of God's plan, and back it to the hilt. It's those who are willing to work to overcome Satan "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." It's those who "loved not their lives unto the death." It's those who seek the Father's will for their lives, and pray to Him for guidance and direction, studying His Word daily to see what He'd have of them as the final days of this flesh earth age slowly but surely grow toward a close.

It's those who understand that Christ's words, "*If ye continue in my word then ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*" do not mean "If you continue in empty church traditions then you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

This micro-flock, compared to the 6 billion-plus people now living on this old earth is truly microscopic in size. Again, God likes it that way. Remember Gideon's army being whittled down from tens of thousands of soldiers to only 300? When the army is so small against an overwhelming enemy, the soldiers can't take credit for the victory. They know the victory was *given to them* through God's blessings, in return for their faithfulness. There's no other way such a great victory could come about.

And so it will be with God's little micro-flock. He gives us the victory over Satan and his fallen angels in the final days of this flesh earth age. Then He gives us the kingdom. But it's only by His mighty blessings that we obtain that victory, and that kingdom, in response to our faith.

That micro-flock is God's elect. And there are seven thousand of them (Romans 11:4). Plus, there's a hundred and forty four thousand more of them who are having the Word of God sealed into their minds even as you read this little study (Revelation 7:3-8).

And yes, according to John chapter 17, where Christ made one of the most beautiful prayers to the Father ever recorded, there are even more who will follow God's elect (John 17:20-21) after hearing them teach the Word of God in truth and in sincerity. And yes, finally, this includes the ethnic peoples who have turned to Christ, as well, and who, spiritually speaking, are referred to as "the nations of them which are saved" in Revelation 21:24. There, the word "nations" is translated from the Greek word *ethnos* (Strong's G-1484) meaning ethnic peoples.

Compared to the well over 6 billion people on this earth right now, it's a microscopic flock, indeed. They don't have big church buildings. They don't have big cathedrals. There's just a few of them spread willy nilly, so to speak, across this globe. And what makes them different from all of the others is that they study their Father's word diligently, on a daily basis, as often as they can. They remain faithful and never cave in to churchianity, which is to say, to the empty church traditions that make void the Word of God. And when confronted by the enemy, they don't cave in there, either. They won't give up on God's Word for anything.

As my favorite pastor likes to say, "When the plowing gets too deep for everybody else they just keep right on plowing no matter what."

So "Fear not microscopic flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." I'll tell you what. You should get a lot of joy out of that verse. Because it's written for you. Everything that could possibly make it all worthwhile when we're done is right there. Because that eternal kingdom is awesome. And it's yours if you remain faithful to His Word.

As it further states in that same chapter of Luke:

**Luk 12:33** Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

The focus of that micro-flock is not on earthly treasures, but instead, on heavenly ones. They quite literally work for God on this earth.

**Luk 12:34** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

If your treasure is on this earth, your heart will always be focused on things earthly. And if your treasure is in heaven, then it's the spiritual things you'll be largely focused on – particularly God's Word. We all have to live on this earth. But we are not *of* this earth. And the micro-flock are those who don't allow the things of this earth to suck them into its orbit.

**Luk 12:35** Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

Our loins are to be girded about with the truth of God's Word. That's our Light. That's what gives us our direction and purpose. We understand the four parts of God's Plan. We back our heavenly Father's great Plan to save His children, destroy the devil and his wicked ones, bring one-worldism under Satan to fruition and then tear it down before the eyes of the rulers of this earth, and finally, to restore the kingdom and give it to His micro-flock.

**Luk 12:36** And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

There's no gender in the word "men" in the above verse. It's translated from the Greek word *anthropos* (Strong's G-444), meaning *humans*. That's men and women alike.

These are those faithful servants of Christ who are *already* married to the Lord, spiritually speaking. They're the Zadok of Ezekiel 44, which is to say, the very elect who wait upon the Lord on this earth in the final generation. They have no need to attend the kingdom wedding at Christ's Second Advent, when He returns and takes His bride, i.e., the 144,000 faithful servants of Revelation 7 and any others who have come to the Lord during the final months of Satan's reign as they've heard the truth of God's Word taught through the mouths of the two witnesses and the Zadok.

So the Zadok wait upon the Lord to return from that wedding, which takes place at His Second Advent, because their spiritual marriage to the Lord took place long ago, in the first age. They were chosen in the world that was. They stood against Satan at that time, during his great rebellion against God when he deceived one-third of God's children. And they'll do it again, here, on this old earth, in the final days of this flesh earth age. Our Lord and Savior will see to it.

And when His great plan has reached its culmination, this micro-flock, this faithful wife of His (spiritually speaking, stay with me), will be waiting on Him, with the lights burning, like a faithful wife waiting for her husband to return from a long journey. And yes, when He knocks, they'll open that door for Him immediately --- their joy fulfilled.

**Luk 12:37** Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

An interesting role reversal, wouldn't you say? Normally, a wife sits her returning husband down and serves him a "welcome home" meal. But here, the returning Husband sits the faithful "wife" down and serves her. And why? Because when He returned He found her faithfully manning the watch. She understood the plan. Her faith never wavered.

The word "watching" in the above verse is translated from the Greek word *gregoreuo* (Strong's G-1127), which means "to keep awake...to be vigilant...to remain watchful." Those familiar with Ezekiel 44 will understand. Again, this spiritual wife -- this micro-flock -- are the Zadok of Ezekiel 44:15-28, who "kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me" and who "teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause

them to discern between the unclean and the clean”...and who shall have no inheritance in the kingdom to come because “I am their inheritance...I am their possession.”

In other words, they don't get a little old plot of land for themselves, like everyone else. If God owns it, *they own it with Him*. They are His faithful wife, spiritually speaking, and thus co-owners with Him.

**Luk 12:38** And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Never go to sleep on the job, beloved. That's when the enemy creeps in. You have a job to do for the Lord. So do it.

**Luk 12:39** And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

**Luk 12:40** Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Just as you'd prepare for a thief's attempt to rob you if you knew in advance of his plan, so you must prepare for your Lord's arrival, because you most certainly know His plan. It is written. There are basically four parts. And you're watching the first three parts come to pass in the final days of this flesh earth age, right before your eyes. So let your treasure always be with the Word of God, and not the things of this world.

And knowing His Plan, always stay on the watch. At His return, may the Lord find you doing your part like a faithful wife waiting for her Husband's return.

-- End --

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