#### Isaiah Week 16



# Isaiah chapters 13-24 reveal God's hand in government.

## Benjamin Franklin Quote

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth that God Governs in the affairs of men."

#### **Isaiah 13: 1 (NIV)**

# A prophecy <u>against Babylon</u> that Isaiah son of Amoz saw:

## Isaiah 13: 2 (NIV)

Raise a banner on a bare hilltop,

shout to them;

beckon to them

to enter the gates of the nobles.

## Isaiah 13: 3 (NIV)

I have commanded those I prepared for battle;

I have summoned my warriors to carry out my wrath—

those who rejoice in my triumph.

## Isaiah 13: 4 (NIV)

Listen, a noise on the mountains, like that of a great multitude!

Listen, an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations massing together!

The Lord Almighty is mustering an army for war.

# Isaiah 13: 5 (NIV)

They come from faraway lands, from the ends of the heavens—the Lord and the weapons of his wrath—

to destroy the whole country.

# Jeremiah 50-51

Records this same series of events in greater detail. Jeremiah describes Babylon's punishment and then it's ultimate destruction.

## Isaiah 13: 6 (NIV)

Wail, for <u>the day of the Lord</u> is near;

it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

#### **Isaiah 13: 7 (NIV)**

Because of this, all hands will go limp,

every heart will melt with fear.

# Isaiah 13: 8 (NIV)

Terror will seize them,
pain and anguish will grip them;
they will writhe like a woman in
labor.

They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.

#### Question

Do these words sound familiar?

## Isaiah 13: 8 (NIV)

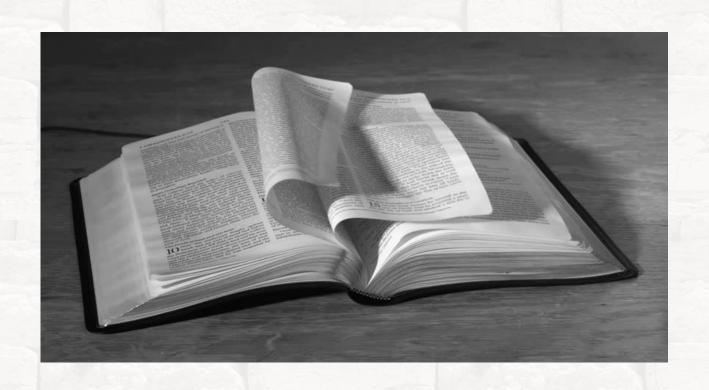
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#### Please turn to:

Revelation 6: 15-17



## Revelation 6: 15-17 (NIV)

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

#### Revelation 6: 15-17 (NIV)

They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

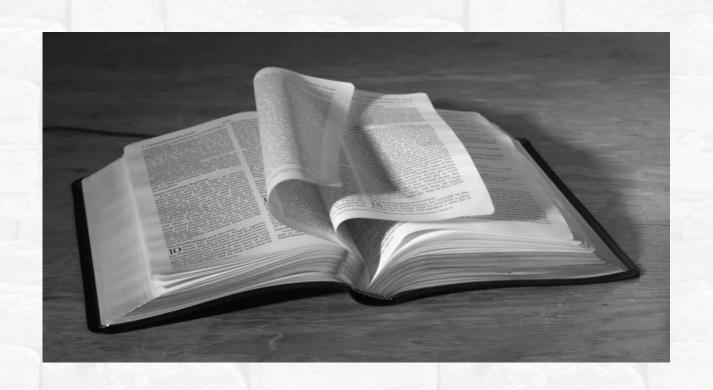
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Mark 13: 7-8



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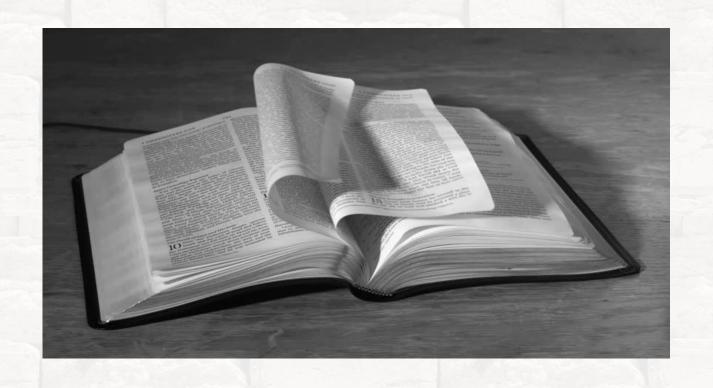
When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

## Mark 13: 7-8 (NIV)

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

## Please turn to:

# 1 Thessalonians 5: 3



#### 1 Thessalonians 5: 3 (NIV)

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

#### Question

What happens to the frequency of labor pains as you get closer to the time of birth?

#### Question

What can we learn from this?

## Isaiah 13: 9 (NIV)

See, the day of the Lord is coming

a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger –

to make the land desolate

and destroy the sinners within it.

# Isaiah 13: 10 (NIV)

The stars of heaven and their constellations

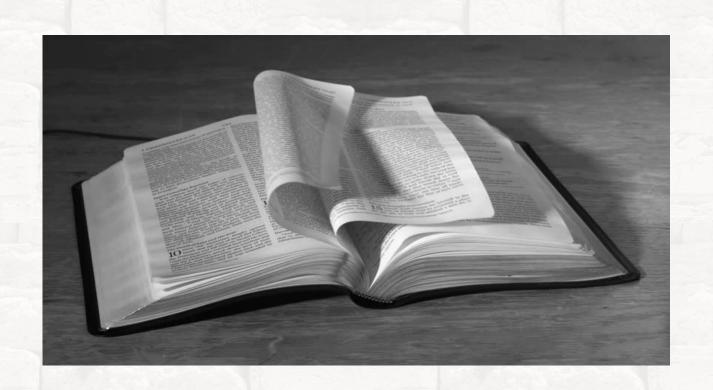
will not show their light.

The rising sun will be darkened

and the moon will not give its light.

## Please turn to:

Matthew 24: 29



## Matthew 24: 29 (NIV)

"Immediately after the distress of those days

"the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

## Isaiah 13: 11 (NIV)

I will punish the world for its <u>evil</u>, the wicked for their <u>sins</u>.

I will put an end to the <u>arrogance</u> of the haughty

and will humble the **pride** of the ruthless.

## Isaiah 13: 12 (NIV)

# I will make people scarcer than pure gold,

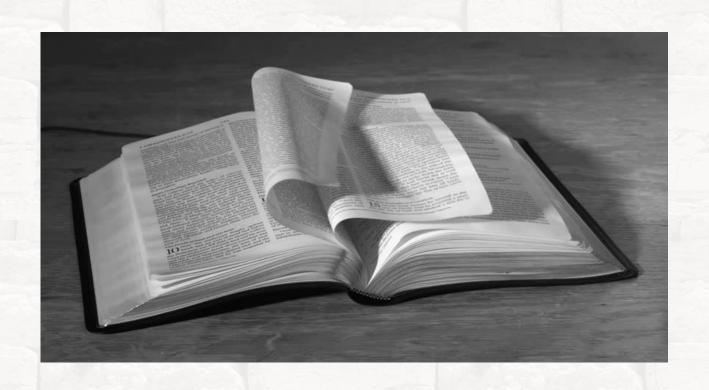
more rare than the gold of Ophir.

#### Question

What is going to happen to the people on the earth during the great tribulation?

#### Please turn to:

Revelation 9: 13-15



## Revelation 9: 13-15 (NIV)

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God.

## Revelation 9: 13-15 (NIV)

It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.

#### Question

Does anyone know where the great river of Euphrates is located at?



#### Isaiah 13: 13 (NIV)

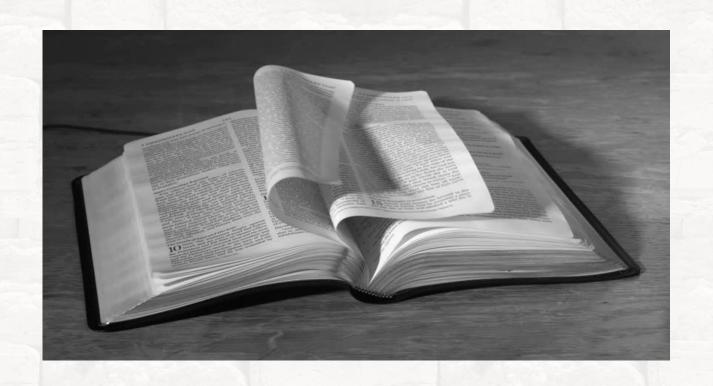
Therefore I will make the heavens tremble;

and the earth will shake from its place

at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.

## Please turn to:

Revelation 16: 17-18



#### Revelation 16: 17-18 (NIV)

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.

### Revelation 16: 17-18 (NIV) No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three

The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered

Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

#### Question

Does anyone know where the ruins of Babylon were discovered at?

#### Where is ancient Babylon located today?



#### Isaiah 13: 14 (NIV)

Like a hunted gazelle, like sheep without a shepherd, they will all return to their own people,

they will flee to their native land.

#### Question

## Who does God want them to return to?

#### Isaiah 13: 15-16 (NIV)

Whoever is captured will be thrust through; all who are caught will fall by the sword.

Their infants will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses will be looted and their wives violated.

#### Question

What is this describing?

# Please hold on, we are jumping back to God's judgement on Babylon.

# Do you remember which empire destroyed Babylon.

#### **Daniel 2: 32-33 (NASB)**

The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

**Babylonian Empire** GOLD 606 B.C. Media-Persia SILVER 536 B.C.

#### Isaiah 13: 17 (NIV)

# See, I will stir up against them the Medes,

who do not care for silver and have no delight in gold.

#### Isaiah 13: 18 (NIV)

Their bows will strike down the young men;

they will have no mercy on infants,

nor will they look with compassion on children.

#### Isaiah 13: 19 (NIV)

Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms,

the pride and glory of the Babylonians, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah.

#### Isaiah 13: 20 (NIV)

# She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations;

there no nomads will pitch their tents,

there no shepherds will rest their flocks.



#### Isaiah 13: 21 (NIV)

But desert creatures will lie there, jackals will fill her houses; there the owls will dwell, and there the wild goats will leap about.

#### Isaiah 13: 22 (NIV)

Hyenas will inhabit her strongholds,

jackals her luxurious palaces.

Her time is at hand,

and her days will not be prolonged.

#### Isaiah 14: 1 (NIV)

The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land.

Foreigners will join them and unite with the descendants of Jacob.

#### Question

Is Israel settled in their own land today?

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### STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

into but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv: One Shot Down

U.S. RECOGNIZES
JEWISH STATE

Proclamation by Head Of Government

#### Isaiah 14: 2 (NIV)

Nations will take them and bring them to their own place.

And Israel will take possession of the nations and make them male and female servants in the Lord's land. They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors.

#### Isaiah 14: 3-4 (NIV)

On the day the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon:

How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended!

# This is a prophecy against king Belshazzar in Daniel Chapter 5.

#### Isaiah 14: 5-6 (NIV)

The Lord has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression.

#### **Isaiah 14: 7 (NIV)**

All the lands are at rest and at peace;

they break into singing.

#### Isaiah 14: 8 (NIV)

Even the junipers and the cedars of Lebanon

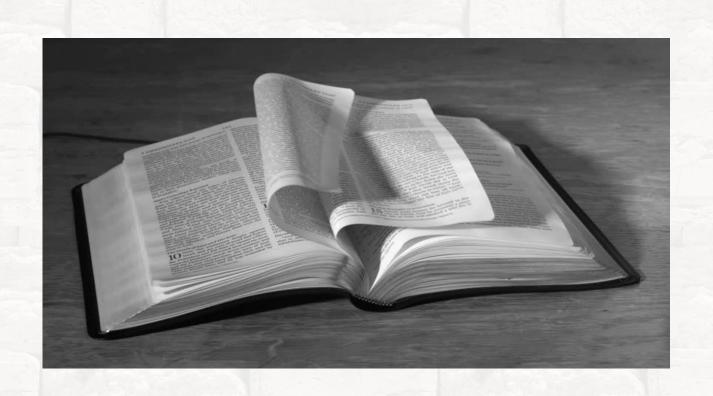
gloat over you and say,

"Now that you have been laid low,

no one comes to cut us down."

Isaiah is now going to give us a view into the Abyss that John describes in Revelation!

### Please turn to: Revelation 20: 1-3



#### Revelation 20: 1-3 (NIV)

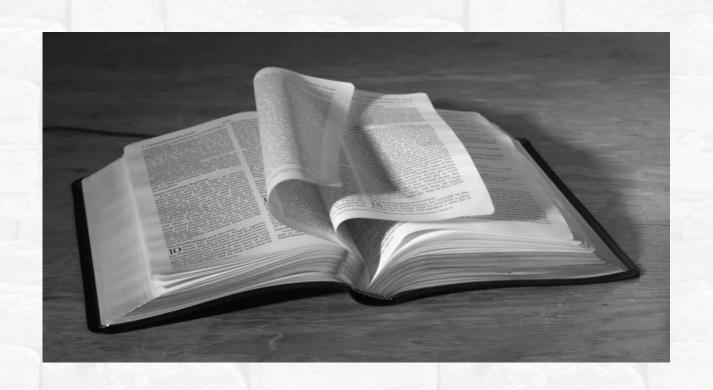
And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

#### Revelation 20: 1-3 (NIV)

He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

#### Please turn to:

Luke 8: 31



#### Luke 8: 31 (NIV)

And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.





## Isaiah 14: 9 (NIV)

The realm of the dead below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you —

all those who were leaders in the world it makes them rise from their thrones — all those who were kings over the nations.

#### Isaiah 14: 9 (NLT)

In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival. The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead stand up to see you.

#### **Isaiah 14: 9 (KJV)**

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

What is Isaiah seeing?

What is happening there?

# **Isaiah 14: 9 (NLT)**

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What are they excited about?

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#### Isaiah 14: 10 (NIV)

They will all respond, they will say to you,

"You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us."

# Isaiah 14: 10 (NLT)

With one voice they all cry out, 'Now you are as weak as we are!

#### Isaiah 14: 11 (NIV)

All your pomp has been brought down to the grave,

# along with the noise of your harps;

maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you.

Is there something spiritual about music?

# Who do you think they are talking about?

### Isaiah 14: 12 (NIV)

# How you have fallen from heaven,

morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,

you who once laid low the nations!

### Isaiah 14: 12 (KJV)

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!

What can we learn about satan from this verse?

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### Isaiah 14: 13 (NIV)

You said in your heart,

"I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

#### Isaiah 14: 14 (NIV)

I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High."

# Isaiah 14: 15 (NIV)

But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

### Isaiah 14: 16 (NIV)

Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate:

"Is this the man who shook the earth

and made kingdoms tremble,

# Isaiah 14: 17 (NIV)

the man who made the world a wilderness,

who overthrew its cities

and would not let his captives go home?"

#### Isaiah 14: 18 (NIV)

All the kings of the nations lie in state,

each in his own tomb.

### Isaiah 14: 19 (NIV)

But you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch;

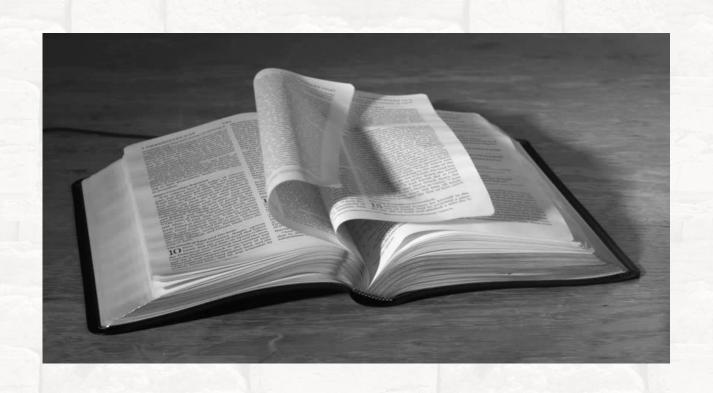
you are covered with the slain, with those pierced by the sword,

those who descend to the stones of the pit.

Like a corpse trampled underfoot,

### Please turn to:

Ezekiel 28: 11-17



The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

Who do we know from Scripture was in the Garden of Eden?

# Who do you think Ezekiel is describing?

You were anointed as <u>a guardian</u> <u>cherub</u>,

for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God;

you walked among the fiery stones.

You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,

and I expelled you, guardian cherub,

from among the fiery stones.

Your heart became proud on account of your beauty,

and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.

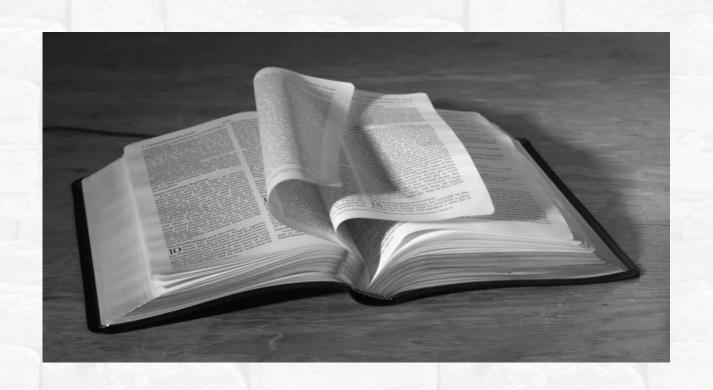
So I threw you to the earth;

I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Evil is many times beautiful, which is one of the main reasons why evil is tempting to us.

#### Please turn to:

# 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4



#### 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4 (NIV)

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

#### Question

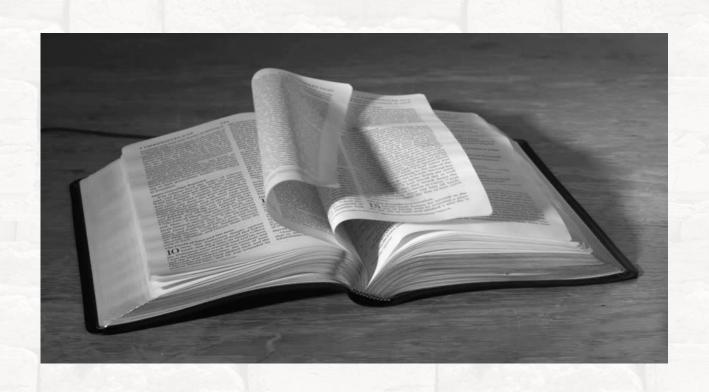
Who is the god of this age?

#### Question

How does satan blind people's minds?

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# 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15



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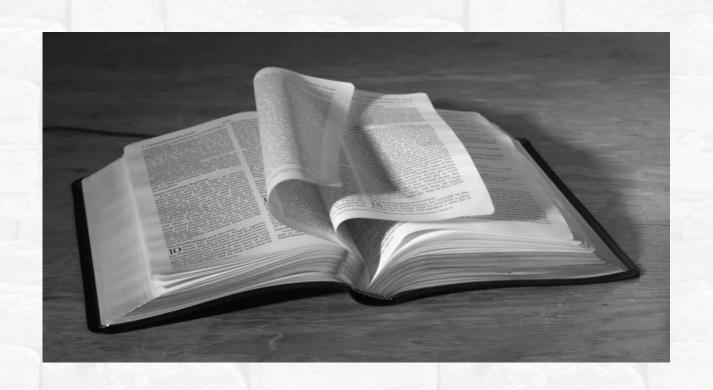
For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

## 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15 (NIV)

It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

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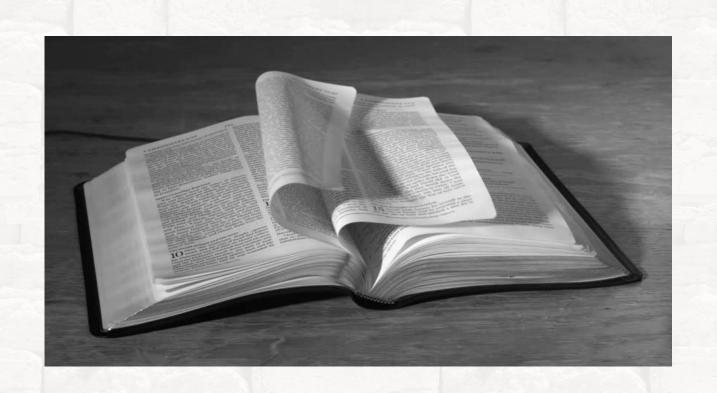
1 Peter 5: 8-9



## 1 Peter 5: 8-9 (NIV)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

# Please turn to: Revelation 12: 12



## Revelation 12: 12 (NIV)

Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."