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FIRST-FRUITS AND THE OPEN DOOR!

TEXT: Song of Solomon 8:5 Who is this that **cometh up from the wilderness, leaning** upon her beloved?...

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Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Jeremiah 17:1 The **sin** of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart...

Isaiah 1:4 Ah sinful nation, a people **laden with iniquity**, a seed of evildoers...they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? **ye will revolt more and more...**

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; **her feet abide not in her house:**

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

19 For **the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:**\

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have **espoused** you to **one husband**, that I may present you as **a chaste** virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as **the serpent** beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, **the world** would love **his** own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

John 15:14 Ye are my **friends**, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

2 Timothy 3:6 For of this sort are they which **creep** into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Proverbs 30:20 Such is the way of an **adulterous** woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, **and saith, I have done no wickedness.**

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Song of Solomon 2:14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs...

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on **the mount Sion**, and **with him** an hundred forty and four thousand...

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were **redeemed from the earth.**

4...These were **redeemed from among men**, being **the firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast** and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God...

14 And I looked, and behold **a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for **the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

First, the First-Fruits of Barley - Afterwards, the First-Fruits of Wheat:

Leviticus 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall **reap the harvest** thereof, then ye shall bring **a sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And **he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD**, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

15 And ye shall **count unto you** from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be **baken** with leaven; **they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.**

Genesis 5:24 And **Enoch** walked with God: and he was not; for God **took** him.

Matthew 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall **be taken**, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith **Enoch was translated** that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had **this testimony**, that he pleased God.

7 By faith **Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house...

John 13:23 Now there was **leaning on Jesus' bosom** one of his disciples, **whom Jesus loved.**

John 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth **the disciple whom Jesus loved** following; which also **leaned on his breast** at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

Revelation 1:9 **I John**, who also am your brother, and **companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ**, was in the isle that is called Patmos, **for the word** of God, and **for the testimony** of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 4:1 After this **I** looked, and, behold, **a door was opened in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking **with me**; which said, **Come up hither**, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

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Luke 21:34 And **take heed** to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray** always, **that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things** that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Mark 13:28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know **that summer is near**.

Matthew 13:6 And when **the sun was up, they were scorched**; and because they had no root, they withered away.

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for **when tribulation or persecution** ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, **he that openeth**, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, **I have set before thee an open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast **kept my word**, and hast **not denied** my name.

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience**, I also will **keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

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Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and **hath shut to the door**, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

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Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things **in the churches...**

18 For I testify unto **every man** that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If

any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

"John, also, as recorded in Revelation 4, was caught up...In this I feel John is a picture of the Rapture of the church, in which **all** true believers will be caught up to be with the Lord."

(J. Vernon McGee, *Ezekiel*)

Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty **elders** sitting, clothed in **white raiment**; and they **had on their heads crowns of gold**.

6...and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were **four beasts**...

Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and **of the four beasts**, and in the midst of **the elders**, stood a **Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns** and seven eyes...

8 And when he had taken the book, **the four beasts and four and twenty elders** fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 **And they sung** a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us** to God by **thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation**;

10 And hast **made us** unto our God **kings and priests**: and **we shall reign on the earth**.

2 Timothy 2:12 **If we suffer, we shall also reign with him**: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

What Hinders or Helps Fellowship?

2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

Ephesians 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Psalms 15:1 LORD, **who shall abide in thy tabernacle?** who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Psalms 27:5 For in the **time of trouble** he shall **hide me in his pavilion**: in the secret of **his tabernacle** shall he hide me...

Psalms 31:19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt **hide them in the secret of thy presence** from the pride of man: thou shalt **keep them** secretly in **a pavilion** from the strife of tongues.

Revelation 13:5 And there was given unto him **a mouth** speaking great things **and blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, **and his tabernacle**, and **them that dwell in heaven**.

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