

Ancient Yet Current

1. W_____ against the ancient s_____

Revelation 12:7-17

⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ¹²Therefore 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.” ¹³When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. ¹⁵Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

Genesis 3:1

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say...”

2. W_____ the ancient p_____

Jeremiah 6:10-19

¹⁰To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. **The word of the Lord is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.** ¹¹But I am full of the wrath of the Lord, and I cannot hold it in. “Pour it out on the children in the street and on the young men gathered together; both husband and wife will be caught in it, and the old, those weighed down with years. ¹²Their houses will be turned over to others, together with their fields and their wives, when I stretch out my hand against those who live in the land,” declares the Lord. ¹³“From the least to the greatest, **all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit.** ¹⁴**They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.** ¹⁵**Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush.** So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,” says the Lord. ¹⁶This is what the Lord says: “**Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.** But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ ¹⁷I appointed watchmen over you and said, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’ But you said, ‘We will not listen.’ ¹⁸Therefore hear, you nations; you who are witnesses, observe what will happen to them. ¹⁹Hear, you earth: I am bringing disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes, because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law.

3. R _____ the ancient r _____

Isaiah 58:12

Your people will **rebuild the ancient ruins** and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Isaiah 61:4

They will **rebuild the ancient ruins** and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Isaiah 61:1-7

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. ⁵Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. ⁶And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. ⁷Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.

See: Isaiah 13:19-22 and Isaiah 34:8-13

4. O _____ the ancient g _____

Psalms 24:1-10

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. ³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; **be lifted up, you ancient doors**, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, you gates; **lift them up, you ancient doors**, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Genesis 4:26

...At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

Micah 2:12-13

¹²"I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. ¹³The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord at their head."

Psalms 126:2

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The A _____ of D _____ is coming in!