

- 14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[John apparently doesn't recognize who they are. Why are they distinguished from those *prior* to the tribulation? Their predecessors are already in heaven!]

- 15] Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.  
16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Millennial Temple: In heaven there is no night nor temple (Rev 21:25; 22:5).

- 17] For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 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. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

Revelation 14:1-5

The 144,000 are destined to be the elite (Rev 14:4).

## Contrasts

### Tribulation Saints

- Not Crowned
- Palms in their hands
- Saved "*out of*" the Tribulation
- These stand *before* thrones
- These serve Him day and night
- Not recognized by John

### 24 Elders

- Crowned
- Harps, No Palms
- "*Kept out*" of the Tribulation (Rev 3:10)
- *Sit on* thrones (1 Cor 6:2,3; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6)
- Reign as kings & priests (1 Cor 6:2,3; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6)

## For Next Session

- Read Revelation 8.
- Read Joshua 5:13 – 6:27.

## Joshua as a "Type" of Revelation?

- (*Yehoshua* is a variant of *Yeshua*).
- A military commander dispossessing the usurpers.
- 7 year campaign against 7 (of an original 10) nations.
- Torah ignored at Jericho: (Sabbath ignored; Levites involved)
  - First sent in "Two Witnesses"
  - **Seven Trumpet Events.**
  - (preceded by "**Silence in heaven for ½ hour**").
- Enemies confederated under a leader in Jerusalem.
  - *Adoni-Zedek*, "*Lord of Righteousness*."
- Ultimately defeated with:
  - Hailstones and fire from heaven.
  - Signs in the Sun, Moon, etc.
- Kings hide in caves. ("Rocks fall on us...")

## The Book of Revelation Session 15: The Seven Trumpets Revelation Chapters 8-9

- 1] And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.  
2] And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

"...seven trumpets..." The Trumpet of God sounded when the law was given (Ex 19:16-19); there were seven trumpets at Jericho (Josh 6:13-16). [These angels have names in the Apocrypha: Uriel, Raphael, Raguel, Michael, Sarakiel, Grabriel, and Phanuel.] ***Don't confuse the 7th trumpet judgment with the "last trump" of 1 Cor 15:52. There will be trumpets in the Millennium.***

## Joshua vs. Revelation

*And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.*

Joshua 6:10

Who *really* fought the battle of Jericho? Jesus (Josh 5:13-15). He crossed over the Jordan on the 10<sup>TH</sup> of Nisan; circumcised, 14<sup>TH</sup> of Nisan (Triumphal Entry: 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan; Crucifixion: 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan). Why “**two witnesses**” sent: certainly not for military intelligence to develop this battle plan! ...to save a Gentile woman. Silence preceded the engagement; cf. Rev 8:1.

## Jubilee Year

- Begins after Joshua’s conquest.
- All debts forgiven.
- Land returns to original owners.
- Slaves go free (Lev. 25:8-16, 23-55; 27:16-25; Num. 36:4).

No legislator would have enacted such an institution, and no people would have long submitted to it, unless both had believed that a divine authority had dictated it and a special providence would facilitate its execution. Nothing could have produced this conviction but the experience of miraculous interposition such as the Torah describes. The very existence of this law is a standing monument that when it was given the Mosaic miracles were fully believed; moreover this law, in the Torah which the Jews always have received as written by Moses, is equivalent to the witnesses of the miracles: therefore the reality of the Mosaic miracles is undeniable.

- “The time of the restitution of all things” (Acts 3:21).
  - 1) in the restoring of all that was perverted by man’s sin.
  - 2) in the removing of all slavery of sin.
  - 3) in the delivering of the creation from the bondage of corruption, to which it was subjected on account of man’s depravity.

The deepest meaning of the Jubilee Year is to be found in the Grk: *apokatastasis tes basileias tou theou* [Why does this begin on *Yom Kippur* rather than *Rosh Hashanna*? Are we about to enter the 70th Jubilee Year?]

- 3] And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4] And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.

“Another” Greek, *allos*, of the same kind (thus, not Christ).

“Censer”: cf. frankincense; priestly duty.

“All saints”: None lost (Jn 6:37-40; 17:12; Heb 10:26-31).

“Altar”: Tabernacle and Temple are but “figures” of the true altar in heaven (Heb 9:23, 24; 8:5).

Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, and Paul prayed this prayer: “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.” Indeed (cf. Ps 7, 26, 35, 52, 55, 58, et al.). The purpose of prayer is not to get man’s will done in heaven, but God’s Will done on earth.

- 5] And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
- 6] And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

“earthquake”: Cf. Isa 6:5-7, the Vision of Jesus (Jn 12:41).

- 7] The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

“Hail” = always used of judgment (Isa 28:2; Job 38:22, 23; cf. Egypt, Ex 9:23-25). Also compare with the 7th plague against Egypt (Ex 9:18-26; Joel 2:30).

“Trees”: Greek word, *dendron* = “fruit trees.”

- 8] And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
- 9] And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Cf. 1st Egyptian plague (Ex 7:19-21; Ps 105:29; cf. Jer 51:25; Mt 21:21). More than 3/4 earth’s surface is ocean. [Atlantic = 1/3?] There are over 25,000 ocean-going merchant ships registered; Hos 4:3; Zeph 1:3; Isa 2:16.

- 10] And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
- 11] And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Figurative? Jn 4:13,14; Ps 84:6,7 (Heb).

Literal: Ex 15:23,25; Jer 9:14-15; 23:15.

“Wormwood”: Greek: *absinthe*. Undrinkable without harm. OT: Synonymous with sorrow, calamity; hemlock, bitterness (Jer 9:15; 23:15; Lam 3:15, 19; Amos 5:7). [Figurative? Deut 29:18; Prov 5:4; 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Thess 2:10,11.] Russian word for “wormwood” = *Chernobyl*? (Stedman)

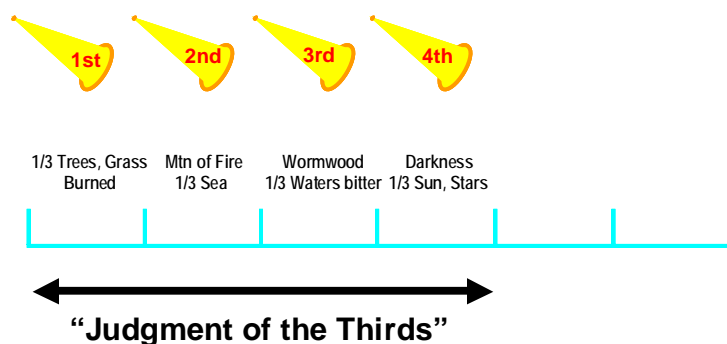
National Geographic Society lists about 100 principal rivers. U.S. Geological Survey: 30 large rivers in U.S.

## “A Star Fell from Heaven”

- Study of Satan (Isa 14, Ezek 28)
  - 54X in Bible; 36X in NT; 7X in Revelation
  - Angel of *Abouso*?
- Will be imprisoned there
  - Fallen: Isa 14:12; Luke 10:18; Rev 8:10.
  - Will lose access: Rev 12:7-12 cf. Job 1:6-12,
- Demons are evil spirits; they always seek embodiment; they are destined for torment (Mt 8:29; 25:41) and they must obey Christ (Mk 1:23-27; 5:1-15; 1 Jn 4:4).

- 12] And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Ninth plague on Egypt: Ex 10:21-23 (3 days); Amos 5:18; cf. Rev 16:8-9; Mt 24:29-30; Lk 21:25-28. Luke 21:25,26: “Powers of the heavens be shaken” = *ouranos* (“uranium”), *dunamis*, (“dynamite”), *saleo* (“to be set off balance”); cf. Heb 12:26-28; Isa 30:26; Joel 2:1-2, “Darkness.”



(1st four are “natural”; the next two are “demonic”...)

- 1st Trumpet: Aimed at the earth; 1/3 trees, grass dies.
- 2nd Trumpet: Aimed at the Sea; 1/3 of fish, ships destroyed.
- 3rd Trumpet: Aimed at the waters; 1/3 part dies. Star called “Worm wood.”
- 4th Trumpet: Aimed at the Sun, moon, stars: 1/3 sky darkened.

The final 3 Trumpets are also called “3 Woes.” [Chapter 9.] There appears to be a “logarithmic” progression in the various judgments: Seals (Ch. 6), Trumpets (Ch. 8 & 9), and Bowls (Ch. 15 & 16).

- 13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

*aietos* = eagle (Rev 12:14; Mt 24:28; Lk 17:37).

“Inhabitants of the earth” (12X): Rev 3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 12:12; 13:8,12,14; 14:6; 17:2,8. [Contrasted with citizens of heaven: Phil 3:18-21.] Earth-dwellers are not born again: Rev 13:8.

## Revelation 9 Two Demon Armies

(Cf. Joel 2:1-9,15,28; 3:2,9-16; 2 Pet 3:10, etc.) Supernatural armies have previously appeared in the Scriptures:

- Horses and a chariot of fire separated Elijah from Elisha when Elijah was taken up into heaven (2 Kgs 2:11);
- When Dothan was besieged by the army of Syria, God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant and he saw the horses and chariots of fire (2 Kgs 6:13-17). [The Lord Jesus Christ will also be attended by the armies of heaven riding on white horses.]

- 1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
- 2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
- 3] And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

“Star”: *already* fallen. Star = angel? Dan 12:3; Isa 14:12-16. “Him” (*a person*): given a key; a king over the beings in the pit (v.11). Authority

not complete—key had to be **given** to him. [Satan beheld as lightning falling from heaven: Lk 10:18; prophesied by Isaiah (14:12).]

*Aboussou*: “bottomless pit”; 9X in NT; 30X in Old Testament; seven times in Rev (9:1,2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3). Angels that sinned (Gen 6:2,4; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6) [See *Return of the Nephilim*..] Demons beg to avoid aboussou (Lk 8:31); after “many days,” the aboussou will be visited (Isa 24:21,22); Satan will be imprisoned there in Rev 20:10.

“Smoke”: Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:28); Giving of the Law (Ex 19:18).

- 4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
- 5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6] And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Sealed of God. He knows who are His (2 Tim 2:19).

Tormented five months? 150 days: cf. Noah’s flood (Gen 7:24).

“Scorpion”: Isa 9:15: “the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail” (cf. Joel 2:2,4; Eph 6:12).

[“*Seek death and not find it*”? *I cannot imagine what that means...*]

- 7] And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.
- 8] And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.
- 9] And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

Even natural locusts have the appearance of horses equipped with armor: the German term is *Heupferd*, “hay-horse”; the Italian, *cavaletta*, “little horse.”

“teeth of lions”: Cf. Joel 1:6. Even the sound of natural locusts are terrifying. But these are demonic creatures...

- 10] And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.
- 11] And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

**Abaddon** (Hebrew), **Apollyon** (Greek). Abaddon: 6 X in OT (Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; Ps 88:11; Prov 15:11; 27:30). Apollyon: “destroyer,” Jn 10:10. “Prince of the Air”: Eph 2:2; Jn 14:30; Isa 14:15.

- 12] One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

*The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;*  
Proverbs 30:27

*Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king’s mowings.*

Amos 7:1 (MT)

*The Lord hath shewn me and behold a swarm of locusts were coming, and behold one of the young devastating locusts was Gog the King.*

Amos 7:1 (LXX)

This illuminates “Gog” of Ezekiel 38. (More later, re: Chapter 20:8.)

- 13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
- 15] And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

This is at the Altar of Incense featured in Rev 8:3-5. The Avenger of Blood is about to answer those prayers. [Note: Blood offered here, too, on Yom Kippur (Ex 30:10; cf. 1 Kgs 13:2,3). 200,000,000 army of horsemen...

“...four angels...”: Four seems to be the number of creation. Could this be because we know only 4 of *the 10 dimensions of the universe*?] These are apparently wicked angels since they are bound and must be loosed. Since 1/4 were killed already (Rev 6:8), this means that over half of the world’s population will be dead by the time the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet is completed.

## Euphrates

The river Euphrates is the eastern boundary of Israel (Gen 15:18; cf. Deut 1:7; Josh 1:4; 1 Kgs 4:21,24). Also, it’s the traditional boundary of east and west—the Romans lived in constant fear of the Parthian Empire on the other side of the river. Reference to this river dates from Eden

Sin began here (Gen 2:14,15; 3:6,7); the first murder (Gen 4:8); Nimrod “We will rebel” (Gen 10, 11); Tower of Babel = Babylon: The fountain-head of idolatry and false worship.

Babylon will be the scene of the last stand (Zech 5:5-11). [See *The Mystery of Babylon*.]

A divided kingdom cannot stand. This appears to be a division in Satan's kingdom. As far as Asia is concerned, demon religions are all east of the Euphrates. India is said to have 33 million gods. All the gods of the heathen are demons (Ps 96:5 LXX). It is interesting that in the 1991 Gulf War, the U.S. Army's 24<sup>th</sup> Mechanized and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions trapped the elite Republican Guard of Iraq by pinning it against the Euphrates River.

- 16] And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them.
- 17] And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

A 200-million man army? A demonic "army" from the Far East? [The enormous population of China is one of its most powerful weapons. Russia is terrified of the growing emigration jeopardizing its eastern border.] Colors are as striking as the creatures are unnatural: fiery red, dark blue, bright yellow. If you believe, you scarcely need any comment. Difficulties with the passage emerge from lack of belief. Demonic forces are at work here.

- 18] By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
- 19] For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were* like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
- 20] And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
- 21] Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

These judgments are not remedial, but retributive. Men persist in their sins. "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (Rom 3:11). This is demon worship (1 Cor 10:19-21). ***The insanity of worshipping the gods that are not and the demons that are!***

Idols can include work of their own hands, buildings, machines, cities, et al. Dead sinners worshipping dead gods (Ps 115). We become like what we believe and worship (Ps 135:18).

## Characteristic of Today

- Murders: we even subsidize murders prior to birth.
- Sorcery: *pharmakia*, use of drugs.
- Fornication: the preoccupation of today's culture.
- Theft: institutional as well as individual

It is interesting that even ancient pagan cultures had laws to protect the family, since it was the source of young men to man the armies. Population growth was a primary strategic resource. Abortion was a capital crime.

Drug trade is the largest economic constituency in Washington D.C., and the primary source of funds to the covert intelligence community which some believe presently control the affairs in political life.

Theft includes socialized abrogation of property rights. Plunder and confiscation is not limited to individuals, but its most insidious forms include social policy and institutionalized theft. Socialism is the plundering of the productive by the unaccountable.

## Plagues of Egypt

Warning #1	1) Waters turned to blood	7:14-25
Warning #2	2) Frogs on land, homes	8:1-5
(none)	3) Lice on persons	8:10-19
Warning #3	4) Flies on homes	8:20-24
Warning #4	5) Disease on Cattle	9:1-7
(none)	6) Boils, sores: man & beast	9:8-12
Warning #5	7) Thunder, hail	9:18-35
Warning #6	8) Locusts	10:1-20
(none)	9) Darkness (3 days)	10:21-29
Warning #7	10) Firstborn, Man and Beast	11 & 12

Judgment against the gods they worshipped (Num 33:4; Judg 10:14); public display of power (Ex 9:16); warning to other nations (Josh 2:8,9); Philistines (1 Sam 4:8; cf. Gen 12:3). Beelzebub = "Fly" God. This prevented worship by their priests (8:18); they *could not reproduce* this one. (3X they did: rods into serpents 7:12 (2 Tim 3:8); water into blood, 7:22; frogs, 8:12) Note also miracles by enemies: Rev 16:14

Pharaoh: "I have sinned"; Ex 4:22, Israel = "firstborn."



## Exodus vs. Revelation

- 1) Jacob's trouble: affliction (Isa 60:14; Jer 30:5-8).
- 2) Cry to God; heard (Jer 31:18-20).
- 3) God will command oppressors: let them go (Isa 43:6).
- 4) 2 witnesses, with miracles before enemies (Rev 11:3-6).
- 5) Enemies will also perform (Rev 13:14,15).
- 6) Sore judgements from God (Jer 25: 15,6).
- 7) God will protect His people (Rev 7:4; 12:6; 14-16).
- 8) Water turned to blood (Rev 8:8; 11:6; 16:4,5).
- 9) Satanic frogs (Rev 16:13).
- 10) Plague of locusts (Rev 9:2-11).
- 11) Boils and pains (Rev 16:2).
- 12) Hailstones from heaven (Rev 8:7).
- 13) Darkness (Isa 60:2; Rev 16:10).
- 14) Hearts hardened (Rev 9:20, 21).
- 15) Death to multitudes (Rev 9:15).
- 16) Israel to be delivered (Zech 14:3,4; Rom 11:26).

## The Seven Trumpet Judgments



## Next Session

- Read Chapters 10 and 11.
- Who are the Two Witnesses? Justify your answer with Scripture(s)
- Why were the Seven Thunders not recorded?

## The Book of Revelation

### Session 16: The Little Book/The Two Witnesses Revelation Chapters 10-11

Chapter 10: The “Little Book” and The Seven Thunders.  
Chapter 11: The Temple and The Two Witnesses.

## Revelation 10 The Little Book

- Parenthetical (Chapters 10-14):
  - 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet ushers in the Bowls of Wrath.
- Mighty Angel with the “Little Book”:
  - Book is now unsealed: digest it.
  - Written “within and on the backside.”
  - “Thou must prophesy again...”
- The Seven Thunders utter their voices:
  - John was about to write, but forbidden to.

- 1] And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

This is the third appearance of a distinctive messenger:

- Holding back judgments for a special work of grace (Rev 7:2).
- Messenger of the covenant, pouring fire of judgment (Rev 8:5).
- Here: Prophet, Priest, and King (Rev 10:1).

## Christ?

- Clouds (Ex 16:10; 19:9; 24:15ff; 34:5; Ps 104:3; Mt 17; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:9; Rev 1:7).
- Rainbow (Ps 89:1,8,33-37; Rev 4:3).
- Sun (Rev 1:16; Mt 17).
- Feet (Rev 1:15).
- Lion (v.3) Job 4:9-10; Isa 31:4-5; Hos 5:14; 11:10; Amos 3:8; Rev 5:5.
- Jesus often appeared in the OT as “the Angel of the Lord” (Ex 3:2; Judg 2:4; 6:11-12, 21-22; 2 Sam 24:16).

In any case, he appears to have the authority of God's throne.

“Another”: *allos*, not *heteros*. Gabriel = “strength of God” ? Michael: “who is like God”? (only archangel; cf. Daniel 10: 13; 12:1; Jude 9)

- 2] And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,
- 3] And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

“Lion's roar”: Prov 19:12; Joel 3:16. [When the Father spoke to the Lord Jesus on the earth, “The people that stood by heard it and said it thundered” (Jn 12:28-29).]