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'Abdu'l-Bahá

In that day shall ***the branch of the Lord*** ['Abdu'l-Bahá] be beautiful... Isaiah 4:2

In that day ***the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious***, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. Isaiah 4:2 NIV

I will now bring ***my servant, the Branch***...on that day, says the Lord of Hosts, you shall all of you invite one another to come and sit each under ***his vine and his fig-tree***. Zechariah 3:8-10 NEB

Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: "***Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch!*** From His place He shall branch out, and ***He shall build the temple of the Lord***. Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, and ***shall sit and rule on His throne***; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. ***Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the Lord***...Even those who are far away shall come and build the temple of the Lord. Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God." Zechariah 6:12-15 NKJ

Here is my servant...***in whom I delight***. Isaiah 42:1

...the Messenger of the covenant, ***whom ye delight in***... Malachi 3:1 NKJ

Absolute Language

All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By staying firm you save yourself. Luke 21:17-19 NIV

For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. Luke 21:15 NIV

Acceptance

The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent. Christ (John 6:29 NIV)

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, ***so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him***. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching [for the news] when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. Christ (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but ***whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him***. John 3:36 NIV

Accountability

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. John 15:22 NEB

Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee. Hosea 4:6

I will call you to account for your doings... Ezekiel 7:3 NEB

We shall all stand before God's tribunal. Romans 14:10 NEB

...every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12

...they [the dead] take with them the record of their deeds. Revelation 14:13 NEB

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. Matthew 12:36 NIV

Achor

...Sharon, and the Vale of Achor...shall belong to my people who seek me. Isaiah 65:10 NEB

Action

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:14,17 NIV

Antichrist

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and **the man of sin** is revealed, **the son of perdition**, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. II Thessalonians 2:3-4 NKJ

... you must now be aware of **the restraining hand** which ensures that he [the man of sin] shall be revealed only at the proper time. II Thessalonians 2:6 NEB

And then shall **that Wicked** be revealed, **whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth**, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. II Thessalonians 2:8

The coming of **the lawless one** will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of **counterfeit** miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. II Thessalonians 2:9 NIV

Destroyed they shall be, because they did not open their minds to love of the truth, so as to find salvation. Therefore God puts them under a delusion, which works upon them to believe **the lie**, so that they may all be brought to judgment, all who do not believe the truth but make sinfulness their deliberate choice. II Thessalonians 2:10-12 NEB

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse [Bahá'u'lláh]...he will strike the earth with the rod [command, authority] of his mouth, **with the breath of his lips** [words] **he will slay the wicked.**
Isaiah 11:1,4 NIV

Woe to you, **O destroyer**, you who have not been destroyed! Woe to you, **O traitor**, you who have not been betrayed!
Isaiah 33:1 NIV

Arise, O Lord [Bahá'u'lláh], **confront** him, cast him down; deliver my life from **the wicked** [Azal] with Your sword [Word]...
Zechariah 17:13 NKJ

Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of **the wicked** [Azal] and the mouth of **the deceitful** [Siyyid Muhammad] have opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, but I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
Psalms 109:1-5 NKJ

Who is the liar? Who but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist...
I John 2:22 NEB

You were told that Antichrist was to come, and now many antichrists have appeared...
I John 2:18 NEB

But do not trust any and every spirit, my friends; test the spirits, to see whether they are from God, for among those who have gone out into the world there are many prophets falsely inspired. This is how we may recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit which does not thus acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is what is meant by 'Antichrist'; you have been told that he was to come, and here he is, in the world already!
I John 4:1-3 NEB
See also II John

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of **our God** [Bahá'u'lláh], and the authority of **his Christ** [the Báb]. For **the accuser** [Azal] of our brothers [followers of Bahá'u'lláh], who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the **Lamb** [the Báb] and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
Revelation 12:10-11 NIV

At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or, "There he is!" do not believe it. For **false Christs** and false prophets will appear and perform great **signs and miracles** to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time.
Matthew 24:23-25 NIV

So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, **out in the desert**,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, **in the inner rooms**,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a **carcass**, there the vultures will gather.
Matthew 24:26-28 NIV

Who is the liar? Who but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the Antichrist.
I John 2:22

Therefore I make known to you that...no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 12:3

Argue

A fool's lips enter into contention... Proverbs 18:6

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth... II Timothy 2:23-25

Bahá'u'lláh

...I saw the glory of the God of Israel...the land was radiant with his glory. Ezekiel 43:2 NIV

...the earth was illuminated by his splendor. Revelation 18:1 NIV

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who ***walk in the light of your presence***... Psalms 89:15

Banquet

...the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. ***Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age.*** Christ (Matthew 13:47-49)

Bible Study

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. Christ (John 5:39-40 NIV)

Black Pit

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; ***I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.*** I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; ***they conspire against me and plot to take my life.*** Psalms 31:11-13 NIV

My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away. Those who seek my life set their traps [poisoning], those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception. I am like a deaf man, who cannot

hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth; I have become like a man who does not hear, whose mouth can offer no reply. I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God. Psalms 38:11-15 NIV

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire**; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth. Psalms 40:1-3 NIV

Carelessness

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every **careless word** they have spoken. Christ (Matt. 12:36 NIV)

Choice

Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it... Revelation 3:8

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes [the fear of opening the door], I will give the right to sit with me on my throne... Revelation 3:19-21 NIV

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses...that I have set before you life and death... Now choose life...the Lord is your life... Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NIV

Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Christ (Matt. 5:37 NIV)

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet... Matthew 7:6

"...not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4: 6 NIV

"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies [spiritually]," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!" Ezekiel 18:32

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the Lord God of hosts will be with you... Amos 5:14

Clouds

He [the Promised One] was robed in a **cloud**...his face was like **the sun**... Revelation 10:1 NIV

Then I saw another mighty angel [Bahá'u'lláh] coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head...A rainbow...encircled the throne. Revelation 10:1; 4:3 NIV

Then as I looked there appeared a white cloud, and on the cloud sat one like a son of man. He had on his head a crown of gold and in his hand a sharp sickle. Another angel

came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud: ‘Stretch out your sickle and reap; for harvest-time has come, and earth’s crop is over-ripe.’ So he who sat on the cloud put his sickle to the earth and its harvest was reaped.

Revelation 14:14-16 NEB

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him...His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Psalms 97:1,2,4 NIV

He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of His upper chambers on their waters. ***He makes the clouds His chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.***

Psalms 104:2-3

Arise...your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, ***darkness covers the earth...and thick darkness is over the peoples.***

Isaiah 60:1-2 NIV

...your sins have hidden his [the Lord’s] face from you...

Isaiah 59:2 NIV

...whosoever sinneth hath not ***seen*** Him...

I John 3:6

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds...

Matthew 24:30 NIV

That day is a day of wrath, a day of anguish and affliction ... a day of murk and gloom, a day of cloud and dense fog ...

Zephaniah 1:15 NEB

That day will be a day of...darkness and gloom, ***a day of clouds***...

Zephaniah 1:15 NIV

Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God:’ Wail, ‘Woe to the day!’ For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near; it will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.

Ezekiel 30:2-3 NKJ

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day...I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God...I will place over them shepherd...

Ezekiel 34:12,15,23

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.

Daniel 7:13 NIV

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.

Genesis 9:13-15 NIV

O Lord, who has set the sun in heaven, but has chosen to dwell in ***thick darkness***...

I King 8:13 NEB

Be on your guard—see to it that ***your minds are never clouded*** by dissipation [love for pleasure] or ***drunkenness*** [unawareness and negligence] or the worries of this life...

Luke 21:36

He [God] parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under His feet.

II Samuel 22:10

Commitment

Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Christ (Matt. 5:37 NIV)

Confirm

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets...but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 NIV

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. John 6:39 NIV

Conformity

... ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's... Deuteronomy 1:17

If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 NIV

Cult

May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean. Acts 17:19-20

Day of the Lord

...*the day of God* is coming. Joel 2:1 NIV

Death

...if anyone keeps My word he *shall never see death*. Christ (John 8:51 NKJ)

I am the resurrection and I am life...no one who is alive and has faith *shall ever die*. Christ (John 11:25-26 NEB)

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, *some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom*. Christ (Matt. 16:27-28 NIV)

Deceive

Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many. Christ (Matthew 24:4-5 NKJ)

Decline

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

Luke 18:8 NEB

All prophetic vision has become for you like a sealed book...***the wisdom of their wise men shall vanish*** and the discernment of the discerning shall be lost. Isaiah 29:11-14 NEB

These days recall for me the days of Noah...

Isaiah 54:9 NEB

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for ***I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God.*** Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But ***if*** you do not wake up, I will come like a thief...He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Christ (Rev. 3:2,3,6 NIV)

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Christ (Revelation 3:8 NIV)

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

Christ (Revelation 3:15 NIV)

There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power...They are the kind who...are...always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth...

II Timothy 3:1-8 NIV

As things were in Noah's days, so will they be when the Son of Man comes.

Christ (Matthew 24:37 NEB)

Delay

He who is coming will come and will not delay.

Hebrews 10:37 NIV

But suppose that servant [leader] is wicked and says to himself, "***My master is staying away a long time,***" and he then begins to beat [spiritually abuse] his fellow servants [followers] and to ***eat and drink with*** [spiritually] ***drunkards.*** The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:48-51 NIV

Denial

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Matthew 16:26 NKJ

Then Jesus began to talk to them again in parables. "The kingdom of Heaven," he said, "is like a king who arranged a wedding for his son. He sent his servants to summon those who had been invited to the festivities, but they refused to come. Then he tried again; he sent some more servants, saying to them: 'Tell those who have been invited, "Here is my wedding breakfast all ready, my bullocks and fat cattle have been slaughtered and everything is prepared. Come along to the festivities.'" ' But they took

no notice of this and went off, one to his farm, and another to his business. As for the rest, they got hold of the servants [new believers], treated them disgracefully, and finally killed them. At this the king was very angry and sent his troops and killed those murderers and burned down their city.

Then he said to his servants: 'The wedding feast is quite ready, but those who were invited were not good enough for it. So go off now to all the street corners and invite everyone you find there to the feast.' So the servants went out onto the streets and collected together all those whom they found, bad and good alike. And the hall became filled with guests. But when the king came in to inspect the guests, he noticed among them a man not dressed for a wedding. 'How did you come in here, my friend,' he said to him, 'without being properly dressed for the wedding?' And the man had nothing to say. Then the king said to the ushers, 'Tie him up and throw him into the darkness outside [realms of remoteness from God]. ***There he can weep and regret his folly!***' For many are invited but few are chosen." Christ (Matthew 20:1-14)

Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

Matthew 21:33-41 NIV

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes...he will rent the vineyard to ***other tenants***, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time. Matthew 21:40-41 NIV

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Matthew 21:42 NIV

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants [the new believers] to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner...Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest [the fanatic Muslims] seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. Christ (Matt. 22:2-6 NIV)

For many are invited, but ***few are chosen***.

Christ (Matt. 22:14 NIV)

At that time, many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other...

Christ (Matthew 24:10)

See also II Timothy 3:1-4

And then many will be **offended and repelled** and begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away [brackets belong to original]... Matthew 24:10 AB

...the love of most will grow cold. Matthew 24:12 NIV

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:27 NIV

The coming of the Son of Man will repeat what happened in Noah's time. Christ (Matthew 24:37 NAB)

As things were in Noah's days, so will they be when the Son of Man comes. In the days before the flood they ate and drank and married, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. Matthew 24:37-39 NEB

Then he [the Son of Man] will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these [lowliest], you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. Matthew 25:41-46 NIV

"The curse is upon you...for when I was hungry you gave me nothing to eat, when thirsty nothing to drink; when I was a stranger you gave me no home, when naked you did not clothe me; when I was ill and in prison you did not come to my help." And they too will reply, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and did nothing for you?" And he will answer, "I tell you this: anything you did not do for one of these, however humble, you did not do for me."

Christ (Matthew 25:41-46 NEB)

He who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me. Luke 10:16

Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house [the Redeemer] gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ***Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.***" Luke 13:24-30 NIV

A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready." ***But they***

all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. **I ask you to have me excused.**" And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. **I ask you to have me excused.**" Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Luke 14:16-21

A certain man was preparing a **great banquet** and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' **But they all alike began to make excuses.** The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me...I tell you, not one of those men who were invited [but made excuses] will get a taste of my banquet. Luke 14:16-19,24 NIV
See also Matthew 22:1-14

I tell you that not one of those who were invited [but did not come] shall taste my banquet. Christ (Luke 14:24 NEB)

Causes of stumbling are bound to arise; but woe betide the man through whom they come. Luke 17:1 NEB
See also Matt. 18:7

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. **But first he must suffer many things** and be rejected by this generation. **Just as it was in the days of Noah**, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. Luke 17:24-26 NIV

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Luke 18:8 NEB

The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never mastered it. John 1:5 NEB

He who comes from heaven bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his witness. Christ (John 3:31-32 NEB)

He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. John 5:23

You study the scriptures diligently, supposing that in having them you have eternal life; yet, although their testimony points to me, you refuse to come to me for that life. Christ (John 5:39-40 NEB)

Is there a single one of our rulers who has believed in him...? John 7:48 NEB

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to be with you forever. The world cannot accept this Counselor, because it neither sees him nor knows him. John 14: 16-17 NIV

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...not lovers of the good...having a form of godliness but denying its power. II Timothy 3:2-5 NIV

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn

away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

II Timothy 3:1-9 NKJ

People [who live at the end of the age] **will be...always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth...**

II Timothy 3:2-7 NIV

...evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse...

II Timothy 3:13 NIV

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

II Timothy 4:3 NIV

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

II Timothy 4:4 NIV

You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One.

Acts 7:51-52 NIV

He shall judge between the nations, and **rebuke many people...**

Isaiah 2:4 NKJ

All prophetic vision has become for you like a sealed book...Then the Lord said: Because this people approach me with their mouths and honor me with their lips while their hearts are far from me, and their religion is but a precept of men, learnt by rote, therefore I will yet again shock this people, adding shock to shock: the wisdom of their wise men shall vanish and the discernment of the discerning shall be lost.

Isaiah 29:11-14 NEB

See also Luke 17:26-30

Your wisdom [and knowledge, KJV] betrayed you, omniscient as you were, and you said to yourself, 'I am, and who but I?'

Isaiah 47:10 NEB

These days recall for me the days of Noah...

Isaiah 54:9 NEB

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you...

Isaiah 59:1-2 NIV

I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arms worked salvation for me...

Isaiah 63:5 NIV

I was there to be sought by a people who did not ask, to be found by men who did not seek me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I,' to a nation that did not invoke me by name. I spread out my hands all day appealing to an unruly people who went their evil way...

Isaiah 65:1-2 NEB

I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, '***Here am I, here am I.***' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, ***pursuing their own imaginations***—a people who continually provoke me to my very face...

Isaiah 65:1-3 NIV

...I called and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not listen; and you did what was wrong in my eyes and you chose what was against my will. Therefore these are the words of the Lord God: **My servants** shall eat [heavenly food] but you shall starve; **my servants** shall drink but you shall go thirsty; **my servants** shall rejoice but you shall be put to shame; **my servants** shall shout in triumph in the gladness of their hearts, but you shall cry from sorrow and wail from anguish of spirit; your name shall be used as an oath by my chosen, and the Lord God shall give you over to [spiritual] death; but **his servants he shall call by another name** [emphasis added throughout].

Isaiah 65:12-15 NEB

But as for you who forsake the Lord and forget my holy mountain...I will destine you for the sword [a means of separation], and you will all bend down for the slaughter [spiritual death]; for I called but you did not answer, I spoke but you did not listen.

You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me.

Isaiah 65:112 NIV

...all the peoples of the earth will mourn **because of him**.

Revelation 1:7 NIV

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that **you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked**. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. **Those whom I love I rebuke...**

Christ (Revelation 3:15-19)

...because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ **But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.**

Revelation 3:16-17 NIV

When he opened the fifth seal, **I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained**. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, **until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed**.

Revelation 6:9-11 NIV

He [the Promised One] was robed in a **cloud**...his face was like **the sun**...

Revelation 10:1 NIV

If anyone is [destined] to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is [destined] to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints [the suffering followers].

Revelation 13:10 NIV

These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 17:14 NKJ

The time is coming, says the Lord God, when...Men shall stagger from north to south, they shall range from east to west, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Amos 8:11-12 NEB

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "That I will send *a famine* on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but *of hearing the words of the Lord*. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it. Amos 8:11-12 NKJ

He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off. Micah 4:3 NKJ

Woe is me! For I am as when the summer fruits have been gathered, as when the vintage grapes have been gleaned, and there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig for which my appetite craves. The godly man has perished from the earth, and there is none upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood; each hunts his brother with a net. Both their hands are put forth and are upon what is evil to do it diligently; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters his evil desire. Thus they twist between them (the course of justice). The best of them is like a brier; the most upright or the straightest is as a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, even of God's judgment and your punishment is come; now shall be their perplexity and confusion. Trust not in a neighbor, put not confidence in a friend; keep the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. But as for me, I will look to the Lord and (confident) in Him I will keep watch; I will wait with hope and expectancy for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Micah 7:1-7 AB

The godly have been swept from the land...the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes...the day God visits you...Do not trust a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend. Even with her who lies in your embrace be careful of your words. For a son dishonors his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies are the members of his own household. But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior... Micah 7:2-7 NIV

Do not be stubborn as your forefathers were; submit yourselves to the Lord and enter his sanctuary... II Chronicles 30:8 NEB

The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again...But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets... II Chronicles 36:15-16 NIV

And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers...because *He had compassion on His people* and on His dwelling place. *But they mocked the messengers of God*, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people... II Chronicles 36:15-16

When he was alone, the Twelve and others who were round him questioned him about the parables. He replied, 'To you the secret of the kingdom of God has been given; but to those who are outside everything comes by way of parables, so that (as Scripture says) they may look and look, but see nothing; they may hear and hear, but understand nothing; otherwise they might turn to God and be forgiven.' Mark 4:10-12 NEB

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Mark 7:13 NKJ

Do you have eyes but do not see, and ears but fail to hear? Mark 8:18 NIV
See also Jeremiah. 5:21; Isaiah. 42:20; Acts 28:26-27

As for the man who is a cause of stumbling to one of these little ones who have faith, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone round his neck. If your hand is your undoing, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life maimed than to keep both hands and go to hell and the unquenchable fire. Mark 9:42-44 NAB

Why do the nations rage and the peoples *plot in vain*? The kings of the earth take their stand, the rulers gather together against the Lord [the Báb] and against his Anointed One [Bahá'u'lláh]. "Let us break their chains [of authority]," they [the enemies of the new Redeemers], say "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." Psalms 2:1-6 NIV

The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalms 33:10-11 NIV

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms... *Today, if you will hear His voice: "Do not harden your hearts..."* Psalms 95:1-2,7-8 NKJ

O Lord, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this. When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever. But You, Lord, are on high forevermore. For behold, Your enemies, O Lord, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. Psalms 92:5-9 NKJ

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. *They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns...* Psalms 118:10-12 NIV

The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against nations, he will bring judgment on all mankind... Jeremiah 25:31 NIV

The great day of the Lord is near...The cry on the day of the Lord will be bitter...and they will walk like blind men... Zephaniah 1:14,17 NIV

Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time. Daniel 11:33-35 NIV

The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. Hear this, you elders, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it, let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

What the chewing locust [destroyers of religion] left, the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; and what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

Awake, you [spiritually] drunkards, and weep; and wail, all you drinkers of wine [of unawareness], because of [being deprived of] the new wine [new Revelation], for it has been cut off from your mouth. For a nation [of faithless people] has come up against My land [spiritual dominion], strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a fierce lion. He has laid waste My vine [God's garden], and ruined My fig tree; he has stripped it bare and thrown it away; its branches are made white.

Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. The grain offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests **mourn**, who minister to the Lord. The field is wasted, **the land mourns**; for the grain [spiritual food] is ruined, the new wine is dried up, the oil [of wisdom] fails.

Be ashamed, you farmers, **wail**, you vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has withered; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree; all the trees of the field are withered; surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

Gird yourselves and **lament**, you priests; **wail**, you who minister before the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you who minister to my God; for the grain offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.

Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty. Is not the [spiritual] food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed shrivels under the clods, storehouses are in shambles; barns are broken down, for the grain has withered. How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, because they have no pasture; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment.

O Lord, to You I cry out; for fire has devoured the open pastures, and a flame has burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field also cry out to You, for the water brooks are dried up, and fire has devoured the open pastures. Joel 1:1-20 NKJ

Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears...For their wickedness is great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! Joel 3:9-14 NKJ

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I am very **angry with the nations that feel secure**..." Zechariah 1:14-15 NIV

Depression

It will be a time of great distress; there has never been such a time...and will never be again. Christ (Matthew 24:21 NEB)

At that time...all the nations of the earth will mourn... Christ (Matthew 24:30 NIV)

The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away...
Isaiah 24:4 NKJ

The new vine dries up, the vines sicken, and all the revellers turn to sorrow.
Isaiah 24:7 NEB

The gaiety of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the revelers has stopped, the joyful harp is silent. No longer do they drink wine with a song; the beer is bitter to its drinkers...all joy turns to gloom, all gaiety is banished from the earth. Isaiah 24:8,9,11 NIV
...mirth is banished from the land...So shall it be in all the world, in every nation.
Isaiah 24:11-13 NEB

...the day of God visits you. Now is the time of their confusion. Micah 7:4 NIV

...nations will stand helpless, not knowing which way to turn... Christ (Luke 21:25 NEB)

Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation, a mighty storm is rising from the end of the earth. Jeremiah 25:32 NIV

The great day of the Lord is near...The cry on the day of the Lord will be bitter...and they will walk like blind men... Zephaniah 1:14,17 NIV

Detachment

If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must leave self behind...Whoever cares for his own safety is lost... Christ (Luke 9:23-24 NEB)

No one who sets his hand to the plough and then keeps looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. Christ (Luke 9:62 NEB)

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Christ (Matthew 16:24 NIV)

Direction

He led me to ***the gate, the gate facing eastwards***, and ***I beheld the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east***. His voice was like the sound of a mighty torrent, and the earth shone with his glory. Ezekiel 43:1-2 NEB

The glory of the Lord came up to the temple towards ***the gate which faced eastwards***. A spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and ***the glory of the Lord*** filled the temple. Then I heard one speaking to me from the temple, and the man was standing at my side. He said, Man, do you see ***the place of my throne***, the place where I set my feet, where I will dwell among the Israelites for ever?... Ezekiel 43:4-7 NEB

Dreams

...thou spakest in vision to thy saints...

Psalms 89:19

Drunk

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap...Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:34-36 NIV

Keep a *watch* on yourselves; do not let your minds [hearts, NIV] be dulled by *dissipation* and *drunkenness* and worldly cares...Be on the alert, praying at all times... Luke 21:34-36 NEB

...they grope in the darkness without light and are left to wander like a drunkard. Job 12:25 NEB

...all the nations shall drink continually Obadiah 1:16 NEB

Wake up, you drunkards, and lament your fate...Alas! the day is near, the day of the Lord. Joel 1:5,15 NEB

...the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated. Revelation 17:2 NIV

For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine... Revelation 18:3 NIV

...they will walk like blind men. Zephaniah. 1:17 NIV

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and *be sober*. I Thessalonians 5:6

But suppose that servant...says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins...to eat and *drink with drunkards*. The master of that servant will... assign him a place with the hypocrites... Christ (Matthew 24:48-51 NIV)

Thou has made thy people drunk with a bitter draught. Psalms 60:3 NEB

Then suddenly, in an instant, you shall be visited by the *Lord of hosts*...Be *drunk*, but not from wine, stagger, but not from strong drink! For the Lord has poured out on you *a spirit of deep sleep*. He has shut your eyes [the prophets] and covered your heads [the seers]. For you the revelation of all this has become like the words of *a sealed scroll*. When it is handed to one who can read, with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot: it is sealed." When it is handed to one who cannot read with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot read." The Lord said: Since *this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone*, though their hearts are far from me, *and their reverence for me has become routine observance of the precepts of men*, therefore I will again deal with this people in surprising and wondrous fashion: *The wisdom of its wise men shall perish* and the understanding of its prudent men be hid. Isaiah 29:5,9-14

See also Isa. 29:9-14; 49:26

They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. Isaiah 29:9

Ears

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who *overcomes*, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Christ (Revelation 2:7 NIV)

And if you are willing to receive it, he [John the Baptist] is Elijah who is [prophesied] to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! But to what shall I liken this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament." Christ (Matthew 11:14-17)

Eel

I will break the bow of Elam...I will vent my anger upon them in disaster...Then I will set my throne in Elam, and there I will destroy the king and his officers. This is the very word of the Lord. Yet in days to come I will restore the fortunes of Elam. Jeremiah 49:36-39 NEB

Effort

Shall a woman bear a child without pains?...Shall a nation be brought to birth all in a moment? Isaiah 66:7-8 NEB

We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God... Acts 14:22 NIV

Eight Prophecies of the First Advent

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah [Bethlehem of Judah], though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old [Christ's eternal spiritual existence]... Micah 5:2 NIV

See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Malachi 3:1 NIV

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9 NIV

I told them, 'If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.' So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. Zechariah 11:12 NIV

And the Lord said unto me, cast it unto the potter... Zechariah 11:13

If someone asks him, 'What are these wounds on your body?' He will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.' Zechariah 13:6 NIV

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth... Isaiah 53:7 NIV

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. Psalms 22:16 NIV

Endure

Beware of false prophets... You will know them by their fruits... Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Christ (Matthew 7:15,16,19)

Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Christ (Matthew 15:13)

...if this plan or this work [of Jesus] is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest you even be found to fight against God. Acts 5:38-39
See also Deuteronomy 18:20

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11

Exclusive Salvation

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. Christ (John 14:6)

Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Romans 3:29 NIV

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. I Corinthians 12:4 NEB

Exile

For Jehovah will...set them in their own land: and ***the sojourner*** [the Promised One] will join himself with them... Isaiah 14:1 The American Revised Version

For Jehovah will show mercy to Jacob, and he is yet certain to choose Israel; and he will actually give them rest upon their soil, and ***the alien resident*** [Bahá'u'lláh] must be joined to them... Isaiah 14:1 New World Translation

Expectation

Lord, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph? Psalms 94:3 NKJ

Face of God

These, therefore, are the words of the Lord God...No longer will I hide my ***face*** from them... Ezekiel 39:25,29 NEB

Restore us, O God, and make thy ***face*** shine upon us that we may be saved. O Lord God of Hosts, how long wilt thou resist thy people's prayer? Psalms 80:3-4 NEB

They will see his [God's] *face*...

Revelation 22:4 NIV

Faith (Lack of)

If you believed Moses, you would believe me [Jesus], for he wrote about me.

John 5:46 NIV

Faith

Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say? Christ (John 5:45-47)

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. John 5:46 NIV

...he goes ahead and the sheep follow, because they know his voice.

Christ (John 10:4 NEB)

My own sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

Christ (John 10:27 NEB)

Did I not tell you that if you have *faith* you will see *the glory of God*? John 11:40 NEB

He who loves me...I too will love him and show myself to him. Christ (John 14:21)

O *faithless* and *perverse* generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you?

Luke 9:41

But when the son of man comes will he find *faith* on earth?

Luke 18:8 NEB

If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead. Christ (Luke 16:31)

...to everyone who has [true faith], more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. Christ (Luke 19:26)

Here is the test by which we can make sure that we know him: do we keep his commands? The man who says, "I know him," while he disobeys his commands, is a liar and a stranger to the truth; but in the man who is obedient to his word, the divine love has indeed come to its perfection. I John 2:3-5

There is no fear in love...***perfect love drives out fear***...

I John 4:18

At that time many will turn away from the faith.

Matthew 24:10

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die.

Revelation 3:2

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Revelation 3:8

They will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power.

II Timothy 3:5

...they will gather around them a great number of teachers [scholars, priests, and pastors] to say what their itching ears want to hear. II Timothy 4:3

Then suddenly, in an instant, you shall be visited by the **Lord of hosts**...Be **drunk**, but not from wine, stagger, but not from strong drink! For the Lord has poured out on you **a spirit of deep sleep**. He has shut your eyes [the prophets] and covered your heads [the seers]. For you the revelation of all this has become like the words of **a sealed scroll**. When it is handed to one who can read, with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot: it is sealed." When it is handed to one who cannot read with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot read." The Lord said: Since **this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone**, though their hearts are far from me, **and their reverence for me has become routine observance of the precepts of men**, therefore I will again deal with this people in surprising and wondrous fashion: **The wisdom of its wise men shall perish** and the understanding of its prudent men be hid. Isaiah 29:5,9-14

...if you **accept my words** and store up my commands...then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1,5

The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me...whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. My eyes will be on **the faithful** in the land, that they may dwell with me. Psalms 101:4,6

Favor

He has sent me...to proclaim the year of **the Lord's favor**. Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV

...He has sent Me to...proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord--the day when salvation and **free favors of God** profusely abound. Christ (Luke 4:18-19 AB)

Fear of God

Will you not revive us again...?...Surely **his salvation** is near those who fear him, that **his glory** [the glory of God] may dwell in our land [Holy Land]. Psalms 85:5,9 NIV

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love...As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalms 103:8,13 NIV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Psalms 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and they who live by it grow in understanding. Psalms 111:10 NEB

There is no fear in love...perfect love drives out fear... I John 4:18 NIV

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2-3 NIV

He [the Lord] will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. Isaiah 33:6 NIV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge... Proverbs 1:7

By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel [good news] to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.’ Revelation 14:6-7 NIV

You study the scriptures diligently, supposing that in having them you have eternal life; yet, although their testimony points to me, you refuse to come to me for that life. Christ (John 5:39-40 NEB)

Is there a single one of our rulers who has believed in him...? John 7:48 NEB

You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. Acts 7:51-52 NIV

The day comes, glowing like a furnace; all the arrogant and the evildoers shall be chaff, and that day when it comes shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of Hosts, it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, ***the sun of righteousness*** [Bahá'u'lláh] shall rise with healing in his wings. Malachi 4:1-2 NEB

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Fear

Have no fear...for your Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom. Christ (Luke 12:32 NEB)

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

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take courage, and wait for the Lord. Psalms 27:14 NEB

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; ***let the earth be moved!*** The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise your great and ***awesome name***; He is holy...Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; He is holy. Psalms 99:1-5 NKJ

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and they who live by it grow in understanding. Psalms 111:10 NEB

There is no fear in love...perfect love drives out fear... I John 4:18 NIV

Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Christ (Matthew 8:26)

Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from ***the terror of the Lord*** and the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. Isaiah 2:10-11 NKJ

Cry and weep! The day is coming when the mighty Lord will bring destruction. All people will be terrified. Hands will grow limp; courage will melt away. Everyone will tremble with pain like a woman giving birth; **they will stare at each other with horror** on their faces. Isaiah 13:6-8 CEV

At the thunder of your [the Lord's] voice, **the people flee**; when you rise up, **the nations scatter**. Isaiah 33:3 NIV

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come...and save you. Isaiah 35:4

Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you! Isaiah 65:5 NIV

To him who is **thirsty** I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who **overcomes** will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But **the cowardly** [who fear to search and reach out for the water of life]...their place will be in the fiery lake [of remoteness from the Presence of God]... Christ (Revelation 21:6-8 NIV)

Woe to those who yearn for the day of the Lord! What will this day of the Lord mean for you? Darkness and not light! As if a man were to flee from **a lion**, and **a bear** should meet him; or as if on entering his house he were to rest his hand against the wall, and **a snake** should bite him. Amos 5:18-19

Fire

...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from **heaven** with His mighty angels, in flaming **fire** taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel... II Thessalonians 1:7-8
See also Matthew 13:41-42

The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **in flaming fire** taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel... II Thessalonians 1:7-8 NKJ
See also Matthew 13:41-42

I have come to set fire to the earth... Luke 12:49 NEB

For that day dawns in fire, and the fire will test the worth of each man's work. I Corinthians 3:13 NEB

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Christ (Revelation 20:15 NIV)

...hell...where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. Mark 9:44-48 NIV

...every one shall be salted with fire... Christ (Mark 9:49)

See, the Name of the Lord comes from afar, with burning anger and **dense clouds and smoke**; his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming **fire**... Isaiah 30:27 NIV

Then I myself [the Lord] will come to gather all nations and races, and they shall come and see my glory...as the new heavens and the new earth...shall endure...so shall your race...and they [the people of the new earth and heavens] shall come out and see the

dead bodies of those who have rebelled against me; their worm shall not die nor their fire be quenched... Isaiah 66:18,22-24 NEB

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Come and see the works of the Lord...He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he **breaks the bow** and **shatters the spear**, he **burns the shields with fire**. Psalms 46:8-9 NIV

First Advent

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan [a district in Israel] encircle me...all my bones are out of joint...and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth...Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, **they have pierced my hands and my feet** [crucifixion]. Psalms 22:12,16 NIV

But he [the Messiah] was pierced for our transgressions... though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days... Isaiah 53:5,10 NIV

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Zechariah 9:9-10 NIV

Food

Here I am! **I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in** and eat with him, and he with me. Christ (Revelation 3:20 NIV)

I will not sit at table with proud, pompous men... Psalms 101:5 NEB

On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will prepare a banquet of rich fare for all the peoples. Isaiah 25:6 NEB

Freedom

[The Fulfillment:] Praise to the God of Israel! For he has turned to his people, saved them and **set them free**, and has raised up a deliverer [Jesus] of victorious power from the house of his servant David. Luke 1:68-69 NEB
See also Matt. 11:28-30

[The Promise:] So he promised: age after age he proclaimed by the lips of his holy prophets, that he would **deliver us** [the Jews] from our enemies... Luke 1:70-71 NEB

He [the Spirit of the Lord] has sent me...**to release the oppressed**... Christ (Luke 4:18 NIV)

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Christ (John 8:32)

...everyone who commits sin is a slave. Christ (John 8:34 NEB)

...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. II Corinthians 3:17

Fruit

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Christ (John 6:63 NIV)

Judge not according to the appearance... Christ (John 7:24)

Does our law...permit us to pass judgment on a man unless we have first given him a hearing and learned the facts? John 7:51 NEB

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. Christ (Matthew 12:35)

Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Matthew 21:43 NIV

Gate

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is ***the gate of the Lord*** through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. Psalms 118:19-21 NIV

Blessed are those who wash their robes [purify their hearts]...that they may go through ***the gates*** into ***the city*** [of God]. Revelation 22:14 NIV

God Chooses

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet... Matthew 7:6

...the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. ***Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age.*** Christ (Matthew 13:47-49)

For many are invited, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14

I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and wise, and revealing them to the simple. Yes, Father, such was thy choice. Matthew 11:25-26 NEB

The kingdom of Heaven is like this. There was a king who prepared a feast for his son's wedding...When the king came in to see the company at table, he observed one man who was not dressed for a wedding. "My friend," said the king, "how do you come to be here without your wedding clothes?" He had nothing to say. The king then

said to his attendants, "Bind him hand and foot; turn him out into the dark, the place of wailing and grinding of teeth." For though many are invited, few are chosen.

Christ (Matthew 22:1-2,11-14 NEB)

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

Christ (Matthew 25:34 NIV)

I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats...I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Ezekiel 34:17,20 NIV

When he was alone, the Twelve and others who were round him questioned him about the parables. He replied, 'To you the secret of the kingdom of God has been given; but to those who are outside everything comes by way of parables, so that (as Scripture says) they may look and look, but see nothing; they may hear and hear, but understand nothing; otherwise they might turn to God and be forgiven.'

Mark 4:10-12 NEB

O Lord...Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of [spiritual] death... Psalms 9:13

You will show me the path of ***life***; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11 NKJ

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me ***draws him***...

John 6:35

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...

Christ (John 6:44 NIV)

...no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled him.

Christ (John 6:65)

You did not choose Me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.

Christ (John 15:16)

A man can receive nothing at all, unless it is given him from Heaven.

John the Baptist (John 3:27)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10

God Comes

Israel, prepare to meet your God.

Amos 4:12 NEB

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence...

Psalms 50:3

Show thyself, O God, high above the heavens; let thy glory shine over all the earth.

Psalms 57:5 NEB

See also Psalms 94:1

...the God of gods shows himself in Zion.

Psalms 84:7 NEB

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Psalms 118:26 NKJ

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:8 NIV

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and ***God himself*** will be

with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes [emphasis added throughout].
Revelation 21:3-4 NIV

Holy, holy, holy, is **the Lord of hosts**: the whole earth is full of His glory. Isaiah 6:3

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."
Isaiah 35:4 NKJ

O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
Isaiah 40:9

God Speaks

I cannot act by myself; I judge as I am bidden... John 5:30 NEB

I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. John 8:28

These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.
John 14:24 NIV
See also John 7:18,28; 14:10; 12:49-50; 8:28

Grace

He has sent Me...to proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord—the day when salvation and ***the free favors of God profusely abound***. Luke 4:18-19 AB

...the Lord is waiting to show you his favor...Happy are all who wait for him!
Isaiah 30:18 NEB

Great Day

...the ***great*** and ***terrible*** [dreadful NIV] day of the Lord [emphasis added throughout the chapter]... Malachi 4:5 NEB

Alas! For that day is ***great***, so that none is like it... Jeremiah 30:7 NKJ

The Lord their God will save them on that day...They will sparkle...like jewels in a crown. How attractive and beautiful they will be!
Zechariah 9:16-17 NIV

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!
Revelation 19:7 NIV

Harvest-Time

Then as I looked there appeared a white cloud, and on the cloud sat one like a son of man. He had on his head a crown of gold and in his hand a sharp sickle. Another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud: 'Stretch out your sickle and reap; for harvest-time has come, and earth's crop is over-ripe.' So he who sat on the cloud put his sickle to the earth and its harvest was reaped.
Revelation 14:14-16 NEB

Hear

...blessed are your eyes, for they *see*: and your ears, for they *hear*.

Christ (Matthew 13:16)

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live...Seek the Lord while he may be found...

Isaiah 55:3,6 NIV

Why is my language not clear to you? Because ***you are unable to hear*** what I say.

Christ (John 8:43)

Heaven

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

Christ (John 3:13 NIV)

He who comes from heaven bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his witness.

Christ (John 3:31-32 NEB)

I have come down from heaven...

Christ (John 6:38 NEB)

Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph; we know his father and mother. ***How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?***

John 6:42 NEB

But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards...

Christ (John 8:14-15 NIV)

...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from ***heaven*** with His mighty angels, in flaming ***fire*** taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel...

II Thessalonians 1:7-8

See also Matthew 13:41-42

...and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and ***great glory***.

Matthew 24:30

...I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:20 NIV

See also 13:40,49

Heavenly Signs

I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth...

Joel 2:30 NIV

There will be signs in sun, moon and stars.

Luke 21:25 NIV

...the stars shall fall from heaven...

Matthew 24:29

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky...

Matthew 24:30 NIV

And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Revelation 6:13

But in those days [of the end]...the sun shall be darkened.

Mark 13:24

But in those days [of the end] the moon shall not give her light.

Mark 13:24

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. Joel 2:31

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me...They [the Jews] said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" John 6:38,42 NIV

Herald

Behold, **I** [God or Bahá'u'lláh] will send my messenger [the Báb], and he will prepare the way before **Me** [Bahá'u'lláh]. **And the Lord** [the Báb], whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple [to cleanse it], even **the Messenger of the covenant** ['Abdu'l-Bahá], in whom you delight. Behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1 NKJ

The Sun of Righteousness [Bahá'u'lláh] shall arise with healing in His wings...Behold, I will send you **Elijah** [the Báb] the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Malachi 4:2,5 NKJ

How lovely **on the mountains** are the feet of **the herald** [the Báb] **who comes to** proclaim prosperity and **bring good news**, the news of deliverance, calling to Zion, 'Your **God** [Bahá'u'lláh] **is king.**' Isaiah 52:7 NEB

See on the mountains the feet of **the herald who brings good news**. Make your pilgrimages, O Judah... Nahum 1:15 NEB

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was **one "like a son of man"** [the Báb] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand...**Another angel** [Bahá'u'lláh] came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Revelation 14:14,17 NIV

On that day...They shall **look on me, on whom they have pierced** [the Báb], and shall **wail over him** [Bahá'u'lláh] as over an only child... Zechariah 12:9-10 NEB

History

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations... Deuteronomy 32:7

...Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. Job 32:7

Remember the former things, those of long ago... Isaiah 46:9 NIV

Woe to you...you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, '**If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.**' Christ (Matt. 23:29-30 NIV)

All these things happened to them as examples--as object lessons to us--to warn us against doing the same things. I Corinthians 10:11

Humility of Messengers

...Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.... Matthew 19:17 NKJ

...to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father. Matthew 20:23

He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8 NKJ

Humility

Let us *humble* ourselves, let us *strive* to know the Lord, whose justice dawns like morning light, and its dawning is as sure as the sunrise. Hosea 6:3 NEB

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve... Mark 10:45 NEB

...wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her. Christ (Mark 14:9 NIV)

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long...He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Psalms 25:4-5,9 NIV

God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Psalms 76:9
See also Ps. 149:4

I will not sit at table with proud, pompous men... Psalms 101:5 NEB

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. Psalms 116:5-6

Deliver me, O Lord, I beseech thee... The Lord preserves the simple-hearted; ***I was brought low and he saved me.*** Psalms 116:4,6 NEB

The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. Psalms 147:6
See also Psalms 113:7; 18:48

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns ***the humble*** with salvation [emphasis added]. Psalms 149:4 NIV

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land...Seek righteousness, ***seek humility***; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger [our day]. Zephaniah 2:3 NIV

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom... Jeremiah 9:23

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Christ (Matthew 5:3)

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Christ (Matthew 5:5)

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Christ (Matthew 19:14)

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors [people of low status] and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. Matthew 21:31

For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. Christ (Matthew 21:32)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Matthew 21:42 NKJ

In that day...**the humble**...shall increase their joy in the Lord... Isaiah 29:18 NKJ

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach 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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, **to comfort all who mourn**, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness 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**. Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV

...the Lord has...sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly...To announce a year of favor from the Lord. Isaiah 61:1-2 NAB
See also Luke 4:18

...he shall save the humble person. Job 22:29

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, **seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger**. Zephaniah 2:3 NIV

When you realize your worthlessness before God, **he will lift you up**... James 4:10

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed **there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last**. Luke 13:29-30
See also Mark 10:31; Matthew 19:30; 20:16

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector [considered of low status]. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself; God, I thank you that I am not like all other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' [Then Jesus said:] I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified [forgiven and in right standing] before God. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted**." Luke 18:9-14 NIV

And I saw a Lamb [the Báb] standing as though it had been slain...worthy is the Lamb that hath been **slain to receive the power and glory**... Revelation 5:6,12

The Lord...brings down to the grave and brings up...He brings low and lifts up. **He raises the poor from the dust** and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. I Samuel 2:6-8

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Jesus said, "It is for judgment that I have come into this world--*to give sight to the sightless, and to make blind those who see.*" John 9:39

Illusion

Suddenly, in an instant, the Lord Almighty will come...[it will be] as it is with a dream, with a vision in the night—as when a hungry man dreams that he is eating, but he awakens, and his hunger remains; as when a thirsty man dreams that he is drinking, but he awakens faint, with his thirst unquenched. Isaiah 29:5-8 NIV

You diligently study the Scriptures because ***you think*** that by them ***you possess eternal life***. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40

If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets. Christ (Matthew 23:30)

Investigate

Search from [seek ye out ARV] the book of ***the Lord*** [the Báb] and read...for ***My*** [the Báb's] ***mouth*** has commanded it, and ***His Spirit*** [Bahá'u'lláh] has gathered them [the writings]. Isaiah 34:16 NKJ

Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And ***this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.*** Zechariah 6:15 NKJ

Invitation

Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy; and I will give you relief. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and your souls will find relief. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light. Christ (Matthew 11:28-30 NEB)

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes [the fear of opening the door], I will give the right to sit with me on my throne... Revelation 3:19-21 NIV

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb [the Redeemer] has come, and His wife [the Bride] has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:7-8

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. Revelation 19:9 NIV

Come, gather together for the great supper of God. Revelation 19:17 NIV

Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God [Bahá'u'lláh]... Revelation 19:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:17 NIV

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...Come...***let us walk in the light of the Lord.***

Isaiah 2:3,5 NIV

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and ***the glory of the Lord*** rises upon you. See darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; ***let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.*** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: "***Do not harden your hearts***, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, '***They shall not enter My rest.***'"

Psalms 95:6-11 NKJ

"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies [spiritually]," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

Ezekiel 18:32

Ishmael

I [God] have heard your [Abraham's] prayer for Ishmael. I have blessed him and will make him fruitful. I will multiply his descendants; he shall be father of twelve princes, and I will raise a great nation from him.

Genesis 17:20 NEB

Islam

I [God] have heard your [Abraham's] prayer for Ishmael. I have blessed him and will make him fruitful. I will multiply his descendants; he shall be father of twelve princes, and I will raise a great nation from him.

Genesis 17:20 NEB

Israel

They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:24 NIV

I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel...Neither shall they defile themselves any more... with any of their transgressions: but I will save them...and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God... and they all shall have one shepherd...

Ezekiel 37:22-24

Jerusalem (Israel)

Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury. Isaiah 51:17 NKJ

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem [the people of Israel], you who kill the prophets and stone those sent you, how often I have longed to gather your children together...but you were not willing. Luke 13:34 NIV

Jerusalem (Symbolic)

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. Hebrews 12:22 NIV

Jews

The Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. How attractive and beautiful they will be! Zechariah 9:16-17 NIV

In days to come...Israel will bud and blossom and fill the world with fruit. Isaiah 27:6 NIV

Then say to them, these are the words of the Lord God: I am gathering up the Israelites from their places of exile among the nations; I will assemble them from every quarter and restore them to their own soil. I will make them one single nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and they shall have one king; they shall no longer be two nations or divided into two kingdoms...I will make a covenant with them to bring them prosperity; this covenant shall be theirs for ever. I will greatly increase their numbers, and ***I will put my sanctuary for ever in their midst.*** They shall live under the shelter of my dwelling; I will become their God and they shall become my people. The nations shall know that my sanctuary is in the midst of them for ever. Ezekiel 37:21-28 NEB

Joy

Shout with joy to God, all the earth! ***Sing to the glory of his name***; offer him glory and praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" Psalms 66:1-3 NIV

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, Praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. ***Declare his glory among the nations***, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalms 96:1-3 NIV

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. Psalms 96:1-3 NKJ

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will

sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
Psalms 96:11-13 NIV

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! Psalms 97:1 NKJ

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. ***They shall see the glory of the Lord***, the excellency of our God. Isaiah 35:1-2 NKJ

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52:7-10 NIV

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Revelation 19:7

Judgment

Sing to the Lord...***Declare his glory among the nations***...let the trees of the forest shout for joy before the Lord when he comes to judge the earth.
I Chronicles 16:23,24,33 NEB

Justice

Here is ***my*** [Bahá'u'lláh's] ***servant***, whom I uphold, my chosen one ***in whom I delight...he will make justice shine on every race***, never faltering, never breaking down...¹
Isaiah 42:1,3 NEB

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

King of Kings

...On his [Bahá'u'lláh's] robe and on his thigh he has this name written: ***KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS***. Revelation 19:16

King

[The Fulfillment:] You cannot tell by observation when the kingdom of God comes...in fact the kingdom of God is among you. Christ (Luke 17:20-21 NEB)

[The Promise:]...the Lord God will give him [Jesus] the throne of his ancestor David, and ***he will be king over Israel for ever***; his reign shall never end [emphasis added]

throughout the chapter].

Luke 1:31-33 NEB
See also Luke 1:70-75

...I have conquered the world.

Christ (John 16:33 NEB)

My kingdom is not of this world.

John 18:36 NIV

My kingdom does not belong to this world.

Christ (John 18:36 NEB)

Art thou a king then?...To this end was I [Christ] born...

John 18:37

...I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons...I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son...I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; **his throne will be established forever.**

I Chronicles 17:11-14 NIV

Why do the nations rage and the peoples *plot* in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord [Bahá'u'lláh] and against his Anointed One [the Báb]. "Let us break their chains [of authority]," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the Lord...

Psalms 2:1-7 NIV

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Psalms 24:7-10 NIV

See also Zechariah 14:16

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies **a footstool for your feet.**"...**you will rule in the midst of your enemies**...The Lord is at your right hand; **he will crush kings** on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the [spiritually] dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

Psalms 110:1-6 NIV

The Lord swore to David an oath which he will not break: 'A prince of your own line will I set upon **your throne.**'

Psalms 132:11 NEB

On that day...The Lord shall be their king on Mount Zion now and for ever.

Micah 4:6-7 NEB

But you, Bethlehem...out of you will come for me **one who will be ruler over Israel**...

Micah 5:2 NIV

Is not this the carpenter's son?

Matthew 13:55

...behold, a [King] greater than Solomon is here.

Christ (Matthew 12:42)

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.

Matthew 22:21 NIV

...the Lord is among you as king, O Israel; never again shall you fear disaster.

Zephaniah 3:15 NEB

...He will rule them with a rod of iron...On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:15-16 NIV

...the God of heaven will establish a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; that kingdom shall never pass to another people; it shall shatter and make an end of all these kingdoms, while it shall itself endure for ever. Daniel 2:44 NEB

Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him. Daniel 7:27 NIV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey... ***He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.*** Zechariah 9:9-10

Kingdom

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. Isaiah 9:6

The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign...gloriously. Isaiah 24:23 NIV

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous [faithless] generation looks for a miraculous sign..." Matthew 16:1-4 NIV

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

The Lord is king for ever and ever. Psalms 10:16 NKJ

For ***the kingdom is the Lord's***, and He rules over the nations. Psalms 22:28 NKJ

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth... Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. Psalms 72:8,11 NKJ

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Psalms 103:19 NKJ

The Lord said to my Lord..."You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Psalms 110:1,4 NKJ

...the kingdom shall be the Lord's. Obadiah 1:21 NKJ

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21 NIV

Knock

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, ***so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him***. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching [for the news] when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. Christ (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

Here I am! ***I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in*** and eat with him, and he with me. Christ (Revelation 3:20 NIV)

Knowledge

...let the wise listen and add to their learning... Proverbs 1:5 NIV

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning... Proverbs 1:5

...through knowledge shall the just be delivered. Proverbs 11:9

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...the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. Proverbs 18:15

My people are destroyed [spiritually] for lack of knowledge [of God]. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me. Hosea 4:6 NKJ

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6 NIV

...they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on [true] knowledge. Romans 10:2 NIV

Language

For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent. Zephaniah 3:9

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. Zechariah 14:9

...***the old order*** of things has passed away...I am making everything new! Revelation 21:4-5 NIV

All over the world this gospel is producing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you...This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. Colossians 1:6,23 NIV
See also Acts 2:5

...I have conquered the world. John 16:33 NEB

This is what we speak...expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words...***the things that come from the Spirit of God...are spiritually discerned.*** I Corinthians 2: 13- 14 NIV

Leaders

I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and wise, and revealing them to the simple. Yes, Father, such was thy choice.

Matthew 11:25-26 NEB

Who then is the faithful and wise servant [leader], whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household **to give them their food at the proper time**? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Matthew 24:45-47 NIV

But suppose that servant [leader] is wicked and says to himself, "**My master is staying away a long time**," and he then begins to beat [spiritually abuse] his fellow servants [followers] and to **eat and drink with** [spiritually] **drunkards**. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:48-51 NIV

...the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd. My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the Lord Almighty will care for his flock...

Zechariah 10:2-3 NIV

Alas for the worthless shepherd who abandons the sheep! A sword shall fall on his arm and on his right eye; and his right eye blinded.

Zechariah 12:17 NEB

In that day...O My people, your leaders cause you to err, and confuse (destroy and swallow up) the course of your paths.

Isaiah 3:7,12 AB

Is there a single one of our rulers who has believed in him...?

John 7:48 NEB

At that time...Hear the **cry** of the shepherds, the **wailing** of the leaders of the flock, **for the Lord is destroying their pasture**.

Jeremiah 25:33,36 NIV

Weep and wail, you shepherds; roll in the dust, you leaders of the flock. For your time to be slaughtered has come; you will fall and be shattered like fine pottery. **The shepherds will have nowhere to flee, the leaders of the flock no place to escape**.

Jeremiah 25:34-35 NIV

Life

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but **whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him**.

John 3:36 NIV

If a man keep my saying, he shall never die.

Christ (John 8:51)

Lightning

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:27 NIV

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. **But first he must suffer many things** and be rejected by this generation. **Just as it was in the days of Noah**, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. Luke 17:24-26 NIV

Like a Son of Man

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was **one "like a son of man"** [the Báb] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand...**Another angel** [Bahá'u'lláh] came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Revelation 14:14,17 NIV

...I saw seven golden lampstands [religions], and among the lampstands was **someone "like the son of man"** [Bahá'u'lláh], dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire...out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. Revelation 1:12-16 NIV

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and **the Ancient of Days** [Bahá'u'lláh] took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him...In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man** [the Báb], coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:9-14 NIV

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give his life** as a ransom for many. Christ (Matthew 20:28)

I have sacrificed myself wholly for Thee...and **have yearned for naught but martyrdom in the path of Thy love**. Sufficient witness unto me is God, the Exalted, the Protector, the Ancient of Days.² The Báb

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever. **This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world**. Christ (John 6:51)

I am well pleased to lay down My life in Thy path and ere long to return to Thy presence.³ The Báb

I [God] have appointed Thee to be **the Beginning and the End**, the Seen and the Hidden. Verily We are the All-Knowing.⁴ The Báb

I am the Alpha and the Omega, **the Beginning and the End**. Christ (Revelation 21:6)

He is the image of the invisible God. Colossians 1:15

I am the Countenance of God Whose splendor can never be obscured.⁵ The Báb

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...**The Word became flesh** and lived for a while among us. John 1:1-2,14

This is indeed the eternal Truth which God, the Ancient of Days, hath revealed unto **His omnipotent Word**—He Who hath been raised up from the midst of the Burning Bush.⁶ The Báb

He [Christ] is...**the firstborn over all creation**. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...He is before all things... Colossians 1:15-17

I am **the Primal Point from which have been generated all created things**.⁷ The Báb

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

I am the Lamp which...God hath lit...and caused to shine with deathless splendor. I am the Flame of that supernal Light that glowed upon Sinai...⁸ The Báb

Like Moses

And the Lord said to me: "...I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth." Deuteronomy 18:17-18 NKJ

For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people" ...Indeed, all the prophets...have foretold these days. Acts 3:22-24 NIV

Listen

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life... John 10:27-28 NKJ

Literal

Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. I Samuel 16:7 NIV

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolish to him, and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually discerned**. I Corinthians 2:14 NIV

...the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. II Corinthians 3:6

...all things are possible to him that believeth. Christ (Mark 9:23)

Lord Knows

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness... I Corinthians 4:5 NIV

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection [Christ] comes, the imperfect disappears. I Corinthians 13:9-10 NIV

...we speak of **God's secret wisdom**, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.** I Corinthians 2:7-8

Who has known the mind of the Lord? I Corinthians 2:16

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. I Corinthians 8:1

...**when perfection** [the Glory of God] **comes, the imperfect disappears.** I Corinthians 13:10

For **we know in part** and we prophesy in part, but **when perfection** [Christ] **comes, the imperfect disappears.** I Corinthians 13:9-10

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat...The court was seated, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:9-10 NIV

This revelation which has been given of the evenings and the mornings is true; but you must keep the vision secret, for it points to days far ahead. Daniel 8:26 NEB

I [Daniel] was perplexed by the revelation and no one could explain it. Daniel 8:27 NEB

But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and seal the book till the time of the end. Daniel 12:4 NEB

Go your way, Daniel, for the words are kept secret and sealed till the time of the end. Daniel 12:9 NEB

Then suddenly, in an instant, you shall be visited by the **Lord of hosts**...Be **drunk**, but not from wine, stagger, but not from strong drink! For the Lord has poured out on you **a spirit of deep sleep**. He has shut your eyes [the prophets] and covered your heads [the seers]. For you the revelation of all this has become like the words of **a sealed scroll**. When it is handed to one who can read, with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot: it is sealed." When it is handed to one who cannot read with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot read." The Lord said: Since **this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone**, though their hearts are far from me, **and their reverence for me has become routine observance of the precepts of men**, therefore I will again deal with this people in surprising and wondrous fashion: **The wisdom of its wise men shall perish** and the understanding of its prudent men be hid. Isaiah 29:5,9-14

All prophetic vision has become for you like a sealed book...Then the Lord said: Because this people approach me with their mouths and honor me with their lips while their hearts are far from me, and their religion is but a precept of men, learnt by rote, therefore I will yet again shock this people, adding shock to shock: the wisdom of their wise men shall vanish and the discernment of the discerning shall be lost. Isaiah 29:11-14 NEB

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us... Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NIV

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Romans 11:33

I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?
Christ (John 3:11-12 NIV)

The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming. ***When he comes, he will explain everything to us.***" ***Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am He."*** John 4:25-26 NIV

But first note this: ***no one can interpret any prophecy of the Scripture by himself.***
II Peter 1:20 NEB

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:27 NIV

Then he [Jesus] began with Moses and all the prophets, and explained to them [the Jews] the passages which referred to himself in every part of the scriptures. Luke 24:27

And He [Jesus] opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Luke 24:45

Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll? Revelation 5:2

But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. Revelation 5:3

He has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows. Revelation 19:12 NIV

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28

Declare His glory [Glory of God] among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.
He is coming to judge the...peoples with His truth. Psalms 96:3,13

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord... Proverbs 3:5,7

The day God visits you. Now is the time of their confusion. Micah 7:4

Love of God

"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies [spiritually]," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!" Ezekiel 18:32

Miracle

Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. I Samuel 16:7 NIV

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways... Isaiah 55:8

"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4 NIV

See that you don't tell anyone. Christ (Matthew 8:4 NIV)

See that no one knows about this. Christ (Matthew 9:30 NIV)

A wicked and adulterous [faithless, disloyal] generation asks for a miraculous sign!
Matthew 12:39 NIV
See also I Corinthians 10:9-11; Mark 8:12; 15:32; Luke 11:29

Then Jesus turned and said to Peter "...you are a stumbling block to me. You think as men think, not as God thinks." Matthew 16:23 NEB

At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or, "There he is!" do not believe it. For *false Christs* and false prophets will appear and perform great *signs and miracles* to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time. Matthew 24:23-25 NIV

'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village. Luke 9:54-56 NIV

What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight. Luke 16:15

If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets they will pay not heed even if someone should rise from the dead. Christ (Luke 16:31 NEB)

If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead. Christ (Luke 16:31)

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Luke 23:8-10 NIV

He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign?" Mark 8:12 NIV

Jesus...rebuked Peter..."you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Mark 8:33 NIV

Will none of you ever believe without seeing signs and portents? John 4:48 NEB

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life... John 6:27 NIV

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. Deuteronomy 13:1-3

Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

Deuteronomy 6:16 NIV

See also Matthew 4:7

So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

Exodus 17:2

Mountain

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be established higher than all other mountains, towering above other hills. Peoples will stream towards it; many nations will go, saying, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God, that he may teach us his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For instruction issues from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will be judge between many peoples and arbiter among great and distant nations.

Micah 4:1-3 REB

See also Is. 2:2-3; 65:10-12; Ps. 24:3-6

I will bring forth my descendants who will possess ***my mountains***...the Valley of Achor [will become] a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me. Isaiah 65:9-10 NIV

I will bless them and the places surrounding ***my hill***.

Ezekiel 34:26 NIV

But you, ***O mountains of Israel***, will produce branches and fruit for my people Israel...

Ezekiel 36:8 NIV

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, is the city of our God, ***his holy mountain***. It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth.

Psalms 48:1-2 NIV

Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains, at ***the mountain where God chooses to reign, where the Lord himself will dwell forever?***

Psalms 68:16 NIV

I lift up my eyes to ***the hills***—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 121:1 NIV

Mourning

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Christ (Matthew 11:28)

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Mustard Seed

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree...

Matthew 13:31-32

Name

And after these things I saw another angel [Bahá'u'lláh] come down from heaven, having great power; and ***the earth was lightened with his glory.*** Revelation 18:1

He has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows. Revelation 19:12 NIV

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:2 NIV

And he [an angel] carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with ***the glory of God...*** Revelation 21:10-11 NIV

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for ***the glory of God*** gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Revelation 21:23 NIV

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through ***the gates*** into the city. Revelation 22:14 NIV

For the Son of Man is going to come in his ***Father's*** [God's] ***glory...*** Matthew 16:27 NIV
See also Mark 8:38

When the Son of Man comes in ***his glory***, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in ***heavenly glory.*** Matthew 25:31 NIV

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let ***thy glory*** be above ***all the earth.*** Psalms 57:5

...let ***your*** [God's] ***glory*** be over all the earth. Psalms 57:11 NKJ

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: ***all nations shall call him blessed.*** Psalms 72:17

Praise be to ***his glorious name*** forever; may the whole earth be filled with ***his glory*** [glory of God]. Psalms 72:19 NIV

And blessed be His glorious ***name*** forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Psalms 72:19 NKJ

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and ***thy glory*** unto their children. And let ***the beauty of the Lord*** our God be upon us... Psalms 90:16-17

When the Lord...shall appear in ***his glory.*** Psalms 102:16

Did I not tell you that if you have ***faith*** you will see ***the glory of God?*** John 11:40 NEB

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "...***the desired of all nations will come***, and I will fill this house [Revelation] with ***glory...The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.***" Haggai 2:6-8 NIV

...when he comes ***in his glory*** and in ***the glory of the Father*** and ***of the holy angels*** [spiritual and heavenly disciples]. Luke 9:26 NIV

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord

[Bahá'u'lláh] shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 4:3-5

And ***the glory of the Lord*** will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. Isaiah 40:5 NIV

Then your light [Bahá] shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord [Bahá'u'lláh] shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am." Isaiah 58:8-9 NKJ

And I...am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory. Isaiah 66:18

...as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with ***the glory of the Lord***. Numbers 14:21

Like the appearance of a rainbow in the ***clouds*** on a rainy day...This was the appearance of the likeness of ***the glory of the Lord*** [Bahá'u'lláh]. Ezekiel 1:28-29 NIV

I will display ***my glory*** [Glory of God] among the nations... Ezekiel 39:21 NIV

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea...the Lord is in His holy temple. ***Let all the earth keep silence before Him.*** Habakkuk 2:14,20 NKJ

New Name

He who is victorious [over obstacles]—I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God...will write the name of my God upon him...and my own ***new name*** [emphasis added]. Revelation 3:12 NEB

He was robed in a cloud with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun... Revelation 10:1 NIV

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness ***will rejoice and blossom***. Like the crocus, ***it will burst into bloom***; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; ***they will see the glory of the Lord***, the splendor of our God. Isaiah 35:1-2 NIV

There is a voice that cries: Prepare a road for ***the Lord*** through the wilderness, clear a highway across the desert for ***our God***. Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill brought down; rugged places shall be made smooth and mountain-ranges become a plain. Thus shall ***the glory of the Lord*** be revealed, and all mankind together shall see it; for ***the Lord*** himself has spoken. Isaiah 40:3-5 NEB

Arise, Jerusalem, rise clothed in light; your ***light*** has come and ***the glory of the Lord shines over you***. For, though darkness covers the earth and dark night the nations, the Lord shall shine upon you and over you shall his ***glory*** appear; and the nations shall march towards your ***light*** and their kings to your sunrise. Isaiah 60:1-3 NEB

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, ***and for Jerusalem's sake*** I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as ***brightness***, and her salvation as a ***lamp*** that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. ***You shall be***

called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 62:1-3 NKJ

I called and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not listen... Therefore these are the words of the Lord God: My servants [those who respond to the call] shall eat but you shall starve; my servants shall drink but you shall go thirsty...my servants shall shout in triumph in the gladness of their hearts, but you shall cry from sorrow and wail from anguish of spirit...and the Lord God shall give you over to death; **but his servants he shall call by another name.**

Isaiah 65:12-15 NEB

I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of **the likeness of the glory of the Lord.** When I saw it, I fell facedown...

Ezekiel 1:27-28 NIV

He led me to **the gate, the gate facing eastwards**, and **I beheld the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east.** His voice was like the sound of a mighty torrent, and the earth shone with his glory.

Ezekiel 43:1-2 NEB

The glory of the Lord came up to the temple towards **the gate which faced eastwards.** A spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and **the glory of the Lord** filled the temple. Then I heard one speaking to me from the temple, and the man was standing at my side. He said, Man, do you see **the place of my throne**, the place where I set my feet, where I will dwell among the Israelites for ever?...

Ezekiel 43:4-7 NEB

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him...Prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised. There will be an abundance of grain [spiritual food] in the earth, on the top of the mountains [divine institutions]; its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; and those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; **all nations shall call Him blessed.** Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! **And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.** Amen and Amen.

Psalms 72:1-8, 11-19 NKJ

Then shall the nations revere thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory, when **the Lord** builds up Zion again and **shows himself in his glory...** This shall be written down for future generations, and a people yet unborn shall praise the Lord.

Psalms 102:15-18 NEB

For great is **the glory of the Lord.**

Psalms 138:5 NKJ

I [God] will be...a **glory** in the midst of her [Jerusalem].

Zechariah 2:5 NEB

...he comes in **his** glory and in the glory of **the Father...**

Luke 9:26 NIV

For the Son of Man is going to come in **his Father's glory...**

Matthew 16:27

When the Son of Man comes in **his glory...**

Matthew 25:31 NIV

Did I not tell you that if you have faith you will see the glory of God?

Christ (John 11:40 NEB)

New World Order

And they sang a *new* song...

Revelation 5:9 NIV
See also Revelation 14:3

Then I saw a *new* heaven and a *new* earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

Revelation 21:1 NIV

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God...the former things are passed away...I make all things new...

Revelation 21:3-5

...the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Acts 3:21 NIV

And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, *new wine must be poured into new wineskins*.

Luke 5:37-38 NIV

...new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, "The old is better."

Luke 5:38-39

...the former troubles are forgotten and they are hidden from my sight. For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. Former things shall no more be remembered nor shall they be called to mind. Rejoice and be filled with delight, you boundless realms which I create; for *I create Jerusalem* to be a delight and her people a joy...

Isaiah 65:16-18 NEB

At the renewal of all things when the Son of Man sits on *his glorious* throne...

Matthew 19:28 NIV

Obedience

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "*This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.*"

John 6:28-29

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever—the Spirit of truth... Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:15-17,21 NIV

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but *he who does the will of My Father* in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, *have we not prophesied in YOUR NAME?*'... And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Matthew 7:21-23 NKJ

Here is the test by which we can make sure that we know him: do we keep his commands? The man who says, 'I know him,' while he disobeys his commands, is a liar and a stranger to the truth; but in the man who is obedient to his word, the divine love has indeed come to its perfection. I John 2:3-5 NEB

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who *follow his precepts have good understanding*. Psalms 111:10

Obey

Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And *this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God*. Zechariah 6:15 NKJ

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches...I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. Psalms 119:14,16

But he who takes warning will save his life. Ezekiel 33:5

Obstacles

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

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector [considered of low status]. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself; God, I thank you that I am not like all other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' [Then Jesus said:] I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified [forgiven and in right standing] before God. *For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*" Luke 18:9-14 NIV

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end...I will also give him the morning star. Revelation 2:26,28 NIV

He who is victorious [over obstacles]—I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God...will write the name of my God upon him...and my own *new name* [emphasis added]. Revelation 3:12 NEB

Here I stand knocking at the door; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sit down to supper with him and he with me. To him who is victorious [in opening his heart] I will grant a place on my throne, as I myself was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Hear, you who have ears to hear, what the Spirit says to the churches! Christ (Revelation 3:20-22 NEB)

He who *overcomes* will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.
But *the cowardly*...their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Revelation 21:7-8 NIV

On this mountain the Lord will swallow up that veil that shrouds all the peoples.
Isaiah 25:7 NEB

...the covering that covereth all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations.
Isaiah 25:7 ARV

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will
come...and save you. Isaiah 35:4

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save...your sins have hidden his face
from you... Isaiah 59:1-2 NIV

Old Order

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and
the earth was illuminated by his splendor. With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen!
Fallen is Babylon [the old world order] the Great! She has become a home for
demons... Revelation 18:1-2 NIV

One God

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. I Corinthians 12:4 NEB

Oneness of Messengers

...Christ is the mediator of a new covenant [testament]... Hebrews 9:15 NIV

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my
words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does
not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to
account. Deuteronomy 18:18-19 NIV
See also John 1:45; Acts 3:22; 7:37

His works are truth and justice; his precepts all stand on firm foundations, strongly
based to endure for ever, their fabric goodness and truth. He sent and redeemed his
people; he decreed that his covenant should always endure. Psalms 111:7-9 NEB

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit. I Corinthians 12:4 NEB

My Father and I are one. Christ (John 10:30 NEB)

He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. Christ (John 14:9 NKJ)

...*I* will come back...I ask the Father and he will give you *another* Counselor...the
Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept *him*...*I* will come to you... John 14:3,16,17 NIV

...the Father is greater than I. Christ (John 14:29 NEB)

Oneness

For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out...therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ***I will establish one shepherd*** over them...

Ezekiel 34:11,22-23 NKJ

I will save my flock, and they shall be ravaged no more...Then I will set over them ***one shepherd*** to take care of them...

Ezekiel 34:22-23

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

Christ (John 6:39)

...there shall be ***one flock and one shepherd***.

John 10:16 NIV

I will give them one heart and one way of life...

Jeremiah 32:39 NEB

When that time comes... I will gather all the nations together...

Joel 3:1-2 NEB

And I... am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory... they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations... Isaiah 66:18, 20 NIV
See also Isaiah 10:13-14

... the old order of things has passed away... I am making everything new!

Christ (Revelation 21:4-5 NIV)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17

Our Father in heaven, thy name be hallowed; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10 NEB

On that day the Lord shall be one and his name the one name.

Zechariah 14:9

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.

Psalms 127:1

Parable

These were the words of the Lord to me: Man, speak to the Israelites in allegory and parable.

Ezekiel 17:1-2 NEB

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old.

Psalms 78:2

Peace

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Psalms 29:11 NKJ

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge... Come, behold the works of the Lord... He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

Psalms 46:6-9 NKJ

I...will let my people see an age of peace and security.

Jeremiah 33:6 NEB

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

Justice will dwell in the desert and righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest...how blessed you will be... Isaiah 32:16-20 NIV

Though the mountains move and the hills shake, my...covenant of peace shall not be shaken. Isaiah 54:10 NEB

Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. Matthew 10:34 NIV

Wars will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. Daniel 9:26 NEB

Many nations will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. ***They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*** Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid for the Lord Almighty has spoken. Micah 4:2-4 NIV

Place

I will break the bow of Elam...I will vent my anger upon them in disaster...Then I will set my throne in Elam, and there I will destroy the king and his officers. This is the very word of the Lord. Yet in days to come I will restore the fortunes of Elam. Jeremiah 49:36-39 NEB

In those days...My people have been lost sheep; their shepherd [religious leaders] have had them astray...and forgot their own resting place...But I will bring Israel to his own pasture and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan... Jeremiah 50:4,6,19

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set ***my sanctuary*** in the midst of them for evermore. ***My tabernacle*** also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Ezekiel 37:26-27

...this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. Ezekiel 43:7 NKJ

Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God... Joel 2:27 NIV

Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Joel 3:17 NIV

...the Lord will dwell in Zion. Joel 3:21 NEB

The Lord roars [calls] from Zion and thunders [proclaims His Message] from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds dry up, and the top of Carmel withers.
Amos 1:2 NIV

And in that day...His resting place shall be glorious. Isaiah 11:10 NKJ

The fortified city stands desolate, an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the desert...And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Isaiah 27:10,13 NIV

The wilderness and the solitary place shall...rejoice...they [Carmel and Sharon] shall see the glory of the Lord [Bahá'u'lláh]. Isaiah 35:1-2

Hark, your watchmen [shall] raise their voices and shout together in triumph; for with their own eyes they shall see the Lord returning in pity to Zion. Isaiah 52:8 NEB

Shout aloud and rejoice, daughter of Zion [people of Israel]; I am coming, I will make my dwelling among you, says the Lord. Zechariah 2:10 NEB

This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called **The City of Truth**, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty [Mt. Carmel] will be called **The Holy Mountain**." Zechariah 8:3 NIV

I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. Psalms 2:6 NIV

Sing psalms to the Lord who dwells in Zion, proclaim his deeds among the nations. Psalms 9:11 NEB

God, the Lord God, has spoken and summoned the world from the rising to the setting sun. God shines out from Zion, perfect in beauty. Our God is coming and will not keep silence. Psalms 50:1-3 NEB

You have rejected us, O God, and burst forth upon us; you have been angry—now restore us! You have shaken the land and torn it open; mend its fractures, for it is quaking. You have shown your people desperate times; you have given us wine that makes us stagger. But for those who fear you, you have raised a banner to be unfurled against the bow. **Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. God has spoken from his sanctuary...Who will bring me to the fortified city?** Psalms 60:1-9 NIV

...and the God of gods shows himself in Zion. Psalms 84:7 NEB

For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. Psalms 102:16 NKJ

This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. Psalms 132:14 NKJ
See also Joel 3:17,21; Isaiah 33:20-21

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8 NKJ

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth; that Your beloved may be delivered, save with Your right hand, and hear me. God has spoken in His holiness [sanctuary NIV]...**Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?** Is it not You, O God, who **cast us off**? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies? Give us help from trouble, for the help of man is useless.

Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall **tread down our enemies**. Psalms 108:5-7, 10-13 NKJ

Therefore I am now going to allure her [Israel]; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and **will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope**. There she will sing as in the days of her youth...Hosea 2:14-15 NIV

Power

Praise to the God of Israel! for he has...raised up a deliverer [Jesus] of victorious **power**... Luke 1:68-69 NEB

All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Christ (Matthew 28:18)
See also Mark 9:1

The hour is come, that the Son of man should be **glorified**. Christ (John 12:23)

Father, the hour has come. **Glorify** thy Son... Christ (John 17:1 NEB)

Pray

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:1-8 NIV

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap...Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:34-36 NIV

Pray that you will not fall into temptation. Luke 22:40 NIV

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... Joel 2:32 NIV

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. Christ (Matthew 26:41)

Prayer

Come back, O Lord; set my soul free, deliver me for thy love's sake. Psalms 6:4 NEB

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty...Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory

shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Psalms 24:7-10

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long...**He guides the humble** in what is right and teaches them his way.
Psalms 25:4-5,9 NIV

You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning...? Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
Psalms 43:2-5 NIV

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us; may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations...May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.
Psalms 67:1-2,5-6 NIV

Praise be to **his glorious name** forever; may the whole earth be filled with **his glory** [glory of God].
Psalms 72:19 NIV

Restore us, O God, and make thy face shine upon us that we may be saved. O Lord God of Hosts, how long wilt thou resist thy people's prayer?
Psalms 80:3-4 NEB

Return, O Lord, how long?...Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us...
Psalms 90:13,16,17

O Lord...shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth...Lord, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph?
Psalms 94:1-3 NKJ

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms...Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work."
Psalms 95:1-2,6-9 NKJ

Deliver me, O Lord, I beseech thee... The Lord preserves the simple-hearted; **I was brought low and he saved me.**
Psalms 116:4,6 NEB

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.Psalms 139: 23-24 NIV

Our Father in heaven, thy name be hallowed; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Christ (Matt. 6:9-10 NEB)

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!
Christ (Matt. 7:9-11 NIV)

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

O Lord, make thy face shine upon thy desolate sanctuary...and look upon our desolation and upon the city that bears thy name [Jerusalem]... Daniel 9:17-18 NEB

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; ***you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I...*** The Lord will guide you always... Isaiah 58:9-11

...show me now your way, that I may know you, and that I may find grace in your sight. Exodus 33:13

Prediction

Declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so that we may know that you are gods. Isaiah 41:22-23 NIV

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened...and what is yet to come--yes, let him foretell what will come...Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? Isaiah 44:7-8 NIV

I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass...Therefore I told you these things long ago; before they happened I announced them to you so that you could not say, "My idols did them." Isaiah 48:3,5 NIV

Prepare

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. Christ (Luke 8:15 NIV)

Be ready for action, with belts fastened and lamps alight... ready to let him in the moment he arrives and knocks... Even if it is the middle of the night or before dawn... Christ (Luke 12:35-38 NEB)

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, ***so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.*** It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching [for the news] when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. Christ (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Christ (Luke 12:39-40 NIV)

That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. Christ (Luke 12:47 NIV)

Keep a watch on yourselves; do not let your minds be dulled by dissipation and drunkenness and worldly cares... Be on the alert... Christ (Luke 21:34-36 NEB)

Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. Christ (Mark 4:25 NIV)

Awake, sleeper...and Christ will shine upon you. Ephesians 5:14 NEB

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. Christ (Revelation 3:3 NIV)

Here I stand knocking at the door; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sit down to supper with him and he with me. To him who is victorious [in opening his heart] I will grant a place on my throne, as I myself was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Hear, you who have ears to hear, what the Spirit says to the churches! Christ (Revelation 3:20-22 NEB)

That is the day when I come like a thief! Happy the man who stays awake and keeps on his clothes... Revelation 16:15 NEB

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done... Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are...the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. Revelation 22:12-15 NIV

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. Matthew 13:15-16 NIV

The kingdom of Heaven is like this. There was a king who prepared a feast for his son's wedding...When the king came in to see the company at table, he observed one man who was not dressed for a wedding. "My friend," said the king, "how do you come to be here without your wedding clothes?" He had nothing to say. The king then said to his attendants, "Bind him hand and foot; turn him out into the dark, the place of wailing and grinding of teeth." For though many are invited, few are chosen. Christ (Matthew 22:1-2,11-14 NEB)

...those who were **ready** went in with Him to the wedding... Christ (Matthew 25:10 NEB)

...the covering that covereth all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. Isaiah 25:7 ARV

...without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 NIV

Let us **humble** ourselves, let us **strive** to know the Lord, whose justice dawns like morning light, and its dawning is as sure as the sunrise. Hosea 6:3 NEB

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolish to him, and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually discerned**. I Corinthians 2:14 NIV

Proclaim

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel [good news] to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.’
Revelation 14:6-7 NIV

Progressive Revelation

I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. I Corinthians 3:2 NIV

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. I Corinthians 13:11

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:12-13 NIV

...I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20 NIV
See also 13:40,49

I must give the good news of the kingdom of God...for that is what I was sent to do. Christ (Luke 4:43)

Promise

Set your troubled hearts at rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me. There are many dwelling-places in my Father’s house; if it were not so I should have told you; for I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you may be also...
Christ (John 14:1-3 NIV)

Trust in God always; trust also in me. There are many dwelling-places in my Father’s house I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, ***I shall come again*** and receive you to myself, so that where I am you may be also [emphasis added]...
Christ (John 14:1-3 NEB)

The Father...shall give you another ***Comforter***... Christ (John 14:16)

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Christ (John 14:18)

Heaven and earth will pass away; my words will never pass away. Luke 21:33 NEB
Also Mark 13:31

Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19 NIV

He who is coming will come and will not delay. Hebrews 10:37 NIV

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. Hebrews 13:5 NIV

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... II Peter 3:9 NIV

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be ***comforted***. Christ (Matthew 5:4 NKJ)

...the Lord has anointed Me...to ***comfort*** all who mourn... Isaiah 61:1-2

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "...*the desired of all nations will come*, and I will fill this house [Revelation] with *glory...The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.*" Haggai 2:6-8 NIV

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. Psalms 96:11-13

Prophecy

...behold, I have foretold you all things. Christ (Mark 13:23)

...do not despise prophetic utterances, but bring them all to the test... I Thessalonians 5:20-21 NEB

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7 NIV

Then he [Jesus] began with Moses and all the prophets, and explained to them [the Jews] the passages which referred to himself in every part of the scriptures. Luke 24:27 NEB

Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. Luke 24:44 NIV

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. John 5:39-40 NKJ

These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. Christ (John 5:39-40 NIV)
See also Acts 28:23

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. Christ (John 5:46 NIV)

Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you; Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words? John 5:45-47 NKJ

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it... Revelation 1:3 NIV

...prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. II Peter 1:21 NKJ

Prosperity

"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now I will arise," says the Lord; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns." Psalms 12:5 NKJ

Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. Psalms 72:1-4 NKJ

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. Psalms 113:7 NIV

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm... Isaiah 25:4 NIV

Punishment

He that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. Christ (Luke 12:9)

Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "***Make every effort to enter through the narrow door***, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house [the Redeemer] gets up and closes the [heavenly] door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets,' 'But I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth [anger], when ***you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.***"

Christ (Luke 13:23-28 NIV)

...there is a great chasm fixed between us. Luke 16:26 NEB

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will...dash you to the ground...because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you. Christ (Luke 19:41-44 NIV)

Then let those who are in Judea ***flee*** to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. Luke 21:21-22
See also Matthew 24:16 NIV

But if you will not listen to me and...you reject my decrees...I will bring upon you sudden terror...If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. I will break down your stubborn pride...I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries...I will scatter you among the nations... Leviticus 26:14-33 NIV

If...you still do not listen to me...I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries...I will scatter you among the nations... Leviticus 26:27,31,33 NIV

But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book [the book of faith and affirmation]—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of

the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:1-3 NIV

Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it! ***The Lord is angry with all nations...*** Isaiah 34:1-2 NIV

The Lord...has sent me...to proclaim the year of the Lord's ***favor*** and the day of the ***vengeance*** of our God... Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV

For the day of ***vengeance*** was in my heart, and the year of my ***redemption*** has come. Isaiah 63:4 NIV

...with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Christ (Matthew 7:2)

Then he [the Promised One] will say to those on his ***left*** hand...go from my sight to ***the eternal fire...*** Matthew 25:41 NEB

Gather together, gather together, before the appointed time arrives and that day sweeps on like chaff, ***before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you, before the day of the Lord's wrath comes upon you.*** Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on ***the day of the Lord's anger.*** Zephaniah 2:1-3 NIV

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 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 stand?" Revelation 6:15-17 NIV

"In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it." Zechariah 13:8 NIV

Then he [Jesus] will do justice upon those who refuse to acknowledge God and upon those who will not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal ruin, cut off from the presence of the Lord and the splendor of his might, ***when on that great Day he comes to be glorified*** among his own and adored among all believers... II Thessalonians 1:8-10 NEB
See also Matt. 22:11-14; 25:1-30; Rev. 21:8

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. Christ (John 3:36 NKJ)

On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, "Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?" And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods. Deuteronomy 31:17-18

Purest Branch

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. ***The Lord has prepared a sacrifice***; he has consecrated those he has invited. Zephaniah 1:7 NIV

Purity

And ***a highway*** will be there; it will be called ***the Way of Holiness***. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way. Isaiah 35:8 NIV

...keep yourselves pure, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. Isaiah 52:11 NEB

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Christ (Matthew 5:8)

I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and wise, and revealing them to the simple. Yes, Father, such was thy choice. Matthew 11:25-26 NEB

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Psalms 24:3-4 NIV

Rainbow

He was robed in a cloud with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun... Revelation 10:1 NIV

I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of ***the likeness of the glory of the Lord***. When I saw it, I fell facedown... Ezekiel 1:27-28 NIV

Raise

When you realize your worthlessness before God, ***he will lift you up***... James 4:10

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives ***the early and latter rain***. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:7-8 NKJ

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me ***draws him***... John 6:35

Unto thee, O Lord, do I ***lift up*** my soul. Psalms 25:1

And God ***raised us up*** with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 2:6 NIV

Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth [coming] is established as the morning; ***He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain*** to the

earth.

Hosea 6:3 NKJ

Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He gives you the former or early rain in just measure and in righteousness, and He causes to come down for you the rain, *the former rain* and *the latter rain*, as before. Joel 2:23 AB

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will *pour out* [like rain] my spirit upon all flesh... Joel 2:28

...I will give you the rain for your land in its season, *the early rain and the latter rain*. Deuteronomy 11:14 NKJ

Rapture

It is not the healthy that need a doctor, but the sick. Christ (Matthew 9:13 NEB)

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Matthew 24:31 NIV

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch... Christ (Matthew 24:40-42 NIV)

On that *day* no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them...I tell you, on that *night* two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left [emphasis added]. Luke 17:31, 34 NIV

Reasoning

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord... Isaiah 1:18

Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons. Isaiah 41:21

Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ...He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. Acts 9:22,29

And Paul...reasoned with them out of the scripture... Acts 17:2

What I am saying is true and reasonable. Acts 26:25

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. I Peter 3:15-16 NIV

And these signs will accompany those who believe...they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all...Mark 16:17-18 NIV

...do not despise prophetic utterances, but bring them all to the test...I Thessalonians 5:20 NEB

Test everything. I Thessalonians 5:21 NIV

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. I Thessalonians 5:21

The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.
Proverbs 18:17

How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they will be satisfied.
Christ (Matthew 5:6)

How blest are those of a gentle spirit...How blest are the peacemakers.
Christ (Matthew 5:5,9)

You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.
Christ (Matthew 7:16-20)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6

...let us speak the truth in love. Ephesians 4:15

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. Luke 21:15

Receptive

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ***He who has clean hands [good deeds] and a pure heart...*** Psalms 24:3-4

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: Do not harden your hearts... Psalms 95:7-8 NKJ

The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me...whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord.
Psalms 101:3-8
See also Psalms 95:10-11

For ***the upright*** he shines like a lamp in the dark... Psalms 112:4

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. Psalms 116:5-6

Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light ***because their deeds were evil***. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever ***lives by the truth comes into the light***, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. John 3:19-21

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice...I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

John 10:4-5,14

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. Christ (John 10:27)

Be dressed ***ready for service*** and keep your lamps [of awareness and wisdom] burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, ***so that when he comes and knocks they can IMMEDIATELY open the door*** [of their heart] ***for him.***

Christ (Luke 12:35-36 NIV)

Be ready for whatever comes, with your clothes fastened tight at the waist and your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready! I tell you, he will fasten his belt, have them sit down, and wait on them. How happy are they if he finds them ready, even if he should come as late as midnight or even later!

Luke 12:35-38

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.

Hebrews 3:15

...without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

I stand at the door and knock. If anyone ***hears my voice*** and ***opens the door***, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Christ (Matthew 11:28)

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:44 NIV

Reciprocity

...with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Christ (Matthew 7:2 NIV)

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Christ (Matthew 10:32-33)

...whoever is ashamed of me and mine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

Christ (Luke 9:26 NEB)

But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Christ (Luke 12:9 NKJ)

Rejoice

And they sang a new song... Revelation 5:9 NIV

For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!
Revelation 19:6-7 NIV

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!...Come, gather together for the great supper of God...
Christ (Revelation 19:7,9,17 NIV)

Sing joyfully to the Lord...Sing to him a new song...and shout for joy. Psalms 33:1-3 NIV

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Psalms 47:1

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout **joyfully** to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms...Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work."
Psalms 95:1-2,6-9 NKJ

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
Psalms 96:11-13 NIV
See also Psalms 97:1; 10-12; 98:1-9

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.
Psalms 98:1-9 NKJ
See also Psalms 91:7,12-15

Dance, O earth, at the presence of the Lord... Psalms 114:7

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."Isaiah 25:9 NIV

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But **be glad and rejoice** forever in what I create... The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.Isaiah 65:17-19 NKJ

Responsibility

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Christ (Luke 12: 48 NIV)

Every man shall bear his own burden... Galatians 6:5

But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Christ (Luke 12:48)
See also John 15:22

Resurrection

This is what we speak...***expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words...the things that come from the Spirit of God...are spiritually discerned.*** I Corinthians 2:13-14

All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. I Corinthians 15:39-41

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is ***sown a natural body***, it is ***raised a spiritual body***. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. I Corinthians 15: 42-44

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. I Corinthians 15:50

...***the letter kills, but the Spirit*** [spirit KJV and NKJ] ***gives life.*** II Corinthians 3:6

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For ***what is seen is temporary***, but what is unseen is eternal. II Corinthians 4:18

...as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord...and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:6-9

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Christ (John 3:6)

I have come down from heaven.. John 6:38

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:40

The Spirit gives life; ***the flesh counts for nothing. The words*** I have spoken to you ***are spirit*** and they are life. Christ (John 6:63)

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. Christ (John 12:32)

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells... Romans 7:18

In His human body He was put to death but He was made alive *in* the spirit. I Peter 3:18

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. Luke 16:19-23

Father, into your hands I commit my *spirit*. Luke 23:46

But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding. Job 32:8

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7

At that moment...The tombs broke open and *the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life*. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. Matthew 27:51-53

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms... Ephesians 2:6

Return

And if you are willing to accept it, he [John the Baptist] is the Elijah who was to come.

Matthew 11:14 NIV
See also 17:10-13

Reward

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. I Peter 5:4 NIV

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for *great is your reward in heaven*... Christ (Matt. 5:12 NKJ)

...at the end of time...the righteous *will shine as brightly as the sun* in the kingdom of their Father. If you have ears, then hear. Christ (Matt. 13:41-43 NEB)

... in the world that is to be...you my followers will have thrones of your own... Christ (Matt. 19:28 NEB)
See also I Peter 5:4

But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book [the book of faith and affirmation]—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:1-3 NIV

Blessed are those who...walk in the light of your presence... Psalms 89:15 NIV

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. Isaiah 25:8 NIV

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."
Isaiah 35:4 NKJ

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life. Christ (Rev. 2:10)

To him who is victorious [over the selfish desires] I will grant ***a place on my throne...***
Christ (Rev. 3:21 NEB)

He that overcometh [the veils of the world] ***shall inherit all things***; and I will be his God, and he will be my son. Christ (Rev. 21:7)

...rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Christ (Luke 10:20)

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. Christ (John 3:36 NKJ)

He who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. John 13:20

Sanctuary

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...Look, look! there is your temple, forsaken by God. And I tell you, you shall never see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Christ (Luke 13:34-35 NEB)

Savior

For I am the Lord your ***God***, the Holy One of Israel, ***your Savior***...I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior.
Isaiah 43:3,11
See also Isaiah 49:26; 60:16; Psalms 106:21

Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, ***O God of Israel, the Savior!***...A just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Isaiah 45:15,21 NKJ

...God raised up for Israel ***a Savior***—Jesus. Acts 13:23 NKJ

Then ***Saviors*** shall come to Mount Zion [Israel]. Obadiah 21 NKJ

Search

Search the scriptures. John 5:39

Does our law...permit us to pass judgment on a man unless we have first given him a hearing and learned the facts?
John 7:51 NEB

Thou shalt meditate therein day and night. Joshua 1:8

Those that seek me early shall find me. Proverbs 8:17

...do not despise prophetic utterances, but bring them all to the test...
 I Thessalonians 5:20-21 NEB

...be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their Lord...
 Luke 12:36 ARV

Be always on the watch [investigate]...that you may be able to stand before the Son of
 Man.
 Christ (Luke 21:36 NIV)

...you will find him, if indeed you search with all your heart and soul.
 Deuteronomy 4:29 NEB

Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. Psalms 119:2 NIV

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live...Seek the Lord while he
 may be found...
 Isaiah 55:3,6 NIV

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
 Christ (Matthew 5:4)

...Christ...will appear a second time...to those who are watching for him.
 Hebrews 9:28 NEB

...if you search with all your heart, I [God] will let you find me...
 Jeremiah 29:14 NEB

Season

The harvest is the end of time. The reapers are angels.
 Matthew 13:39 NEB

Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves
 come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you
 know that it is near, right at the door.
 Matthew 24:32-33 NIV

Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: “Is the Lord [the Báb] not in Zion
 [the Holy Land]? Is her King [Bahá’u’lláh] no longer there?...The harvest is past, the
 summer has ended, and we are not saved.”
 Jeremiah 8:19-20 NIV

...gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.Revelation 14:18

...open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.
 John 4:35 NIV

Seeing

But *we see* Jesus...crowned with glory and honor...
 Hebrews 2:9

...without holiness no one will see the Lord.
 Hebrews 12:14 NIV

On this mountain the Lord will swallow up that veil that shrouds all the peoples.
 Isaiah 25:7 NEB

...they will see *the glory of the Lord*, the splendor of our God.
 Isaiah 35:2 NIV

And *the glory of the Lord* will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.
 Isaiah 40:5 NIV

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save...your sins have hidden his face
 from you...
 Isaiah 59:1-2 NIV

...he [Jesus] came to dwell among us, and **we saw** his glory... John 1:14 NEB

Except a man be born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God. Christ (John 3:3)

Jesus said, "It is for judgment that I have come into this world--**to give sight to the sightless, and to make blind those who see.**" John 9:39

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it **neither sees him nor knows him.** John 14:16-17 NIV

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...**Whoever has my commands and obeys them...I...will...show myself to him.** Christ (John 14:18-21)

He who loves me...I too will love him and show myself to him. Christ (John 14:21)

...whosoever sinneth hath not **seen** Him... I John 3:6

Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall **see** God. Christ (Matthew 5:8)

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. Matthew 13:15-16 NIV

...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field... Christ (Matthew 13:44)

From now on, you will **see** the Son of Man...coming on **the clouds** of heaven. Christ (Matthew 26:64)

...from now on, you will **see** the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God... Christ (Matthew 26:64 NEB)

I counsel you to buy from me...salve to put on your eyes, so you can **see**. Christ (Revelation 3:18 NIV)

And the temple was filled with smoke from **the glory of God** and from his power... Revelation 15:8 NIV

I am Jesus...the Lord replied...I am sending you to open their eyes...that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. Acts 26:15-18 NIV

You may look and look, but you will never see. Acts 28:26 NEB

Keep your eyes open, keep on the alert...It is as if a man [Jesus] who is traveling abroad had left his house [church] and handed it over to be managed by his servants [religious leaders]. He has given each one his work to do and has ordered the doorkeeper to be on the lookout for [the news of] his return. **Just so must you keep a lookout**... What I am saying to you I am saying to all; **keep on the alert!** Christ (Mark 13:33-37)

Do you have eyes but do not see, and ears but fail to hear? Mark 8:18 NIV
See also Jeremiah. 5:21; Isaiah. 42:20

...all have sinned and fall short of **the glory of God**... Romans 3:23 NIV

And we rejoice in the hope of [seeing] **the glory of God**. Romans 5:2 NIV

The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Ezekiel 43:4-5 NIV

Then the man brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple. I looked and saw *the glory of the Lord* filling the temple of the Lord, and I fell facedown. Ezekiel 44:4 NIV

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you. Christ (Luke 17:20-21)

Unto *the upright* there arises light in the darkness. Psalms 112:4

Seek

...you will find Him, *if you* [truly] *seek Him with all your heart* (and mind) *and soul and life.* Deuteronomy 4:29 AB

...the kingdom of heaven is like *treasure hidden in a field.* Matthew 13:44

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. Christ (Matthew 26:41)

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Psalms 105:3-4

Blessed are *the undefiled* in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who *keep His testimonies*, who seek Him with the whole heart! Psalms 119:1-2

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning... Psalms 130:5-6

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...if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and *search for it as for hidden treasure*, then you will...find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5

...be ye yourselves like unto men *looking* for their Lord... Christ (Luke 12:36)

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," *declares the Lord.* Jeremiah 29:13-14

Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:24

Self-righteousness

There is a way that *seems right to a man*, but in the end it leads to [spiritual] *death.* Proverbs 14:12; 16:25 NIV

All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes... Proverbs 16:2

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes... Proverbs 21:2

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation [comfort or relief]. Christ (Luke 6:24)

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for ***you will mourn and weep***. Luke 6:25

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector [considered of low status]. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself; God, I thank you that I am not like all other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' [Then Jesus said:] I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified [forgiven and in right standing] before God. ***For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.***" Luke 18:9-14 NIV

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. Christ (John 5:39-40 NIV)

"...I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." John 9:39-41 NIV

I am very angry with nations that feel secure [at ease, NEB]. Zechariah 1:15

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, ***and have need of nothing'...I counsel you to buy from Me gold*** refined in the fire, ***that you may be rich***; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. ***Therefore*** be zealous and ***repent***. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 3:17-22

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:15-17

If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets. Christ (Matthew 23:30)

...they will gather around them a great number of teachers [scholars, priests, and pastors] to say what their itching ears want to hear. II Timothy 4:3

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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. ***The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*** Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and ***a little child*** shall lead them...They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea...He will...gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11: 6,9,12 NKJ

Jehovah, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not: but ***they shall see thy zeal*** for the people... Isaiah 26:11 NRSB

The survivors left in Judah shall strike fresh root under ground and yield fruit above ground, for a remnant shall come out of Jerusalem and survivors from Mount Zion. ***The Zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.*** Isaiah 37:31-32 NEB
See also II Kings 19:31

Sign

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be established higher than all other mountains, towering above other hills. Peoples will stream towards it; many nations will go, saying, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God, that he may teach us his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For instruction issues from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will be judge between many peoples and arbiter among great and distant nations. Micah 4:1-3 REB
See also Is. 2:2-3; 65:10-12; Ps. 24:3-6

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; ***I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.*** I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; ***they conspire against me and plot to take my life.*** Psalms 31:11-13 NIV

My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away. Those who seek my life set their traps [poisoning], those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception. I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth; I have become like a man who does not

hear, whose mouth can offer no reply. I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God. Psalms 38:11-15 NIV

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire**; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth. Psalms 40:1-3 NIV

Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me. Isaiah 65:10 NIV

Son of God

He [Jesus] said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." John 9:35-37 NKJ

"Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see **the Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Matthew 26:63-64 NIV

Speed

Be ready for action, with belts fastened and lamps alight... ready to let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. Be like men who wait for their master's return from a wedding-party, ready to let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. Happy are those servants whom the master finds on the alert when he comes.. Even if it is the middle of the night or before dawn... Christ (Luke 12:35-38 NEB)

On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Christ (Luke 17:31 NIV)

Spirit of the Law

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolish to him, and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually discerned**. I Corinthians 2:14 NIV

Standard

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. I Samuel 16:7 NIV

What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight. Christ (Luke 16:15 NIV)

You have a fine way of setting aside the command of God in order to observe your own traditions! Christ (Mark 7:9 NIV)

...all things are possible to him that believeth. Christ (Mark 9:23)

Then Jesus turned and said to Peter... 'You think as men think, not as God thinks.'
Matthew 16:23 NEB

...can anything good come from Nazareth?
John 1:46 NEB

If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from
God or whether I speak on my own.
John 7:17 NIV

But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human
standards...
Christ (John 8:14-15 NIV)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the
Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And ***this shall come to
pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.***
Zechariah 6:15 NKJ

Sword

...out of his [the Redeemer of our Age] mouth came a sharp double-edged ***sword***.
Revelation 1:16 NIV

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged ***sword***.
Revelation 2:12 NIV

Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with
the sword of my mouth.
Revelation 2:16 NIV

...the indignation of the Lord is against all nations... ***My sword shall be bathed in
heaven***; indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for
judgment.
Isaiah 34:2,5 NKJ

Symbolism

I counsel you to buy from me...salve to put on your eyes, so you can ***see***.
Christ (Revelation 3:18 NIV)

Then I saw a Lamb...He had...seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out
into all the earth.
Revelation 5:6

Then as I looked there appeared a white cloud, and on the cloud sat one like a son of
man. He had on his head a crown of gold and in his hand a sharp sickle. Another angel
came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud: 'Stretch
out your sickle and reap; for harvest-time has come, and earth's crop is over-ripe.' So
he who sat on the cloud put his sickle to the earth and its harvest was reaped.
Revelation 14:14-16 NEB

The waters you saw, where the prostitute [disloyal leaders or leader] sits [rules], ***are***
[deluded] ***peoples***, multitudes, nations and languages.
Revelation 17:15 NIV

Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.
Revelation 19:8 NIV

The armies of heaven were following him [the Promised One], riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp **sword** with which to strike down the nations...The rest of them were killed with the **sword** that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse... Revelation 19:14-15,21 NIV

The sea [of delusions] gave up the [spiritually] dead that were in it... Revelation 20:13 NIV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any **sea** [of delusions]. Revelation 21:1 NIV

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. Christ (John 3:31-34)

You judge by worldly standards. John 8:15

Why is my language not clear to you? Because **you are unable to hear** what I say. Christ (John 8:43)

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. Christ (John 12:32)

These things **I have spoken to you in figurative language**; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language... Christ (John 16:25)

...I have conquered the world. John 16:33 NEB

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; **a fire devours before him**, and around him a tempest rages. Psalms 50:2-3 NIV

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old. Psalms 78:2

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his **heavenly hosts**, you his **servants who do his will**. Psalms 103:20-21 NIV

He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of His upper chambers on their waters. **He makes the clouds His chariot and rides on the wings of the wind**. Psalms 104:2-3

They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths; their soul melts because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; so He guides them to their desired haven. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, and praise Him in the company of the elders. Psalms 107:26-32 NKJ

The noise of a multitude in the mountains [established institutions]...Jehovah of hosts is mustering the host for the battle...and **the weapons of his indignation**, to destroy the whole land. Isaiah 13:4-5

For the hand [global institutions] of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Isaiah 25: 10 NEB

There is a voice that cries: Prepare a road for **the Lord** through the wilderness, clear a highway across the desert for **our God**. Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill brought down; rugged places shall be made smooth and mountain-ranges become a plain. Thus shall **the glory of the Lord** be revealed, and all mankind together shall see it; for **the Lord** himself has spoken.

Isaiah 40:3-5 NEB

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, **to free captives from prison** and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:6-7 NIV

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Isaiah 43:2

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:10

But **the wicked are like the tossing sea**, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud.

Isaiah 57:20

For behold, **the Lord will come with fire** and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His **rebuke with flames of fire**. For by fire and by **His sword** the Lord will judge all flesh; and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

Isaiah 66:15-16 NKJ

Then I myself [the Lord] will come to gather all nations and races, and they shall come and see my glory...as the new heavens and the new earth...shall endure...so shall your race...and they [the people of the new earth and heavens] shall come out and see the dead bodies of those who have rebelled against me; their worm shall not die nor their fire be quenched...

Isaiah 66:18,22-24 NEB

When he was alone, the Twelve and others who were round him questioned him about the parables. He replied, 'To you the secret of the kingdom of God has been given; but to those who are outside everything comes by way of parables, so that (as Scripture says) they may look and look, but see nothing; they may hear and hear, but understand nothing; otherwise they might turn to God and be forgiven.'

Mark 4:10-12 NEB

These were the words of the Lord to me: Man, speak to the Israelites in allegory and parable.

Ezekiel 17:1-2 NEB

This is what we speak...expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words...**the things that come from the Spirit of God...are spiritually discerned.**

I Corinthians 2: 13- 14 NIV

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolish to him, and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

I Corinthians 2:14 NIV

When the Lord comes **he will bring into the light of the day all that at present is hidden in darkness...**

I Corinthians 4:5

You are looking only on the surface of things.

II Corinthians 10:7

I have to come to set fire to the earth...

Christ (Luke 12:49)

On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of ***the sea.***

Luke 21:25 NIV

And if you are willing to receive it, he [John the Baptist] is Elijah who is [prophesied] to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! But to what shall I liken this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament."

Christ (Matthew 11:14-17)

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "***I will open my mouth in parables, I will [continue to] utter things hidden since the creation of the world.***"

Christ (Matthew 13:34-35)

I tell you the truth, ***this generation will certainly not pass away*** until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:34-35 NIV

Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said. So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

Zechariah 4:12-14 NIV

The Lord shall appear above them, and his ***arrow*** shall flash like lightning; the Lord God shall blow a blast on ***the horn*** and march with the storm-winds of the south.

Zechariah 9:14 NEB

In that day a fountain shall be opened...

Zechariah 13:1 NKJ

You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with ***milk and honey.***

Leviticus 20:24 NIV

All over the world this gospel is producing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you... This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

Colossians 1:6,23 NIV

See also Acts 2:5

But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, ***that prophet shall die.***

Deuteronomy 18:20

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are ***the everlasting arms.*** He will drive out your enemy before you... ***He is*** your shield and helper and ***your glorious sword.*** Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places.

Deuteronomy 33:27,29 NIV

For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that ***every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed*** from among the people."

Acts 3:22-23

...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ***in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel...***
II Thessalonians 1:7-8

The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens shook; they trembled because He was angry. Smoke rose from His [God's] nostrils; consuming fire came from His mouth, burning coals blazed out of it...He shot arrows and scattered the enemies, bolts of lightning and routed them.
II Samuel 22:8-9,15

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms...
Ephesians 2:6

Teach

And as you go proclaim the message: “The kingdom of Heaven is upon you.”
Matthew 10:7 NEB

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...
Matthew 28:19

Nobody lights a lamp and then covers it with a basin or puts it under the bed. On the contrary, he puts it on a lamp-stand so that those who come in may see the light.
Luke 8:16 NEB

Test

...wait until the Lord comes. For he will bring to light what darkness hides, and ***disclose men's inward motives*** [emphasis added throughout]...
I Corinthians 4:5 NEB

Many in Israel will stand or fall because of him [Jesus], and thus ***the secret thoughts of many will be laid bare.***
Luke 2:35 NEB

For there is nothing hidden that will not become public, nothing under cover that will not be made known and brought into the open.
Christ (Luke 8:17 NEB)

Pray that you will not fall into temptation.
Luke 22:40 NIV

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life...
James 1:12 NIV

Even gold passes through the assayer's fire, and more precious than perishable gold is faith which has stood the test. These trials come so that your faith may prove itself worthy...when Jesus Christ is revealed.
I Peter 1:7 NEB

Judge not according to the appearance...
Christ (John 7:24)

...the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.
Christ (Rev. 3:10 NIV)

I am coming soon... Him who overcomes...I will write on him the name of my God...I will also write on him my new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
Revelation 3:11-13 NIV

...buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich...
Christ (Rev. 3:18)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne...

Revelation 3:21 NIV
See also Rev. 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5; 21:7

And bring us not to the test...

Matthew 6:13

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father...

Christ (Matthew 7:21 NIV)

When the Son of Man comes in his glory...he will separate the people one from another...

Christ (Matthew 25:31-32 NIV)

We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God...

Acts 14:22 NIV

See how I tested you, not as silver is tested, but in the furnace of affliction; there I purified you.

Isaiah 48:10 NEB

...***test*** the spirits to see whether they are from God...

I John 4:1

Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand firm when he appears? He is like a refiner's fire, like fuller's soap; he will take his seat, refining and purifying...

Malachi 3:2 NEB

For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed...

Christ (Mark 4:22 NIV)

Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

Daniel 11:33-35 NIV

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life...

James 1:12 NIV

This third [of people] I will bring into the fire; I will ***refine them*** like silver and ***test them*** like gold.

Zechariah 13:9 NIV

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Ephesians 5:13-14

Testify

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, ***he shall testify of me...***

Christ (John 15:26)

The Báb

On that day...They shall ***look on me, on whom they have pierced*** [the Báb], and shall ***wail over him*** [Bahá'u'lláh] as over an only child...

Zechariah 12:9-10 NEB

Thief

I know your deeds; ***you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!*** Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God...But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. ***He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.***

Revelation 3:1-6 NIV

That is the day when I come like a thief! Happy the man who stays awake...

Revelation 16:15 NEB

Blessed—happy, fortunate and to be envied—are those servants, whom the master finds awake and alert and watching when he comes.

Christ (Luke 12:37 AB)

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.

Luke 12:37 NIV

But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Luke 12:39-40 NIV

Be always on the watch...that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36 NIV

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house in charge of his servants, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'

Mark 13:32-37 NIV

...the kingdom of heaven is like ***treasure hidden in a field.***

Matthew 13:44

...whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:37-39

Who then is the faithful and wise servant [leader], whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household [the church]* to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Christ (Matt. 24:45-47 NIV)

The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will...assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth [anger].

Christ (Matt. 24:50-51 NIV)

...*the day* of the Lord will come like a thief in the night [emphasis added].

I Thessalonians 5:2 NIV

But you, my friends, are not in the dark, that the day [of advent] should overtake you like a thief.

I Thessalonians 5:4 NEB

Awake, sleeper...and Christ will shine upon you.

Ephesians 5:14 NEB

Then suddenly, in an instant, you shall be visited by the *Lord of hosts*...Be *drunk*, but not from wine, stagger, but not from strong drink! For the Lord has poured out on you *a spirit of deep sleep*. He has shut your eyes [the prophets] and covered your heads [the seers]. For you the revelation of all this has become like the words of *a sealed scroll*. When it is handed to one who can read, with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot: it is sealed." When it is handed to one who cannot read with the request, "Read this," he replies, "I cannot read." The Lord said: Since *this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone*, though their hearts are far from me, *and their reverence for me has become routine observance of the precepts of men*, therefore I will again deal with this people in surprising and wondrous fashion: *The wisdom of its wise men shall perish* and the understanding of its prudent men be hid.

Isaiah 29:5,9-14

Truly you are a God who hides himself...

Isaiah 45:15 NIV

He wraps himself in light as with a garment...He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

Psalms 104: 2-3 NIV

...if you search with all your heart, I [God] will let you find me...

Jeremiah 29:14 NEB

...Christ...will appear a second time...to those who are watching for him.

Hebrews 9:28 NEB

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...

John 10:10 NIV

Thirst

To him who is *thirsty* I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who *overcomes* will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But *the cowardly* [who fear to search and reach out for the water of life]...their place will be in the fiery lake [of remoteness from the Presence of God]...

Christ (Rev. 21:6-8 NIV)

Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Christ (Rev. 22:17 NIV)

See also Isaiah 55:1

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Christ (Matthew 5:6 NKJ)

Time is Short

Teach us to count how few days we have and so gain wisdom of heart. Psalms 90:12

Do not boast about tomorrow, since you do not know what today will bring forth.

Proverbs 27:1

Time Prophecies

The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. Daniel 7:25 NIV

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, “How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?” He said to me, “It will take 2300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated [cleansed **and** restored AB]”... “Son of man,” he said to me, “understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.” Daniel 8:13,14,17 NIV

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed... So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Daniel 8:13,14,17

The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you ***is true***, but seal up the vision, for ***it concerns the distant future*** [emphasis added]. Daniel 8:26 NIV

...O Lord, make thy face shine upon thy desolate sanctuary... and look upon our desolation and upon the city that bears thy name [Jerusalem]... Daniel 9:17-18 NEB

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Daniel 9:24

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks [7+62=69]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. Daniel 9:25

Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the anointed one, a prince, shall be seven weeks [of years], and sixty-two weeks [of years]... Daniel 9:25 AB

But you Daniel, keep the words secret and seal the book till the time of the end...’ How long will it be before these portents cease?...’ ‘It shall be for a time, times, and a half. When the power of the holy people ceases to be dispersed, all these things shall come to an end.’ Daniel 12:4-7 NEB

...by him who lives forever that it should be for a year, two years, a half-year; and that, when the power of the destroyer of the holy people was brought to an end, all these things should end. Daniel 12:7 *The New American Bible*

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then...“How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?”...It will be for a time, times and a half. Daniel 12:1,6,7 NIV

From the time when the regular offering is abolished and “the abomination of desolation” is set up, there shall be an interval of one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Daniel 12:11 NEB

Him hath God exalted...to be a Prince and a Savior... Acts 5:31

I have appointed thee each day for a year. Ezekiel 4:6
See also Num. 14:34; Gen. 29:27-28

Count off seven sabbaths of years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbaths of years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Leviticus 25:8 NIV

Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming?...When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel...(whoso readeth, let him understand). Matthew 24:3,15
See also Mark 13:14

For then [at the time of the advent] there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. Matthew 24:21 NIV

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. John 14:18 RSV

And they asked Him, Teacher, when will this happen, and what sign will there be when this is about to occur? And He said...Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled—completed... And then they will see the Son of man coming... Luke 21:7,8,24,27 AB

...they [the Gentiles] will trample the Holy City underfoot **for forty-two months**. And I have two witnesses, whom I will appoint to prophesy, dressed in sackcloth, **all through those twelve hundred and sixty days**. Revelation 11:2-3 NEB

For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. Revelation 11:9 NIV

But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Revelation 11:11 NIV

A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Revelation 12:1-2 NIV

She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.* Revelation 12:5 NIV

The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where **she might be taken care of for 1260 days**. Revelation 12:6 NIV

The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where **she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time**, out of the serpent’s reach. Revelation 12:14 NIV

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority...The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.
Revelation 13:2,5 NIV

The Lord...has sent me...to proclaim the year of the Lord's *favor* and the day of the *vengeance* of our God...
Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV

Tradition

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men...You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!
Christ (Mark 7:8-9 NIV)

You do the deeds of your father....You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.
John 8:41,44 NKJ

...as your fathers did, so do you.
Acts 7:51 NKJ

Trap

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap...Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.
Luke 21:34-36 NIV

I am coming soon... Him who overcomes...I will write on him the name of my God...I will also write on him my new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
Revelation 3:11-13 NIV

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne...
Revelation 3:21 NIV
See also Rev. 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5; 21:7

Fear and the ***pit*** and the ***snare*** are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall be that ***he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit***, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare...
Isaiah 24:17-18 NKJ

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare... "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."
Psalms 91:1-3,14-15

Tribulation

Why has the land become a dead land...? It is because they forsook my law...
Jeremiah 9:12 NEB

How awful that day will be! None will be like it.
Jeremiah 30:7 NIV

The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly. Listen! ***The cry on the day of the Lord will be bitter...*** Zephaniah 1:14 NIV

That day will be...a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin. Zephaniah 1:15-16 NIV

And there shall be a time of trouble, straitness [difficulty, pressure, perplexity, and] distress, such as never was since there was a nation until that time. Daniel 12:1 AB

There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. Daniel 12:1 NIV

How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Matthew 24:19 NIV

For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Matthew 24:21-22 NIV

...all the nations of the earth will mourn. Matthew 24:30 NIV

Then let those who are in Judea ***flee*** to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. Luke 21:21-22
See also Matthew 24:16 NIV

...there shall be great distress in the land. Christ, (Luke 21:23)

...nations will be in anguish ***at the roaring and tossing of the sea.*** Luke 21:25 NIV

Men will faint from ***terror***, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for ***the heavenly bodies will be shaken.*** Luke 21:26 NIV

They will ***flee***...from dread of the Lord and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. Isaiah 2:21 NIV

The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away; the haughty people of the earth languish. The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned [with the fire of remoteness from God], and few men are left. The new wine fails, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. The mirth of the tambourine ceases, the noise of the jubilant ends, the joy of the harp ceases. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, so that none may go in. There is a cry for [heavenly] wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction. When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, it shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

Isaiah 24:4-13 NKJ

The earth reels to and fro like a drunken man... Isaiah 24:20 NEB

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be **strong, fear not**: behold, your God will come. Isaiah 35:4

Their silver and gold will not be able to save them in the day of the Lord's wrath. They will not satisfy their hunger... Ezekiel 7:19 NIV

Therefore this is what the Lord, the Lord God Almighty, says: "There will be wailing in all the streets and cries of anguish in every public square. The farmers will be summoned to weep and the mourners to wail. **There will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst**," says the Lord. Amos 5:16-17 NIV

It [the day of the Lord] will be as when a man runs from a lion, and a bear meets him, or turns into a house and leans his hand on the wall, and a snake bites him. Amos 5:19 NEB

I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day. Amos 8:10 NKJ

The time is coming, says the Lord God, when...Men shall stagger from north to south, they shall range from east to west, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. Amos 8:11-12 NEB

Be **strong**, take **courage**, and wait for the Lord. Psalms 27:14 NEB

...the day God visits you. **Now is the time of their confusion**. Micah 7:4 NIV

It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime—a day known to the Lord. Zechariah 14:7 NIV

For the great day of His wrath has come, and **who is able to stand?** Revelation 6:17 NKJ

On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, "Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?" And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods. Deuteronomy 31:17-18

Truth

I am the way and **the truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Christ (John 14:6 NIV)

Two Redeemers

The moon will shine like the sun, and **the sunlight** will be seven times brighter... Isaiah 30:26 NIV

Behold, **a king** [Bahá'u'lláh] shall reign in righteousness...and **a man** [the Báb] shall be a refuge...The eyes that can see will not be clouded... Isaiah 32:1-3 NEB

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for **them** [the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh], and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it [the desert] shall blossom

abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see **the glory of the Lord** [Bahá'u'lláh], **the excellency of our God** [the Báb].
Isaiah 35:1-2 NKJ

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For **your Maker** [Bahá'u'lláh] **is your husband**—the Lord Almighty is his name—**the Holy One of Israel** [the Báb] is **your Redeemer**; he is **called the God of all the earth**.
Isaiah 54:4-5 NIV

Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the **Lord your God** [the Báb], and to **the Holy One of Israel** [Bahá'u'lláh], because **He has glorified you**.
Isaiah 60:9

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor the moon shine on you when evening falls; **the Lord** [the Báb] shall be your everlasting light, your **God** [Bahá'u'lláh] shall be your glory.
Isaiah 60:19 NEB

Your **sun** [Bahá'u'lláh] will never set again, and your **moon** [the Báb] will wane no more...
Isaiah 60:20 NIV

I will greatly rejoice in **the Lord** [the Báb or Bahá'u'lláh], my soul shall be joyful in my **God** [the Báb or Bahá'u'lláh]...**the Lord God** [the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh] will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.
Isaiah 61:10-11

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as **brightness** [Bahá], and her salvation as a **lamp** [the Báb] that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name.
Isaiah 62:1-2 NKJ

Behold, **I** [God or Bahá'u'lláh] will send my messenger [the Báb], and he will prepare the way before **Me** [Bahá'u'lláh]. **And the Lord** [the Báb], whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple [to cleanse it], even **the Messenger of the covenant** [‘Abdu’l-Bahá], in whom you delight. Behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
Malachi 3:1 NKJ

...**the sun** of righteousness [Bahá'u'lláh] shall rise with healing in his wings...
Malachi 4:2 NEB

He [Bahá'u'lláh] was robed in cloud...his face was like **the sun**...
Revelation 10:1 NIV

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it.
Revelation 1:3 NIV

Then I saw **a Lamb**...standing in the center of the throne...He came and took the scroll from the right hand of **him who sat on the throne**.
Revelation 5:6-7 NIV

Worthy is **the Lamb**, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth...singing: "**To him who sits on the throne** and to **the Lamb** be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and for ever!"
Revelation 5:12-13 NIV

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of **him who sat on the throne** and from the wrath of **the Lamb**! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"
Revelation 6:15-17 NIV

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before **the throne** and in front of **the Lamb**. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our **God**, who sits on the throne, and to **the Lamb**."
Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of **the Lamb** [the Báb]. Therefore, they are before the throne of **God** [Bahá'u'lláh] and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For **the Lamb** at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And **God** will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Revelation 7:13-17 NIV

The first woe [the advent of Islam] is past; **two** other **woes** are yet to come [the advent of the Revelations of the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh].
Revelation 9:12 NIV

Now have come salvation and the power and kingdom of **our God** [Bahá'u'lláh] and the authority of **His Christ** [the Báb].
Revelation 10:12 NIV

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our **Lord** [the Báb] and of his **Christ** [Bahá'u'lláh].
Revelation 11:15 NIV

For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our **God** day and night has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of **the Lamb**...
Revelation 12:10-11 NIV

...before me was **the Lamb**...with him 144,000 who had his name and his **Father's** [Bahá'u'lláh's] name written on their forehead.
Revelation 14:1

...before me was **the Lamb**...and they [the faithful believers] sang a new song **before the throne**...
Revelation 14:1,3 NIV

They [the faithful followers] were purchased [chosen] from amongst men and offered as **first fruits** to **God** and **the Lamb**.
Revelation 14:5 NIV

Another angel [Bahá'u'lláh] came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle...The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath.
Revelation 14:17,19 NIV

If anyone worships the beast [sides with the negative forces]...he, too, will drink of the wine of **God's** fury...He will be tortured with burning sulfur [fire of remoteness from Heaven] in the presence of the holy angels and **the Lamb**.
Revelation 14:19-20 NIV

They held harps given them by **God** and sang the song of Moses [good news of the fulfillment of His prophecies], the servant of God, and the song of **the Lamb**...
Revelation 15:2 NIV

They will make war against **the Lamb** [the Báb], but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings...**God** [Bahá'u'lláh] has put into their hearts to accomplish his purpose...
Revelation 17:14,17 NIV

Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons...
Revelation 18:2 NIV

Woe! Woe, O great city...O Babylon [the prevailing social order]...your doom has come!
Revelation 18:10 NIV

Woe! Woe, O great city...glittering with gold!
Revelation 18:16 NIV

Woe! Woe, O great city...In one hour she has been brought to ruin!
Revelation 18:19 NIV

Hallelujah! For our **Lord God Almighty** [Bahá'u'lláh] reigns. Let us rejoice...For the wedding [the advent] of **the Lamb** [the Báb] has come...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of **the Lamb**.
Revelation 19:6-9 NIV

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of **the Lamb**!...And I saw an angel...who cried..."Come, gather together for the great supper of **God**..."
Revelation 19:9,17 NIV

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
Revelation 19:16 NIV

...they will be priests of **God** and of **Christ** and will reign for him for a thousand years.
Revelation 20:6 NIV

It [the Holy City] shone with the **glory of God**...The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of **the Lamb**.
Revelation 21:11,14 NIV

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven...It shone with the **glory of God**...The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the **glory of God** gives it light, and **the Lamb** is its **lamp**.
Revelation 21:22-23 NIV

Then the angel showed me **the river** of the water of life...flowing from **the throne of God** and **the Lamb**...
Revelation 22:1 NIV

The throne of **God** and **the Lamb** will be in the **city** [divine Revelation]...
Revelation 22:3 NIV

They [the believers] need not the light of a **lamp** or the light of the **sun**, for **the Lord God** will give them light. And **they** [the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh] will reign for ever and ever.
Revelation 22:5 NIV

Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.
Revelation 22:7 NIV

The kings of the earth set themselves [take their stand], and the rulers take counsel together against **Jehovah** [Bahá'u'lláh], and against his anointed [the Báb].
Psalms 2:1-2 ASV

The kings of the earth stand ready, and the rulers [high officials] conspire together against **the Lord** [the Báb] and his **anointed king** [Bahá'u'lláh].
Psalms 2:1-2 NEB

He [Bahá'u'lláh] said to me [the Báb], You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. **Serve the Lord** [Bahá'u'lláh] with fear and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son** [the Báb], lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalms 2:7-12 NIV

The voice of **the Lord** is over the waters [nations and peoples]; **the God of glory** thunders. Psalms 29:3 NKJ

The Lord [the Báb] is our shield; **the Holy One of Israel** [Bahá'u'lláh], he is our king. Psalms 89:18 NEB

Because you have made **the Lord**, who is my refuge, even **the Most High**, your dwelling place. Psalms 91:9 NKJ

Because they rebelled against the words of **God**, and despised the counsel of **the Most High**. Psalms 107:11 NKJ

The Lord said to **my Lord**: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. Psalms 110:1-2 NIV

Jehovah [Bahá'u'lláh] saith to my **Lord** [the Báb], sit thou at my right hand...Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek [the union of kingly and priestly office]. The Lord [the Báb] at thy [Bahá'u'lláh's] right hand will judge among the nations. Psalms 110:1,4-6 NRSB

Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great **God** and our Savior **Jesus Christ**. Titus 2:13

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and **the Ancient of Days** [Bahá'u'lláh] took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him...In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man** [the Báb], coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:9-14 NIV

As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, until **the Ancient of Days** came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of **the Most High**, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. Daniel 7:21-22 NIV

In that day...they shall serve **the Lord their God** and **David their king**, whom I will raise up for them. Jeremiah 30:9 NEB

Woe, woe for the day, for a day is near, a day of the Lord is near, a day of cloud, a day of reckoning for the nations. Ezekiel 30:2-3 NEB

And I, the Lord, will be their **God**, and My servant **David** a prince among them. Ezekiel 34:24 NKJ

Sing, O...Israel...The Lord hath taken away thy judgment: **the king** of Israel even **the Lord** is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. Zephaniah 3:14-15

The Lord thundered from heaven, and **the most High** uttered his voice. II Samuel 22:14

I will surely gather all of you, O 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. **One who breaks open the way** will go up before them; they will break through **the gate** and go out. Their **king** [Bahá'u'lláh] will pass through before them, **the Lord** [the Báb] at their head. Micah 2:12-13 NIV

The breaker [Siyid Kázim] is gone up before them [the new believers]: they [Siyid Kázim's followers] have broken forth [from the confines of their own religion] and passed on to **the gate** [the Báb], and are gone out thereat [toward Bahá'u'lláh]; and their **king** [Bahá'u'lláh] is passed on before them [Bahá'u'lláh was a follower of the Báb], and **Jehovah** [the Báb] at the head of them. Micah 2:13 ARV

I [Jesus] will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. **My father** will love him, and **we** [my Father and I as the Son] will come to him and make our home with him. John 14:18,23 NIV

Come back to me, apostate children, says the Lord, for I am patient with you, and I will take you, one from a city and two from a clan, and bring you to Zion. There will I give you **shepherds** after my own heart, and they shall lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:14-15 NEB

Then **saviors** shall come to Mount Zion [Israel]...And the kingdom shall be the Lord's. Obadiah 1:21 NKJ

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvelous things! Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you; the former rain, and the latter rain [the two Revelations] in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. Joel 2:21-27 NKJ

Unity

When that time comes...I will gather all the nations together... Joel 3:1-2 NEB

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together... Isaiah 11:6 NIV

The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox...They will neither harm nor destroy in all my holy mountain. Isaiah 65:25 NIV

And I...am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory...they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations... Isaiah 66:18-20 NIV
See also Isaiah 10:13-14

...the old order of things has passed away...I am making everything new!
Christ (Rev. 21:4-5 NIV)

Our Father in heaven, thy name be hallowed; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Christ (Matt. 6:9-10 NEB)

Then the Lord...said, 'Here they are, one people with a single language...henceforward nothing they have a mind to do will be beyond their reach.' Genesis 11:6 NEB

God...hath made of one blood all nations of men... Acts 17:24,26

Have we not all one father? Did not one God create us? Why do we violate the covenant of our forefathers by being faithless to one another? Malachi 2:10 NEB

...there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:16 NIV

The nations on every shore will worship him, every one in its own land. Zephaniah 2:11 NIV

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations. Psalms 22:27-28 NKJ

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. Psalms 24:1 NKJ

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. Psalms 86:9 NKJ

I will give them one heart and one way of life... Jeremiah 32:39 NEB

Universal House of Justice

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of ***the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains***, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion [Haifa] shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem ['Akká]. He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and ***let us walk in the light of the Lord.***

Isaiah 2:2-5 NKJ

Behold, **a king** [Bahá'u'lláh] shall reign in righteousness and **his rulers** [the Universal House of Justice] **rule with justice** and **a man** [the Báb] shall be a refuge from the wind...
Isaiah 32:1-2 NEB

I have formed you, and appointed you to be **a light to all peoples, a beacon for the nations...**
Isaiah 42:6 NEB

In that day the mountains will drip new **wine**, and the hills will flow with **milk**; all the ravines of Judah will run with **water**. **A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house...**
Joel 3:18 NIV

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'the time has not yet come for **the Lord's house** to be built.'" Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but have harvested little. You eat, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. God up into the mountains and bring down timber and **build the house**, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. Haggai 1:2-8 NIV

Urgent

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live...Seek the Lord while he may be found...
Isaiah 55:3,6 NIV

Veil

On this mountain the Lord will swallow up that veil that shrouds all the peoples.
Isaiah 25:7 NEB

Watch

I know your deeds; **you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!** Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God...But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**
Revelation 3:1-6 NIV

That is the day when I come like a thief! Happy the man who stays awake...
Revelation 16:15 NEB

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.
Luke 12:37 NIV

Blessed—happy, fortunate and to be envied—are those servants, whom the master finds awake and alert and watching when he comes.
Christ (Luke 12:37 AB)

On that **day** no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them...I tell you, on that **night** two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left [emphasis added]. Luke 17:31, 34 NIV

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap...Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:34-36 NIV

...whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch... Christ (Matthew 24:40-42 NIV)

Who then is the faithful and wise servant [leader], whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household [the church]* to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. Christ (Matthew 24:45-47 NIV)

...Unto them that look for him [Christ] shall he appear the second time... Hebrews 9:28

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house in charge of his servants, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' Mark 13:32-37 NIV

Go to this people and say: You may hear and hear, but you will never understand; you may look and look, but you will never see. For this people's mind has become gross; their ears are dulled, and their eyes are closed. Acts 28:26-27 NEB

Search from [seek ye out ARV] the book of **the Lord** [the Báb] and read...for **My** [the Báb's] **mouth** has commanded it, and **His Spirit** [Bahá'u'lláh] has gathered them [the writings]. Isaiah 34:16 NKJ

Way

Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Romans 3:29 NIV

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. I Corinthians 12:4 NEB

Is not My way equal? Are not your ways unequal? Ezekiel 18:25

This is **the way**, walk ye in it. Isaiah 30:21

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. Christ (John 6:39)

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. ***I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen.*** I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and ***there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*** John 10:14-16

I am ***the way***—and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Christ (John 14:6 NIV)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Christ (Matthew 5:45)

I was sent only to the sheep of Israel. Matthew 15:24

God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. Acts 10:34-35

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 21:6

His way is perfect. Psalms 18:30

The counsel of the Lord stands forever... Psalms 33:11

For the Son of man came to seek and save what was lost. Luke 19:10

Wife of Bahá'u'lláh

"For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. For the Lord has called you like a woman ***forsaken and grieved in spirit,*** like a youthful wife when you were refused," says your God. ***"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you.*** With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer. Isaiah 54:5-8 NKJ

For behold, I create new heaven and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered...And my elect shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the ***descendants of the blessed of the Lord.*** Isaiah 65:17,22-23 NKJ

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. ***You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever.*** Gird your sword upon your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right

hand shall teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples fall under You.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions. All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; at Your right hand stands ***the queen in gold*** from Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; so the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him. And the daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; the rich among the people will seek your favor.

The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; her clothing is woven with gold. She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; the virgins, her companions [the bride's maids] who follow her, shall be brought to You. With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; they shall enter the King's palace.

Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, whom You shall make princes in all the earth. I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

Psalms 45:1-17 NKJ

Wisdom

But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book [the book of faith and affirmation]—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:1-3 NIV

The wise leaders shall shine like the bright vault of heaven, and those who have guided the people in the true path shall be like the stars for ever and ever...keep the words secret and seal the book till the time of the end...only the wise leaders shall understand.

Daniel 12:3,4,10 NEB

Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but ***those who are wise will understand.***

Daniel 12:9-10 NIV

Happy he who has found wisdom, and the man who has acquired understanding...

Proverbs 3:13 NEB

Teach us to order our days rightly, that we may enter the gate of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 NEB

Whoever is wise will observe these things, and understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Psalms 107:43

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and they who live by it grow in understanding. Psalms 111:10 NEB

Where is the wise man?...Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? I Corinthians 1:20

...the wisdom of their wise men shall vanish and the discernment of the discerning shall be lost. Isaiah 29:11-14 NEB

The *fear* of the Lord, that is *wisdom*. Job 28:28

A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine. Ecclesiastes 8:1

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock...But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. Christ (Matthew 7:24,26)

Word of God

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice...I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:4-5,14

The words that I speak to you *I do not speak on My own authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Christ (John 14:10)

Word

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Christ (John 6:63 NIV)

Heaven and earth will pass away; my words will never pass away. Christ (Luke 21:33 NEB) Also Mark 13:31

Work of God

This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent. John 6:29 NKJ

You

When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another...*you* will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. Matthew 10:23 NIV

It was because *your* minds were closed that Moses gave *you* permission to divorce your wives... Matthew 19:8 NEB

Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berakiah, whom **you** murdered between the temple and the altar. I tell you the truth, all this will come upon **this generation**.
Matthew 23:34-36 NIV

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, **even they who pierced Him**.
Revelation 1:7 NKJ

Zion (Symbolic)

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
Hebrews 12:22 NIV

Zion (Israel)

Be glad then, you children of Zion...
Joel 2:23 NKJ

...the Lord has anointed me...to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion...
Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV

...as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children.
Isaiah 66:8 NKJ

The sound of wailing is heard from Zion...
Jeremiah 9:19 NIV

...the Lord will comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.
Zechariah 1:17 NIV

See also Zech. 2:10; Jer. 3:14; 31:6-7; Ps. 69:35; 102:13; Is. 4:4; 33:5-6; 61:1-3; 62:1-4,10-12; Zeph. 3:14-17; Rom. 9:33.

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1. Jesus may have partly fulfilled this prophecy but we can expect its full realization only in our time. Only now, through divine institutions, can lasting peace and justice shine on every race.
 2. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 59.
 3. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 28.
 4. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 159.
 5. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 12.
 6. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 41.
 7. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 12.
 8. *Selections from the Writings of the Báb*, p. 74.