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"The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver from between His feet until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."—Genesis *xliv*:10.

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"As captain of the Host of the Lord am I now come."—(Josh.v: 14.)

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To the Citizens of Detroit and the Public in General:

After what has appeared in the newspapers about Miss Emma Day Moore, we give her own statement, as she has written and given to us, which is as follows:

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:—

Since the report of my leaving the people of Israel and return to them has appeared in the Evening News of Dec. 28, 1894 and Jan. 3, 1895, I, Emma D. Moore, wish to make known the truth about it. My mother and I came to Detroit in August, 1892, firmly believing in the doctrines taught by the Flying Roll, and joined the Israelite colony on Hamlin Ave. Neither of us have ever seen King Michael Israel, but I do firmly believe Him innocent of the crime, for which He was convicted, for all the words and exhortations, which have come from Him, as our Leader, have been directly opposite in teaching; and the whole faith of Israel is *opposed to impurity*. Those who have been guilty of it have been put out from Israel, and Michael is suffering because of their wrong doing.

It is not true that I left the colony because of questionable practices enjoined upon me. I have never seen anything but the strictest purity practiced or taught here. On the 6th of February, 1894, I started out with a sister in the faith to preach the redemption of the body. After we had been out awhile I became unwilling to bear the hardships, and the scoffs and sneers of the world, and wrote home telling how I felt and that I could not stand it any longer. Soon I received a loving answer, saying there was plenty to do at home and to come as soon as I could. I returned to Detroit about the first of June, but was ungrateful for the kindness and love shown me, and unwilling even to teach our daily school. I wanted to shirk my duty,

and began to think I could be happier somewhere else, so I wrote to my sisters in Chicago, and told them I had nothing against the Israelites, and still believed in the life of the body, but had concluded it was not for me, and asked them to help me. One of them came and took me home with her, but I soon began to see what I had done, and to wish myself back again with those who are seeking to serve the God of the living. Israel has the truth, and after having once known it nothing else could satisfy me. I am so thankful that God has permitted me to return, in spite of the attempted intervention of relatives and friends. Unknown to me, my sister employed Mr. V. J. Obenauer, of this City, to visit Michael at Jackson, to show Him that one so wavering as I was an injury to the cause, and to ask Him to write me a letter advising me to wait some *specified* time, until my mind was fully decided, before returning to Israel. Because Michael refused to do this Mr. Obenauer told Him he would do Him (Michael) all the harm he could when he got outside. And since then the prison authorities have forbidden Michael any correspondence with the outside world, or to see any of His people: He a man in whom they themselves say they can find no fault. Where is there any right or justice in this? But He that is higher than the highest regardeth.

EMMA D. MOORE.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9th, 1895.

And now you can see how little truth there is in the newspaper reports, and like all the other charges, this has been laid at Michael's door, although He has never seen either her or her mother: and they have taken this with other false reports as an excuse to stop all correspondence between Him (Michael) and all in the outside world, and also gone further by cutting off all visits from His wife and people. We are sorry for them, knowing that this will all return back upon their own heads, for they had to do this, or how could they be condemned? For with the same measure that they have meted out, God will measure back to them, and we have

faithfully warned them and laid the matter before them, so that they will be without excuse; for God says He will judge the world by *that* man whom He hath ordained; and this man, Michael, is quite willing to bear all these things for a short time, that He may have the wherewith to condemn them all. And although the girls who testified against Him, especially May Webster, the principal witness against Michael, have done all they can to undo what they did, as you will see by May Webster's following statement:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:—

I, May Webster, wish to say that, while I was in the police station after the trial, I wrote a letter to the House of Israel, telling them what I had done, but could not get it mailed until I reached Toronto. Then I wrote to them of what I had done; and again when I reached home I wrote and pleaded with them to forgive and let me come back, which they did; and both Michael and the House of Israel have forgiven me. The letter I wrote was published in the Detroit Times, and when it was shown to Judge Kinne it *staggered him*. I came back Sept. 17, 1892, and I then wanted to proclaim to the world Michael's innocence, but was held back by the House of Israel, they thinking there would be no use, the people were so much against us; until about Apr., '93, they did consent to let me go and see Judge Kinne in Ann Arbor, who tried Michael's case, and *he told me then* he would believe anything I told him of Mr. Springer. Later I went to see the Governor of this State, and about July of '93, I with others stood up and told the public of our usage by the police authorities, and how I had sworn falsely. Still nothing was done for Michael, though we sent our sworn statement to the Pardon Board; and although they know He is innocent, they still refuse to release Him, or do anything. I have seen each one personally and told them; I also saw the Governor and Prosecuting Attorney and the Mayor. Later on I went before the Pardon Board in person, Dec. 16, 1894, and told them of Michael's innocence,

and how I had sworn falsely, through fear of man, and answered their *many questions* of how Israel lived, etc. Previous to this I had stood up in public, at the fountain once, and twice at the monument, and declared to the people of Detroit Michael's innocence and my guilt: that He, Michael, was the Son of Man, cleansed and fitted for God's Spirit to work through to lead Israel, and that He, Michael, would come out of prison to rule and reign (Eccles. iv: 14); so that the citizens of Detroit can have no excuse. I also went to the Prosecuting Attorney in this City, and offered myself up for them to take me and release Michael, telling him that I had perjured myself, and for him to take me and let the innocent go free, but he would not believe me. I told him the day would come when they would say, "Surely this was a Man of God," and I showed him how in the Richardson case I told the truth, when I was free to use my own judgment; but when I was put under fear of man I, through fear of the House of Correction, told falsehoods.

On the 27th of December, 1894, I received the following letter from Mrs. Rosetta Mills:

I received yours of such a date, and in reply I will say I should be glad to let the officials and those interested know how Mr. Robbins robbed the house, then sent me off to Canada, and reported that I had taken the money and skipped; and to this day he has the money. It is a shame to let him rest with the money, — besides \$100 he actually stole from me, and \$50 he borrowed. I have never got one cent of it, nor do I expect to, without it is brought about in some way besides hiring another lawyer. I have paid one lawyer \$15 to look up the case. He merely asked Robbins to settle; of course he refused. They the one I paid \$15 to send Robbins had covered up his tracks so slick, it would cost more than I could afford to pay, to catch him. So what can I do alone? So I will close, hoping some day all things will be righted. Any time there is a chance to bring Robbins to time I will be on hand.

Believe me very respectfully yours,

MRS. MILLS.

Now I desire once more to say to the public, that I have cleared myself, and it is now on the heads of this State if the Son of Man, Michael, is not freed from prison. I have also been down to Prosecuting Attorney Springer and all the officials, and told them who Michael was, and what was coming upon them, for the part they took against Him in His trial and conviction.

MAY WEBSTER.

They still refuse to listen to them, or to release an innocent man, but so it is written and thus it must be, that they may fill up the cup of their iniquity. For God will surely require it of this City and of all those who took any part in it; for a terrible calamity is overhanging this City of Detroit, for what they have done to God's chosen people Israel, and the Son of Man at His second coming. For like Pharaoh their hearts are hard and they refuse to let my son Israel go, even my first-born, but they will shortly be glad to let Him go, for God is about to slay their son even their first-born, and to requite them all the evil they have done to His Son and to His people Israel. And He says, "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" and the Son of Man has come, and they have done unto Him whatsoever they listed. And as in the days of Noah so now is the coming of the Son of Man,

for they are eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, and know not; neither are they aware of the terrible troubles which are at their doors, when the blood will shortly flow even to the horses' bridles, for He has given the warning: Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm, and he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of mine eye; and no weapon formed against thee, Israel, shall prosper, and that He will bless all those that bless them, Israel — and curse all those that curse them, for terrible indeed is the day of the Lord, which is now fast approaching. And it shall come upon them as a thief in the night, for when they shall say, peace and safety, then behold sudden destruction! For if they will not have life, they shall have death; if they will not have Michael, they shall have Satan; if they will not have good, they shall have evil; if they will not have light, they shall have darkness, even darkness that can be felt.

Now the officials in Jackson Prison were asked if they had anything against Michael, that they did this. They said they had nothing against Him; and as in the days of old, they had to acknowledge, I find no fault in this man, but said it was making trouble outside because our correspondence was on our faith and on church matters. And they think that by doing this they will stop the work, they not knowing that they doing this for evil, God will turn it into good; for it is written in the Flying Roll, "The woman shall finish the work, for as in the beginning woman brought sin and death into the world, so now in the end she must take it away; for by the woman I commenced my work, and by the woman all must be finished." And why has God chosen the weaker vessel, the woman, to finish His work? We answer, to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; for God hath chosen the weak things of this world, and base things, and things despised, that no flesh should glory in His presence. No wonder Satan, through man, tried to get the Woman, for did they not say, through the newspapers, if they could get her in court they would have her where they wanted her, and would then have her examined by two doctors, to say she was insane, and so imprison her in an insane asylum? As Satan (or our enemies) has caused the imprisonment of Michael, (they thinking if they put the Man and Woman away they would stop the work, and overthrow the House of Israel; and when God foiled them in their works, the excuse was, it was no use to try to get her for she would be hid away.) God has now done what He promised the woman in the beginning: to put enmity between the serpent and the woman; and this enmity is getting stronger, and she has cast the milstone on his head to break his skull, and he will cry out, like Abimelech, for his young men to draw his sword and slay him. (Judges ix: 53 to the end.)

BEHOLD! the woman stands in arms,
O'er which the serpent can't prevail;
Her candle sheds such beautiful charms,
As chase the mists of death and hell.

Satan may like Abim'leel cry,
To man to thrust him through;
For fear the sad report should fly,
'Twas woman Satan slew.

But as by her he dug the pit,
By her he must fall in;
And find no bottom for his feet
In that unfathom'd den.

Then will his craft and cunning too,
And cowardice appear,
By which he'th strove to reign on earth,
And keep his empire here.

Then sing, O man, behold the morn,
He who in treach'ry dealt,
His treach'ry back on him will turn,
By him its weight be felt.

And now as concerning those who have gone out or been put out from us. Mr. Law Land, Joseph Daly, William Brown, and others came here on Monday evening last (7th of Jan'y 1895), saying they had a letter for the heads of the House of Israel, from the heads of their church in New York — if the heads of this church would read it. Brother Daniel Avey said to them, he would see that it got to the heads, and that they would read it, for they were all free here; we bound nobody, they could either come or go. Mr. Land then said, "That woman in there told me with her own mouth —." And here we stop, his words being altogether too filthy to put into print; and he laid it to Michael and the Woman. Brother Avey answered, "Yes, you have made Michael as black as you can with words, and He has been published far and near, all over the world, and now the time is come for you to be published and take the blame of some of it." Now these very things that were laid on Michael and the Woman are what John Smith and his wife, Nellie Smith, and Miss Anderson practiced in the House of Israel; and forcing his wife against her will to do so (while Michael was away in England), as is well known by those who lived in the house with them, this being also told by his wife herself, and others in the house. And inside of a month after Michael was convicted, John Smith declared himself a messenger of the Lord, in place of Michael, and got many to believe in him and to follow him. He left the House of Israel and his wife, she not believing in him, and he with his followers took up their abode at the Johnson house, 35 Hamlin Ave., there being about twenty of them, adults and children. He, John Smith, with three others made four out of the seven trustees of the House of Israel, and these four (Smith being their leader), Johnson, Smith, Philip Williams and Charles Bickle, thought they could control the whole House of Israel, because they had got the majority, saying that they were the church. And they wanted us to pay their bills, and asked the treasurer to give up his office and all money to him (John Smith), and summoned him and other members by letter, to appear at their business meetings, to answer why they refused to submit. They also tried to claim our houses, saying they belonged to them, and tried to annoy us in various ways; and they actually did away with property belonging to, and in the name of, Michael K. Mills, and tried to get the contract. And when refused they tried, through the man they signed it over to, to replevy it, causing us much trouble and annoyance. One of the brothers was actually fined, because he refused to give up papers he held in trust, and had to have bonds for \$50 for his appearance at trial, which was then taken to a higher court. These are only some of the things they did, in trying to gain the ruling power to rule the House of Israel. We know

it was reported (and we actually got it from one who said she got it from one of their number) that the practices of the John Smith followers were devilish in the extreme, — even as bad or worse than in a house of ill fame, and it got so bad they could not stand it themselves and had to separate, and are now scattered to the four winds. John Smith finally ended up by running away with Mr. Johnson's daughter, and married her, she being three months younger than Bernice Bickle (his wife and daughter being at the same time here with us). And they, John Smith and his wife, are now living in Cleveland, in one room; cooking, working, eating, and he doing his work (painting) all in one room, and she has a young baby; and we are told, her mother, on visiting them, cried nearly the whole of the first night she was with them. Since his (John Smith's) marriage with this girl Mrs. Nellie Smith, the wife of John Smith, left us in October, 1893, and Daniel W. Taylor also left us about two weeks afterward; each one of them declaring they had not a thing against any one here, and said they believed in the work and in the messengers, believing they were chosen of God, but that Israel would have to be scattered and then all gathered again, and we hold a letter to this effect in Mrs. Smith's own handwriting. In week or two after their leaving Israel he, Daniel Taylor, and Mrs. Nellie Smith were married, and these have gone and joined with the others (who had to leave Israel), in their denunciations against us. Although he, John Smith, left his wife and married a young girl, and he, Daniel Taylor, married another man's wife, and all the terrible doings, already related to you, in the Johnson house, still nothing has been said or done against it, but it has been all covered and hushed up, because the world loves its own. For, as Jesus said, "Marvel not if the world hate you, for ye know it hated me before it hated you, for if ye were of the world the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." And they have hated us without a cause, both us and our King, and we have had to suffer, while the guilty have gone free; but the Highest is regarding these things, and vengeance belongs to Him, and He will mete it out on the heads of all the guilty ones, He being a righteous Judge, and shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

And now we say unto you the Son of Man is come and ye know Him not, and have persecuted and hated Him without a cause, and no mercy has been shown to Him nor His people Israel; but on the contrary He has been condemned by false witnesses. And after knowing *all* this you still refuse to release Him, no charity in any sense of the word being used toward Him or us, and ye have condemned and killed the just One, by taking His life from the earth, and shutting Him up in prison, numbering Him with the transgressors (5323), "And He was taken from prison and from judgment," (Isa. 53rd chapter.) Now it is written, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heaven." (Matt. x: 32, 33) And every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. God dwelleth in him. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:

and this is that spirit of anti-Christ whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even then at that early time was already in the world. We are of God, he that knoweth God heareth us, he that is not of God heareth not us; and this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also. Now these who went out from us went out because they were not of us, if they had been of us they would have continued with us; they are of the world, therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness; for the world, newspaper reporters, police and others, all join with those who go out from us. And does not this indeed show that the world does love its own? For as soon as the reporters hear of any leaving us they are at once interviewed, and their story published, themselves aiding in making it appear as bad as they can against us. They have published all the most wicked, infamous and cruel lies about us, and it is very seldom that they will publish any thing that we ask them, and if they do they generally turn it against us to our hurt. But what can we expect while they prefer Satan, the prince and ruler of this old world, before the Prince of Peace? But he (Satan) is the profane wicked prince of Israel, but his day is come when iniquity shall have an end. Thus saith the Lord God, remove the diadem and take off the crown, and it shall be given to Him whose right it is to reign, — even to the Son of God. And this is the fight in the earth between Michael and the dragon: and although he, the dragon, has prevailed to bruise His (Michael's) heel, by putting Him in prison, He (Michael) will now prevail over him (Satan) and bruise his head, because He (Michael) has the Woman to stand with Him against Satan and all evil; the helpmate that God promised he would make for man — the man is not without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. Jesus at His first coming said, "Woman what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come." But His second coming is for His Bride, and all men or devils can do can not prevent it, for those whom God joins together no man can or may put asunder. And this is the cause of the whole of the trouble: Satan is determined if possible to rob man of his helpmate, as he did in the beginning, in the garden of Eden; he envied man his happiness and worked through the poor woman to rob man of this happiness; but He, God, will now in the end use the woman to trap and catch and overthrow him (Satan).

And now we say unto you we will plead no more with man, nor fight any more with the law; for there is no justice nor truth in law, nor love nor mercy shown, but a determination to convict, whether innocent or guilty, and a deaf ear has been turned to all our pleadings. But we will commit our cause into the hands of a just God, who will judge righteous judgment, a God of truth and love, and mercy is His darling attribute, and He will render unto every man according as his work shall be. The sword we will fight with is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and it is two-edged and quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. Yes, and it will soon divide the soul from the spirit; for Satan and his angels will now be dissolved like snow in the fire, in the grave; for he must go or give way to the Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men! for as it is written,

A king shall rule and reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth, and in His days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness; and as God promised to David, that He would raise up a righteous Branch and of His kingdom there should be no end.

Now we have faithfully laid these things before you, the public, and warned you that ye may be without excuse before the judgment seat of Christ, when all will have to be judged according to their deeds done now in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil, so that ye can not say that ye did not know these things, and what excuse will ye have to offer for what ye have done? Will ye not be speechless? For the very book that ye profess to follow condemns you and your actions, in every sense of the word, but all we can say is, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

And now here follows a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Whitney, *part of which* was published in the papers, but on reading it you will see they only publish their own side, and leave out anything that would go to favorably prove our case.

Dec. 28th, 1894.

To MR. G. L. WHITNEY: —

We, the House of Israel, wish to inform you that, from the testimony of your own mouth, you put Michael K. Mills (or better known as Prince Michael) in prison; and in April 1894, you, with Mr. Robbins, one of your accomplices, were given an opportunity to undo all that you had done, and you were promised payment for your services as soon as we had the means, and we offered you one of our houses, No. 37 Hamlin Ave., if you would get Michael out of prison. You both promised you would work to get Him out, but on considering, you refused to take the house and wanted cash, saying it would not cost much more than a hundred dollars, and wanted thirty dollars to start with, and the remainder as you required it for your expenses; and at that time we did not have this cash to spare. We told you and Mr. Robbins that we knew all about the whole affair, for Mrs. Rosetta Mills had been here and told us all about it: How you both, with Mr. Dudley, Officer Shoemaker and Lombard, trapped her at Mrs. Cornwall's house, as she was on her way to the station to visit her friends in Canada; and by threats and means which you know of, and saying that you would certainly take Michael's life, if she did not make a complaint against Him, thus succeeded in getting her to make a complaint against her will, even after she had been down to the court before the Judge and refused to do so. And after Michael's and His household's arrest, Mr. Robbins took possession of the house with Mrs. Mills, robbed and took all of Michael's and many of the House of Israel's valuable papers; he also took the cash box out of the drawer and cut it open, and Mrs. Mills gave him the money out of it, to put it in the bank for safety until the troubles were over, telling him she knew it belonged to some of the members, who would likely want it, most of it being in English gold; there being altogether over seven hundred dollars taken out of the house at that time. And Mrs. Mills declares, and is ready to testify at any time, that Mr. Robbins took this money, all but about eighty dollars which she had in her trunk. And at this time, when Michael was out a few days on bail she, Mrs. Mills, says he, Mr. Robbins, spirited or sent her away to

Canada and reported that she had taken the money and skipped; besides a hundred, which she says he actually stole from her, and fifty he borrowed. And she has never yet got one cent of it, and is helpless, not having the money to go to law with him. Now it is written, "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed and hid that shall not be made known." And later Mr. Robbins also tried to take possession of one of our houses, which belonged to the owner since 1885, causing us a great deal of trouble, annoyance and expense; but with what measure ye have meted out to others it shall be meted back to you again.

And now, Mr. Whitney, inasmuch as you and your accomplices have done this thing of putting Michael in prison (because from your own mouth in Jackson Prison you said you put Him there), and have made no effort to get Him out, after promising to do so; and have taken the life of the just One, who kept all the laws of both God and man, and like Judas you did this for the love of money: now thy life shall go for His life, life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; thou shalt now be bound for one thousand years, for thou art the man of sin. It was thy mission, as a sheriff of the law, to take offenders and law breakers, but as thou hast taken Him, in whom was no guile, who has broken neither the laws of God nor the laws of the land, now the Lord God of Israel shall hold thee guilty, and says He will never forgive thee, not even at the final resurrection. Thou wilt be a soulless spirit; thou hast forgotten Jesus' words to fear Him, who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell, and thou shalt lose both soul and body; it had been better for thee if thou hadst never been born, but it must needs be that offences come but woe unto him by whom they come, the man of sin. And as the devil entered into Judas so he entered into thee, and thou didst become a willing tool in his hands, but he (Satan) shall now be bound for one thousand years and have no more power till the thousand years be ended. No use for him to say now, "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time," for Satan knows full well his time is now come, that his life must go for the life of Him he slew on the cross of Calvary. And at the second coming of the Son of Man he took Him again, and condemned Him to a prison cell by false witnesses, so now God requires Satan's life for the life of His Son, life for life. Do not think that we will harm you. No, we have committed our cause into the hands of the God of the living, and He says, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord; but He will hold us responsible if we keep these things secret and do not bring the truth to light, to free the innocent from blame, and put the blame where it belongs. And this is our petition and our prayer that God would free the innocent and put the blame on the heads of the guilty ones.

Lo! Michael and his angels fight,
Also the pow'rs of hellish night;
But Satan from the heav'ns is cast,
And doth in earth his portion taste.

Lo! Michael doth for Isr'el stand,
Upholds them by his pow'rful hand;
Delivers all from Satan's yoke,
Whose names are wrote within the book.

Casts Satan in the deep abyss,
From whence he hath no pow'r to rise;

Gives to the warring nations peace
And everlasting righteousness.

Israel judges themselves now while alive in the body, so their sins can not come against them at that day, for those who judge not themselves God will surely judge; and the world does not see that judgment has now begun in the House of God, or House of Israel (for Israel means God), and if it first begin at us what shall the end be of those who obey not the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but have trampled the word of God under their feet and done despite unto the Spirit of God?

It is written, Dan. x: 21 and xii: 1, Rev. xii: 7, 8 and II Esdras 15th and 16th chapters, But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and "there is" none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your Prince. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, "even" to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven. Praise God, Praise God, Praise God.

Behold, speak thou in the ears of my poeple the words of prophecy, which I will put in thy mouth, saith the Lord; and cause them to be written in paper: for they are faithful and true. Behold, saith the Lord, I will bring plagues upon the world; the sword, famine, death and destruction. For wickedness hath exceedingly polluted the whole earth, and their hurtful works are fulfilled. Therefore, saith the Lord, I will hold my tongue no more as touching their wickedness, which they profanely commit, neither will I suffer them in those things, in which they wickedly exercise themselves: behold, the innocent and righteous blood crieth unto me, and the souls of the just complain continually. I will surely avenge them, and receive unto me all the innocent blood from among them. Behold, my people is led as a flock to the slaughter: I will not suffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt (spiritual darkness). But I will bring them with a mighty hand and a stretched out arm, and smite Egypt with plagues, as before, and will destroy all the land thereof. Egypt shall mourn, and the foundation of it shall be smitten with the plague and punishment that God shall bring upon it. Woe to the world and them that dwell therein! For the sword and their destruction draweth nigh, and one people shall stand up to fight against another, and swords in their hands. Because of their pride the cities shall be troubled, the houses shall be destroyed, and men shall be afraid. A man shall have no pity upon his neighbor, but shall destroy their houses with the sword, and spoil their goods, because of the lack of bread, and for great tribulation. Thus saith the Lord God: My right hand shall not spare the sinners, and my sword shall not cease over them that shed innocent blood upon the earth. Woe to them that sin, and keep not my commandments! I will not spare them; for the Lord knoweth all them that sin against Him, and therefore delivereth He them unto death and destruction. For now are the plagues come upon the whole earth, and ye shall

remain in them: for God shall not deliver you, because ye have sinned against Him. And there shall be great fearfulness and trembling upon earth: and they that see the wrath shall be afraid, and trembling shall come upon them.

A sword is sent upon you, and who may turn it back? A fire is sent among you, and who may quench it? Plagues are sent unto you, and what is he that may drive them away? May any man drive away an hungry lion in the wood? or may any one quench the fire in stubble, when it hath begun to burn? May one turn again the arrow that is shot of a strong archer? The mighty Lord sendeth the plagues, and who is he that can drive them away? For strong is His right hand that bendeth the bow, his arrows that He shooteth are sharp, and shall not miss, when they begin to be shot into the ends of the world. Behold, the plagues are sent, and shall not return again, until they come upon the earth. The fire is kindled, and shall not be put out, till it consume the foundation of the earth. Like as an arrow which is shot of a mighty archer returneth not backward: even so the plagues that shall be sent upon earth shall not return again. Woe is me! woe is me! who shall deliver me in those days? The beginning of sorrows and great mournings; the beginning of famine and great death; the beginning of wars, and the powers shall stand in fear; the beginning of evils! what shall I do when these evils shall come? What will ye do? or how will ye hide your sins before God and His angels? Behold, God Himself is the Judge, fear Him: leave off from your sins, and forget your iniquities, to meddle no more with them forever: so shall God lead you forth, and deliver you from all trouble. Hear, O ye my beloved, saith the Lord: behold the days of trouble are at hand, but I will deliver you from the same. Be ye not afraid, neither doubt; for God is your guide.

Hear now these things, and understand them, ye servants of the Lord. Behold the word of the Lord, receive it: For yet a little while, and iniquity shall be taken away out of the earth and righteousness shall reign among you.

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