

& thus we can behold how fals & also the unsteadiness of the hearts of the children of men yea we can see that the Lord in his great infinite goodness doth bless & prosper those who put their trust in him

yea & we may see at the verry time when he doth prosper his people yea in the increase of their fields their flocks & their herds & in gold & in silver & in all manner of precious things of every kind & art spareing their lives & delivering them out of the hands of their enemies softening the hearts of their enemies that they should not declare wars against them yea & in fine doing all things for the wellfare & happiness of his people yea then is the time that they do harden their hearts & do forget the Lord their God & do trample under their feet the Holy One yea & this because^{of} their ease & their exceding great prosperity

& thus we see that except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions yea except he doth visit them with death & with terror & with famine & with all manner of pestilences they will not remember him

O—how foolish & how vain & how evil & devilish & how quick to do iniquity & how slow to do good are the children of men yea how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one & to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world

yea how quick to be lifted up in pride yea how quick to boast & do all manner of that which is iniquity & how slow are they to remember the Lord their God & to give ear unto his Councils yea how slow to walk in wisdoms paths

behold they do not desire that the Lord their God who hath created them should rule & reign over them notwithstanding his great goodness & his mercy towards them they do set at nought his counsels & they will not that he should be their guide

CHAPTER 12

Men are unstable and foolish and quick to do evil—The Lord chastens His people—The nothingness of men is compared with the power of God—In the day of judgment, men will gain everlasting life or everlasting damnation. About 6 B.C.

¹**And** thus we can behold how false, **and** also the unsteadiness of the hearts of the children of men; yea, we can see that the Lord in his great infinite goodness doth bless **and** prosper those who put their trust in him.

²**Yea, and** we may see at the ver[]y time when he doth prosper his people, yea, in the increase of their fields, their flocks **and** their herds, **and** in gold, **and** in silver, **and** in all manner of precious things of every kind **and** art; spar[]ing their lives, **and** delivering them out of the hands of their enemies; softening the hearts of their enemies that they should not declare wars against them; yea, **and** in fine, doing all things for the wel[]fare **and** happiness of his people; yea, then is the time that they do harden their hearts, **and** do forget the Lord their God, **and** do trample under their feet the Holy One—yea, **and** this because **of** their ease, **and** their excedingly great prosperity.

³**And** thus we see that except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions, yea, except he doth visit them with death **and** with terror, **and** with famine **and** with all manner of pestilence[], they will not remember him.

⁴O[] how foolish, **and** how vain, **and** how evil, **and** devilish, **and** how quick to do iniquity, **and** how slow to do good, are the children of men; yea, how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one, **and** to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world!

⁵**Yea,** how quick to be lifted up in pride; yea, how quick to boast, **and** do all manner of that which is iniquity; **and** how slow are they to remember the Lord their God, **and** to give ear unto his **counsels,** yea, how slow to walk in wisdom's paths!

⁶**Behold,** they do not desire that the Lord their God, who hath created them, should rule **and** reign over them; notwithstanding his great goodness **and** his mercy towards them, they do set at nought his **counsels, and** they will not that he should be their guide.

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O how great is the nothingness of the children of men yea even they are less than the dust of the earth

for beh **355** old the dust of the earth moveth hither & thither to the dividing asunder at the command of our great & everlasting God

yea behold at his voice doth the hills & the mountains tremble & quake

& by the power of his voice they are broken up & become smoth yea even like unto a vally

yea by the power of his voice doth the whole earth shake

yea by the power of his voice do the foundations rock even to the verry sentre

yea & if he sayeth unto the earth move & it is moved

yea if he say unto the earth thou shalt go back that it lengthen out the day for many hours & it is done

& thus according to his word the earth goeth back & it appeareth unto man that the Sun standeth still yea & behold this is so for sure it is the earth that moveth & not the Sun

& behold also if he saieth unto the waters of the great deep be thou dried up & it is done

behold if he saieth unto this Mountain be thou raised up & come over & fall upon that City that it be buried up & behold it is done

& behold if a man hideth up a treasure in the earth & the Lord shall say let it be acursed because of the iniquity of him that hath had it up behold it shall be acursed

& if the Lord shall say be thou acursed that no man shall find thee from this time henceforth & forever & behold no man geteth it henceforth & forever

& behold if the Lord shall say unto aman because of thine iniquities thou shalt be a cursed forever & it shall be done

⁷O how great is the nothingness of the children of men; yea, even they are less than the dust of the earth.

⁸For behold, the dust of the earth moveth hither **and** thither, to the dividing asunder, at the command of our great **and** everlasting God.

⁹Yea, behold at his voice do[_ _] the hills **and** the mountains tremble **and** quake.

¹⁰**And** by the power of his voice they are broken up, **and** become smooth, yea, even like unto a valley.

¹¹Yea, by the power of his voice doth the whole earth shake;

¹²Yea, by the power of his voice, do the foundations rock, even to the ver[_]y center.

¹³Yea, **and** if he say[_ _] unto the earth—**Move—[X]** it is moved.

¹⁴Yea, if he say unto the earth—**Thou shalt go back,** that it lengthen out the day for many hours—**[X]** it is done;

¹⁵**And** thus, according to his word the earth goeth back, **and** it appeareth unto man that the sun standeth still; yea, **and** behold, this is so; for surely it is the earth that moveth **and** not the sun.

¹⁶**And** behold, also, if he say[_ _] unto the waters of the great deep—**Be** thou dried up—**[X]** it is done.

¹⁷Behold, if he say[_ _] unto this mountain—**Be** thou raised up, **and** come over **and** fall upon that city, that it be buried up—**[X]** behold it is done.

¹⁸**And** behold, if a man hide[_ _] up a treasure in the earth, **and** the Lord shall say—**Let** it be acursed, because of the iniquity of him **who** hath **hid** it up—behold, it shall be acursed.

¹⁹**And** if the Lord shall say—**Be** thou acursed, that no man shall find thee from this time henceforth **and** forever **[X]**—behold, no man getteth it henceforth **and** forever.

²⁰**And** behold, if the Lord shall say unto a[_]man—**Because** of thine iniquities, thou shalt be a[_]cursed forever—**[X]** it shall be done.

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& if the Lord shall say because of thine iniquities thou shalt be cut off from my presance & he will cause that it shall be so

& wo unto whom he shall say this for it shall be unto him that will do iniquity & he cannot be saved therefore for this cause that men might be saved hath repentance been declared

therefore blessed are they who will repent & hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God for these are they that shall be saved

& may God grant in his great fulness that men might be brought unto repentance & good works that they might be restored unto grace for grace according to their works

& I would that all men might be saved ~~for~~^{but} we read that in that great & last day there are some which shall be cast out yea which shall be cast off from the presance of the Lord

yea which shall be consigned to a state of endless misery fulfilling the words which ~~s~~^{saieth} they that have done good shall have everlasting life & they that have done evil shall have everlasting damnation & thus it is
Amen——

²¹**And** if the Lord shall say—**B**ecause of thine iniquities thou shalt be cut off from my **presence**—**[X]** he will cause that it shall be so.

²²**And** wo unto **him to** whom he shall say this, for it shall be unto him that will do iniquity, **and** he cannot be saved; therefore, for this cause, that men might be saved, hath repentance been declared.

²³**Therefore**, blessed are they who will repent **and** hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; for these are they that shall be saved.

²⁴**And** may God grant, in his great fulness, that men might be brought unto repentance **and** good works, that they might be restored unto grace for grace, according to their works.

²⁵**And** I would that all men might be saved. **[]But[]** we read that in the great **and** last day there are some **who** shall be cast out, yea, **who** shall be cast off from the **presence** of the Lord;

²⁶**Yea**, **who** shall be consigned to a state of endless **misery**, fulfilling the words which **[]say[]**: **T**hey that have done good shall have everlasting life; **and** they that have done evil shall have everlasting damnation. **And** thus it is.
Amen.**[]**