

# Of Prophecy and Praise

Advent Hope

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## John 12

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

<sup>2</sup>There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

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<sup>3</sup>Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

<sup>4</sup>Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

<sup>5</sup>Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

# Ezekiel 16

<sup>48</sup>As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

<sup>49</sup>Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

<sup>50</sup>And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

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<sup>6</sup>This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

<sup>7</sup>Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

<sup>8</sup>For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

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<sup>9</sup>Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

<sup>10</sup>But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

<sup>11</sup>Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

# Going Deeper in Truth

- The changing political tide in America
- The rejection of Romney and the acceptance of Santorum in contrast to JFK.
- Shift in the legislative branch



# Revelation 16

**13** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**14** For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, who go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**15** Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.



# Deeper Prophecy

"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of **this threefold union**, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." --5T 451 (1885)

# Deeper Prophecy

- <sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
- <sup>13</sup>But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.



# Deeper Prophecy



Arab Spring 2011



Libyan Civil War

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<sup>37</sup>But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

<sup>38</sup>That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

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<sup>40</sup>He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

<sup>41</sup>These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

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<sup>43</sup>For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

# Self Focused

Many are spiritually weak because they look at themselves instead of at Christ. . . . Christ is the great storehouse from which on every occasion we may draw strength and happiness. Why, then, do we withdraw our eyes from His sufficiency to look on and bemoan our weakness? Why do we forget that He is ready to help us in every time of need?

# Self Focused

We dishonor Him by talking of our inefficiency. Instead of looking at ourselves, let us constantly behold Jesus, daily becoming more and more like Him, more and more able to talk of Him, better prepared to avail ourselves of His kindness and helpfulness, and to receive the blessings offered us. As we thus live in communion with Him, we grow strong in His strength, a help and a blessing to those around us. MYP 107



# Luke 12

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

<sup>38</sup>And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

<sup>39</sup>And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

<sup>40</sup>Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.