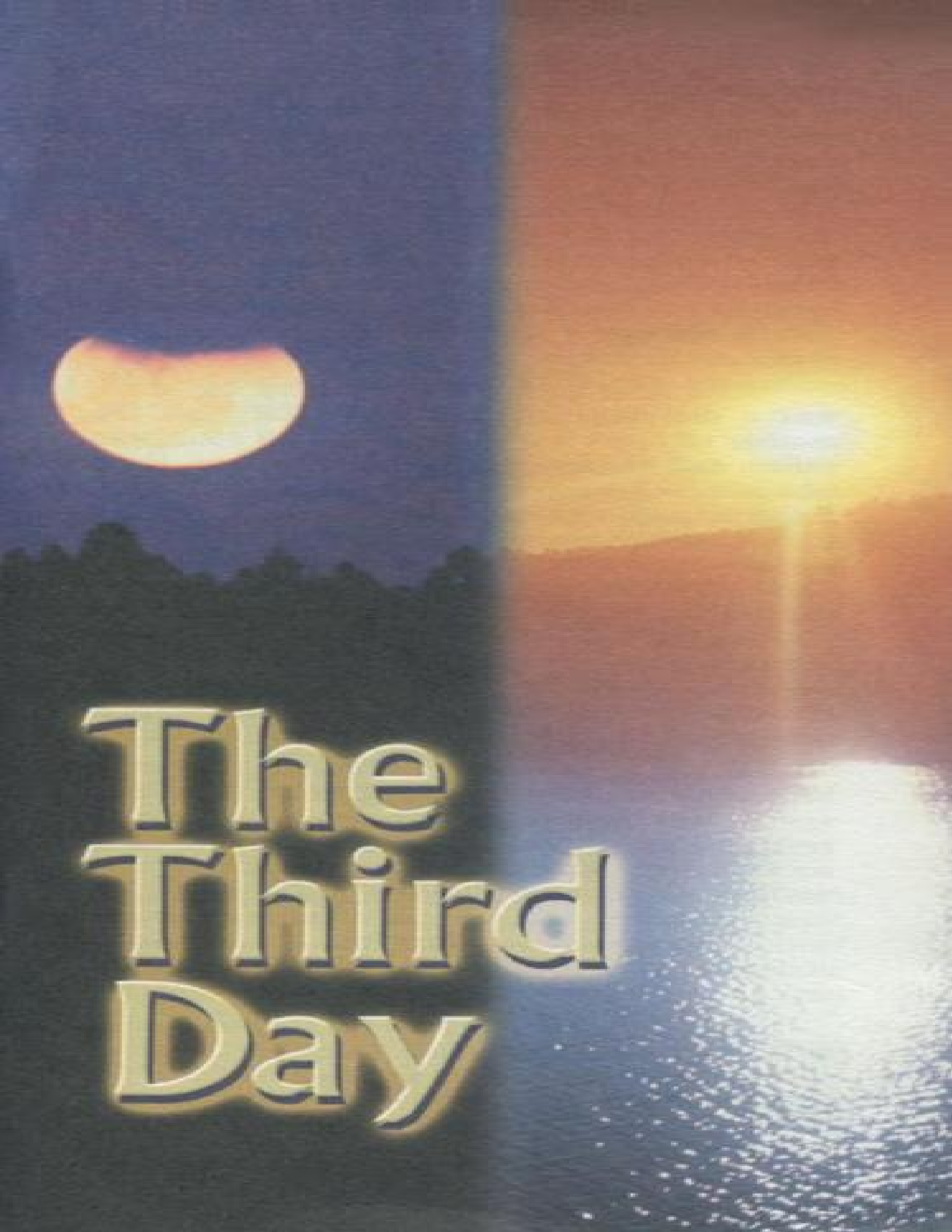
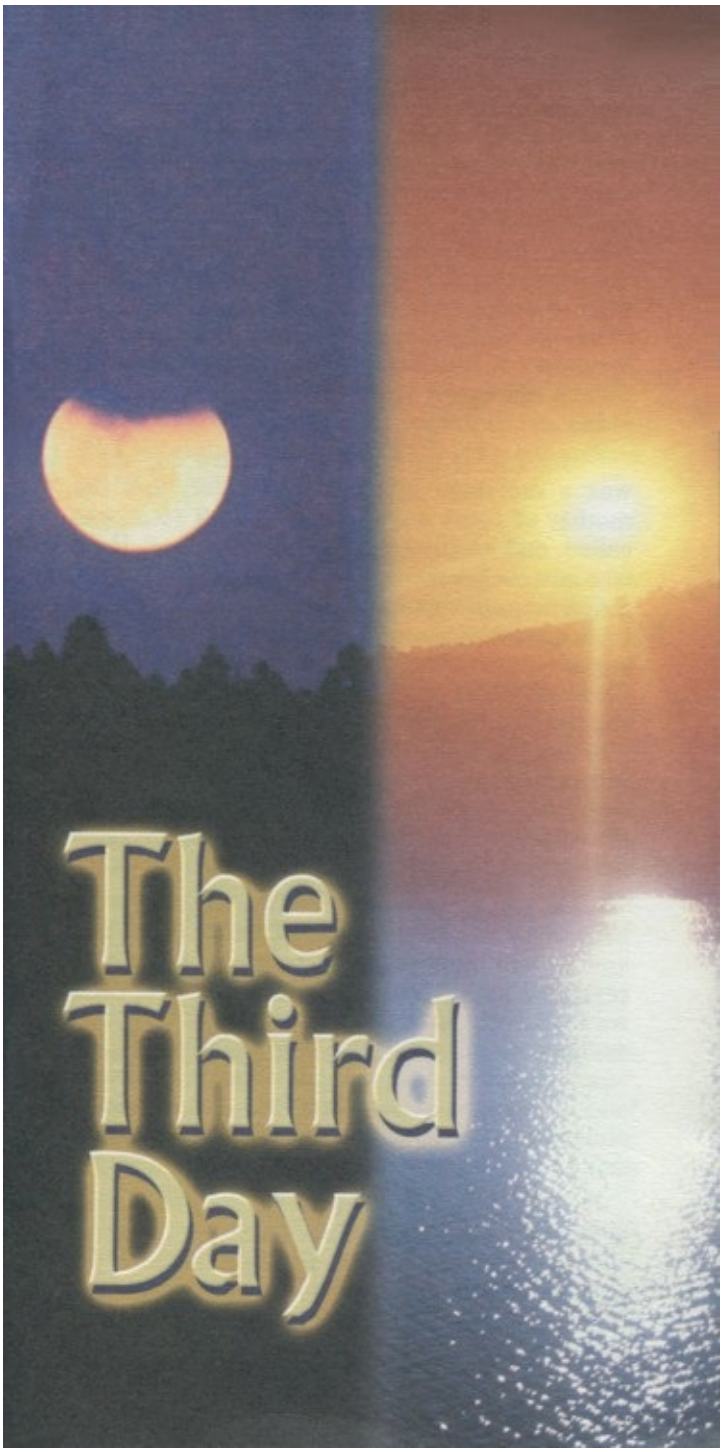

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A careful study of the Word of God

reveals that the phrase “third day” has prophetic significance. One reason for this is found in II Peter 3:8, when Peter says, **“... be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”** This is one of the keys to understanding the timing of endtime events. There are numerous Scriptures in the Bible which indicate that the Church Age is two (1,000 year) days long or 2,000 years.

John 2:1-2 says: **“And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.”** If we take into consideration what the apostle Paul taught concerning the rapture of the Church, and John’s reference to the

marriage supper of the Lamb, these verses seem to have serious prophetic implications. This indicates a marriage

where Jesus, His mother, and His disciples would be on the third day. It looks very suspicious that this is a profile of the marriage supper of the Lamb after the rapture on the third day, which would be after the 2,000 years of the Church Age.

The prophet Hosea spoke to Israel saying: **“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”** (Hosea 6:1-2) This is no doubt prophetic of a time after the Church

Age, when God will pour out His spirit upon Israel, raising them up and restoring them. A careful study of the context of the phrase “the third day” indicates that it is more than a thousand year day.

The third day seems to be an all-inclusive term, which begins at the end of the two days of the Church Age and would possibly include the end-time harvest, the rapture of the Church, seven years of Tribulation, and the millennial reign of Christ.

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John, Chapter 2 reveals that on the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and they had run out of wine. Jesus instructed them to fill the six water pots of stone with water, which was used for the purifying of the Jews. I

believe this reveals that 6,000 years of human history must be fulfilled before Jesus pours out His spirit on Israel. Notice that He turned the water (which in Scripture represents the Word and the Holy Spirit) into wine. This seems to profile the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures reveal that God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and that was not totally fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, but will be fulfilled during the “third day.” He has indeed saved the best for last.

FORMER & LATTER RAIN

The event of Acts 2:1-4 describes the former rain, but Joel indicates that the total fulfillment will be after that event.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you

the former rain moderately, and

he will cause to come down for

you the rain, the former rain, and

the latter rain in the first month.

(Joel 2:23)

And it shall come to pass

afterward, *that* I will pour out my

spirit upon all flesh; and your

sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, your old men shall

dream dreams, your young men

shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)

TEMPLE RAISED THIRD DAY

In John 2:19, Jesus said, **"...**

Destroy this temple, and in three days

I will raise it up." Verse 21 states:

"But He spake of the temple of His

body." This statement takes on

prophetic implications when you take

into consideration what Paul said to the Church in I Corinthians 12:27, **“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”** Not only was Jesus’ physical body raised on the third day, but He was revealing the fact that the Body of Christ, known as the true church, will also be raised from earth to heaven on the third day.

TODAY & TOMORROW

In Luke, Chapter 13, there were certain Pharisees that came to Jesus and said, **“... Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.”** (Luke 13:31) And Jesus said unto them, **“... Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.”** (Luke 13:32)

This Scripture is most often considered to be a reference to Jesus being raised from the dead on the third day. But that's not all this Scripture reveals. Notice that He said, **"I do cures to-day and to-morrow."** That's two days, isn't it? Then this couldn't possibly be in reference to the three days that He would be in the grave, for we know He did no cures the first two days that He was dead and in the grave. Therefore, we must conclude that this is not referring to what He was going to do in two natural days. But rather, He was referring to what the Church, the Body of Christ, would do during the two days, (2,000 years) of Church Age, being perfected the third day—must be in

reference to the rapture at which time

the Body will be perfected.

When the Body of Christ is brought together with Jesus, the Head of the Church, this constitutes the fullness of Christ, H

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we (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Now with this information in mind, consider what Jesus said to Paul on the road to Damascus when he was struck down by a blinding light. Jesus said: **“why persecutest thou me?”** Paul thought he was only persecuting the Church, but Jesus said the Church is me.

When you bring all this information together, we can see clearly what Jesus was revealing in Luke 13:32. He would do cures during the two days (2,000 years) of the Church Age and then on the third day the Body of Christ would,

“be perfected.” He was no doubt referring to the transformation, which will occur at the rapture of the Church on the third day. In other words, the Body of Christ will experience the redemption of our bodies as we come together with the Head of the Church. He will then teach us how to rule and reign with Him (Rev 19:11-14, 20:6).

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RAPTURE—THIRD DAY IN THE MORNING

In Exodus 19:10-11, we have another profile of the rapture, **“And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of**

all the people upon mount Sinai."

Today and tomorrow would be two days. In these verses, we have a perfect profile of the 2,000 years of the Church Age during which time people can be sanctified, born again, cleaned up, and ready for the rapture on the third day. You will notice in verse eleven that the people who saw the Lord come down on the mountain were God's people. This reveals exactly what will happen at the rapture of the Church. The people who will see Jesus when He appears mountain top high to catch away the Church will be God's people who are ready to meet Him. Jesus will not come physically to the earth at the time of the rapture, but rather appear

about mountain-top high, and we will be

caught up to meet Him in the air.

The apostle Paul states in I Thessalonians 4:16-17:

... the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: *and* the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The Greek word translated “air” in this verse means “from the ground level to the top of a mountain.” This was foreshadowed in Exodus 19:11 and is confirmation that the Lord will come down mountain-top high on the third day.

The prophetic implications grow stronger when you get to verse 16:

“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that

all the people that *was* in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God...” (Exodus 19:16-17)

MOSES REPRESENTS THE DEAD IN CHRIST

Now remember that Moses lived exactly 120 years. He represents all of the righteous who will live on planet earth in 120 Jubilees (6,000 years) and die before they enter into the Promised Land. In other words, Moses represents

the dead in Christ. That's the reason Moses showed up on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Elijah in Matthew 17, it reveals that the rapture of the Church will occur after six days. We count 4 days to the birth of Jesus, and then the 2 days of Church Age, the next day would be considered the third day from the birth of Jesus.

Notice it was Moses (who represents the dead in Christ) that led the people up to meet God. You can't get a profile any more accurate than that —for it reveals exactly what the apostle Paul said would happen, **"... the dead in**



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Notice that verse 16 of Exodus reveals it was the third day in the morning. The interesting thing about that is that the Hebrew day does not begin in the morning, it begins at six o’clock in the evening, or sundown. So, we know that from the evening of the third day to morning of the third day would be twelve hours, because the Hebrew day is divided into only two segments, evening and morning. This is revealed in Genesis, Chapter 1 in the days of creation.

In the original Hebrew text of Exodus 19:16, beginning with the fourth letter in the sixteenth verse and skipping every other letter from left to right, six times spells the word “*B’Shilhuv*,”

which means “in the rapture.”

This is a significant revelation. I believe it is a Scriptural profile revealing the general time frame of the

rapture to be on the third day, in the morning. The 70th week of Daniel is a week of years, therefore, to be consistent, we must conclude that the transition period from the second day to the beginning of the thousand year day (reign of Christ), during that time frame, a day represents a year, not a thousand years.

TIME GAP

The phrase “the third day, in the morning” indicates there is a time gap between the end of the second day and the morning of the third day. Therefore, the information found in the sixteenth

verse seems to indicate that the rapture will take place six months to a year after the two days (2,000 years) of the Church Age have ended.

The prophetic significance is also magnified by Hosea 6:3, **“Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning: and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.”**

These are significant revelations

indeed when you compare them with Matthew 17:1-3, **“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his**

raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him."

Moses represents the righteous dead of 120 Jubilees or the 6,000 years of the earth lease period. Elijah was caught up alive, he represents the Church, which will also be caught up alive.

It is interesting to note that Peter, James, and John were those whom Jesus took with Him when he raised the dead. This event of Matthew 17 is a preview of the resurrection of the righteous dead at the time of the rapture. The time frame is after six days, which would be the third day from the birth of Jesus. In other words, anytime after the sixth day, will be the third day from the beginning of the Church Age. This seems to profile the general time frame of the rapture of the Church, indicating it will

be the third day, in the morning.

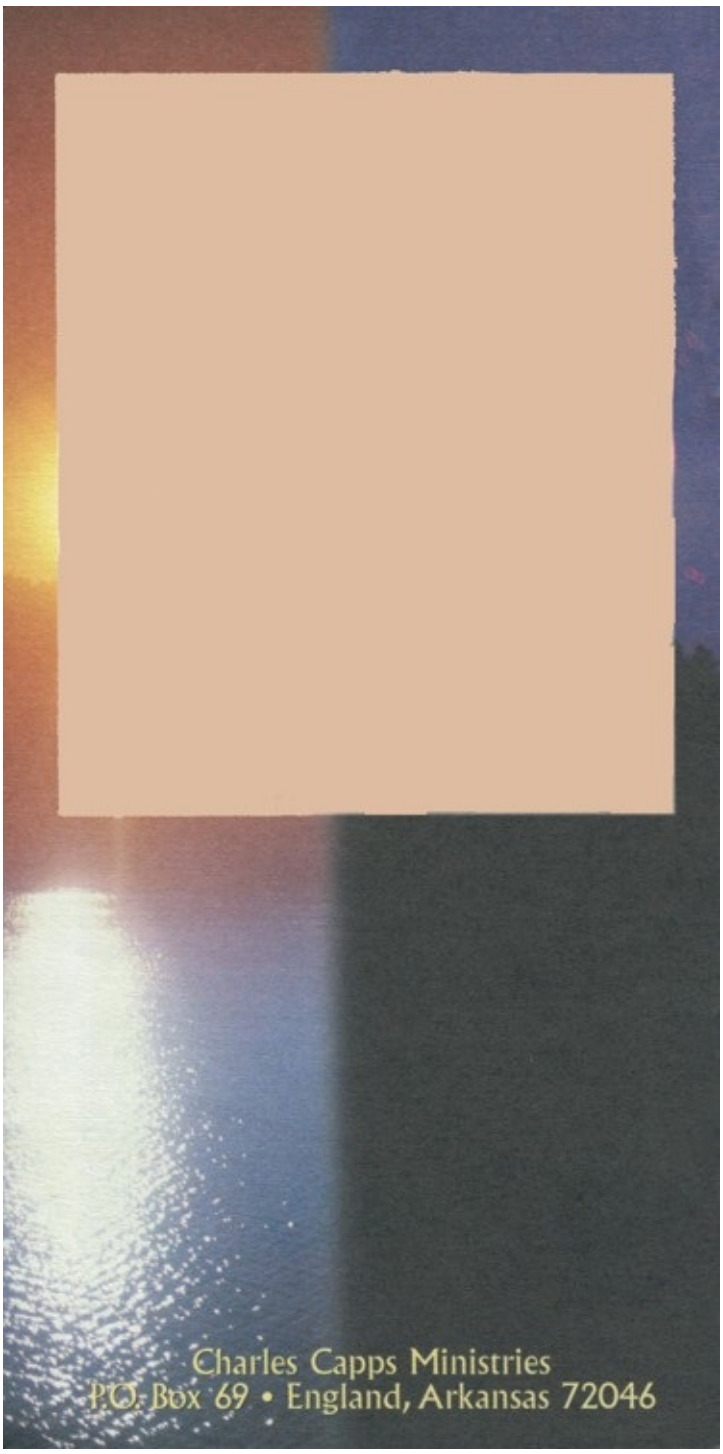
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We should not take lightly the words the Lord spoke to Moses, for they are prophetic to this generation: **“be ready against the third day”** for on the third day, the Lord is coming down mountain top high in the sight of all His people. Time is running out: we are only a few months from a new segment on God’s time clock called the third day in which we will be perfected.

Maranatha!

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