

JAMES 4:13-17

PART I

{Sunday, December 29, 2019 A.D.}

Lamentations 3:37-38

³⁷ **Who** is there **who speaks and it comes to pass**, Unless the **Lord has commanded it?**

³⁸ **Is it not from the mouth of the Most High That both good and ill go forth?**

Isaiah 42:8-9

⁸ **"I am the LORD**, that is **My name**; **I will not give My glory to another**, **Nor My praise to graven images**.

⁹ Behold, **the former things have come to pass**, Now **I declare new things; Before they spring forth** I proclaim *them* to you."

Isaiah 45:5-7

⁵ **"I am the LORD**, and **there is no other**; **Besides Me there is no God**. I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That **there is no one besides Me**. **I am the LORD**, and **there is no other**,⁷ **The One forming light and creating darkness**, **Causing well-being and creating calamity**;
I am the LORD who does all these.

Isaiah 46:9-11

⁹ Remember the former things long past, For **I am God, and there is no other**; **I am God, and there is no one like Me**,

¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning**, And **from ancient times things which have not been done**,

Saying, **"My purpose will be established**, And **I will accomplish all My good pleasure**";¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country.

Truly I have spoken; **truly I will bring it to pass**. **I have planned it**, **surely I will do it**.

Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸ "For **My thoughts are not your thoughts**, **Nor are your ways My ways**," declares the LORD.⁹ "For

as the heavens are higher than the earth, **So are My ways higher than your ways** And **My thoughts than your thoughts**.

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear

and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;¹¹ **So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth**;
It will not return to Me empty, **Without accomplishing what I desire**, And **without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it**.

Ezekiel 36:22-38

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act**, **but for My holy name**, which **you have profaned** among the nations where you went.²³ "**I will vindicate the holiness of My great name** which **has been profaned** among the nations, which **you have profaned** in their midst. Then the nations will know that **I am the LORD**," declares the Lord GOD, "when **I prove Myself holy** among you in their sight."²⁴ "For **I will take you from the nations**, **gather you from all the lands** and bring you into your own land.²⁵ "Then **I will sprinkle clean water on you**, and **you will be clean**; **I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols**.²⁶ "Moreover, **I will give you a new heart** and **put a new spirit within you**; and **I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh** and **give you a heart of flesh**.²⁷ "**I will put My Spirit within you** and **cause you to walk in My statutes**, and **you will be careful to observe My ordinances**.²⁸ "You will live in the land that **I gave to your forefathers**; so **you will be My people**, and **I will be your God**.²⁹ "Moreover, **I will save you from all your uncleanness**; and **I will call for the grain and multiply it**, and **I will not bring a famine on you**.³⁰ "**I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field**, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.³¹ "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and **you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations**.³² "**I am not doing this for your sake**," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"³³ "Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that **I cleanse you from all your iniquities**, **I will cause** the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.³⁴ "The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by.³⁵ "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.'³⁶ "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that **I, the LORD**, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; **I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it**."³⁷ "Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also **I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them**: **I will increase their men like a flock**.³⁸ "**Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts**, so will **the waste cities be filled with flocks of men**. Then **they will know that I am the LORD**."³⁹

Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.¹⁶ For **by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him**.¹⁷ He is before all things, and **in Him all things hold together**.¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that **He Himself will come to have first place in everything**.

Acts 17:28

²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

James 4:13-17

¹³ Come now, you who say,

"Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.

You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

¹⁵ Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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