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The reason God commanded the waters which were under the heavens to gather together into one place was so that dry land could **appear**.

- **Genesis 1:9:** "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so."

God walked in the garden of Eden in the cool of the day. (This may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus Christ.)

- **Genesis 3:8:** "And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden."

God went to the land of Shinar in person to see the city and the tower that the descendants of Noah had built. (This may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of Christ.)

- **Genesis 11:5:** "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded."

After God **appeared** to Abram when he was in the plain of Moreh, he built an altar to the Lord.

- **Genesis 12:7:** "And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and

said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him."

The sign that God gave to Abram that he would surely inherit the land of Canaan was a burning lamp that **appeared** and passed between the pieces of the animals that he offered to God.

- **Genesis 15:17:** "And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces."

When Hagar fled to the fountain in the wilderness that was on the path to Shur, the angel of the Lord found her there. (This may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of Jesus.)

- **Genesis 16:7:** "And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur."

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord **appeared** to him.

- **Genesis 17:1:** "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect."

When God **appeared** to Abraham in the plains of Mamre, He came during the heat of the day.

- **Genesis 18:1:** "And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;"

After three men visited Abraham in the plains of Mamre, two angels went to Sodom. (This seems to mean that two of the men who visited Abraham were angels, and the third was a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 19:1:** "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;"

When God **appeared** to Abimelech, He did so by night (and in a dream).

- **Genesis 20:3:** "But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife."

After Abraham took the knife in order to kill his son Isaac, the angel of the Lord called out to him. (This seems to have been a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:10-12:** "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

After Abraham offered the ram as a burnt offering instead of

Isaac, the angel of the Lord spoke to Abraham a second time. (This seems to have been a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:15:** "And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,"

When there was a famine in the land of Canaan, God **appeared** to Isaac.

- **Genesis 26:2:** "And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:"

The very night Isaac left the valley of Gerar in the territory of the Philistines and went to Beersheba, God **appeared** to him.

- **Genesis 26:24:** "And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake."

When Jacob took branches from the chestnut, green poplar, and hazel trees, he removed the bark so that the white underneath the bark **appeared**.

- **Genesis 30:37:** "And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and piled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods."

Even though God **appeared** to Laban and commanded him to not say anything to Jacob either good or bad, Laban ignored

God's command and criticized Jacob.

- **Genesis 31:26:** "And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?"

Laban told Jacob that the God of Isaac had **appeared** to him in a dream the previous night and told him to leave Jacob alone.

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

Laban knew the God who **appeared** to him the previous night was the God of Isaac. He knew which God it was.

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

The only thing that stopped Laban from violently attacking Jacob and his family was divine intervention. After God **appeared** to Laban in a dream and told him to leave Jacob alone, Laban reluctantly decided to not attack him (although he clearly still wanted to).

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

Even though God **appeared** to Laban in a dream and told him not to say anything to Jacob either good or bad, Laban threatened Jacob and claimed that all of his possessions belonged to Laban.

- **Genesis 31:43:** "And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?"

After Jacob sent everything he owned across the ford Jabbok, he wrestled with a man all night until dawn. (It seems that this man was God, meaning it was most likely a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 32:24:** "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."

There was a time when God **appeared** to Jacob at Bethel.

- **Genesis 35:1:** "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother."
- **Genesis 35:7:** "And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother."

God **appeared** to Jacob multiple times in his life.

- **Genesis 35:9:** "And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him."

When Jacob was ill and Joseph went to see him, Jacob told Joseph that God **appeared** to him at Luz in the land of Canaan.

- **Genesis 48:3:** "And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,"

At Horeb, the angel of the Lord **appeared** to Moses as a flame that was burning the midst of a bush.

- **Exodus 3:2:** "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."

God commanded Moses to tell the elders of Israel that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had **appeared** to him.

- **Exodus 3:16:** "Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:"

Moses thought that the Israelites wouldn't believe that God had **appeared** to him.

- **Exodus 4:1:** "And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee."

God wanted the Israelites to believe that He had **appeared** to Moses.

- **Exodus 4:5:** "That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee."

God **appeared** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- **Exodus 6:3:** "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

God told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his hand with his rod and cause frogs to **appear**.

- **Exodus 8:5:** "And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt."

When the Israelites left Egypt, God led them by **appearing** as a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

- **Exodus 13:21:** "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:"

Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea when morning was **appearing** (to drown the Egyptian army).

- **Exodus 14:27:** "And Moses stretched forth his hand over

the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea."

There were times when the glory of the Lord **appeared** as a cloud.

- **Exodus 16:10:** "And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness of Sin and complained that they had no food, quails **appeared** in the evening and covered the camp.

- **Exodus 16:13:** "And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host."

All of the Israelite males were to **appear** before God three times a year.

- **Exodus 23:17:** "Three items in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God."
- **Exodus 34:23:** "Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel."

When God **appeared** at the top of the mountain in Sinai, under His feet was a paved work of sapphire stone.

- **Exodus 24:10:** "And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness."

When Moses confronted Aaron over his sin of making the golden calf, Aaron said that when he took the gold the Israelites gave him and cast it into a fire, a calf magically **appeared** all by itself (which was a lie).

- **Exodus 32:24:** "And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf."

When the male Israelites **appeared** before God at the three yearly festivals, they were required to bring Him a gift. They couldn't come empty handed.

- **Exodus 34:20:** "But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty."

God promised the Israelites that when all of their males went and **appeared** before God three times a year, during those times no other nations would desire their land (meaning they wouldn't be invaded during those festivals).

- **Exodus 34:24:** "For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year."

The Israelites were commanded to offer God a sin offering, a burnt offering, a peace offering, and a meat (flour) offering before He **appeared** to them that day.

- **Leviticus 9:4:** "Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you."

When Aaron was anointed as priest and had offered the offerings, and after Moses and Aaron blessed the people, the glory of the Lord **appeared** to all of the Israelites.

- **Leviticus 9:23-24:** "And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces."

The reason Aaron couldn't enter the Holy of Holies whenever he wanted was because if he did then he would die (because God was going to **appear** there).

- **Leviticus 16:2:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat."

When Aaron went inside the Holy of Holies, he had to carry a censer full of burning coals that had been taken from the altar

of burnt offering, and he also had to take incense. Once he crossed to the other side of the veil and was in the Holy of Holies, he had to cast the incense onto the burning coals he was carrying so that it would create a cloud of incense that covered the mercy seat. This was necessary because God **appeared** as a cloud on the mercy seat, and if He wasn't obscured by the cloud of incense then Aaron would see God and die.

- **Leviticus 16:13:** "And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:"

During each night, the cloud (of God) that covered the tabernacle would change into the **appearance** of fire.

- **Numbers 9:15-16:** "And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night."

When God came down to the tabernacle after Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses, He **appeared** in the form of a pillar of cloud.

- **Numbers 12:5:** "And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth."

God told Miriam and Aaron that He showed His **appearance**

to Moses.

- **Numbers 12:8:** "With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

When the Israelites decided to kill Joshua and Caleb so they could return to Egypt, the glory of the Lord **appeared** in the tabernacle.

- **Numbers 14:10:** "But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel."

The Egyptians had heard that God **appeared** to the Israelites as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

- **Numbers 14:14:** "And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night."

When Korah and the entire nation of Israel gathered at the tabernacle to rebel against God, the glory of the Lord **appeared**.

- **Numbers 16:19:** "And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation."

When the nation of Israel supported Korah's rebellion and gathered against Moses and Aaron, they saw the glory of the Lord **appear** at the tabernacle.

- **Numbers 16:42:** "And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared."

When the Israelites criticized Moses and Aaron because they had no water, and Moses and Aaron went to the door of the tabernacle, the glory of the Lord **appeared** to them.

- **Numbers 20:6:** "And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God **appeared** to them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

- **Deuteronomy 1:33:** "Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day."

It's wrong to create representations of the physical **appearance** of God.

- **Deuteronomy 4:15-16:** "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on

the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,"

Under the Mosaic Law, all of the male Israelites were required to **appear** before God during the feast of unleavened bread, the feast of weeks (Pentecost), and the feast of tabernacles.

- **Deuteronomy 16:16:** "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:"

Under the Mosaic Law, all of Israel was to **appear** before God at the feast of tabernacles.

- **Deuteronomy 31:10-11:** "And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing."

When Moses and Joshua presented themselves at the tabernacle, God **appeared** in the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud.

- **Deuteronomy 31:14-15:** "And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses

and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle."

When Moses blessed the Israelites before he died, he prayed that God would bless the land of the tribes of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) with the precious things that were put forth by the moon. (This may be a reference to dew, which **appears** at night.)

- **Deuteronomy 33:14:** "And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,"

The man with the drawn sword didn't stop Joshua from worshipping him. Since angels don't allow people to worship them, that means this person must have been a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Joshua 5:14:** "And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?"

The man with the drawn sword is called the Lord. The passage identifies Him as God (which confirms that He was a preincarnate **appearance** of Jesus.)

- **Joshua 6:2:** "And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour."

The angel of the Lord who confronted the Israelites with their sin of not driving out the Canaanites said that *he* was the one who brought them to the land of Canaan. This means the angel of the Lord was actually a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.

- **Judges 2:1:** "And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

The angel of the Lord **appeared** to Gideon.

- **Judges 6:11-12:** "And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."

When Gideon asked the angel of the Lord why so many terrible things had befallen Israel, the text says that *the Lord* looked at Gideon. It seems the angel was a preincarnate **appearance** of the Lord Jesus.

- **Judges 6:14:** "And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"

The angel of the Lord agreed to accept a present from Gideon (which points to the angel being a preincarnate **appearance**

of the Lord Jesus).

- **Judges 6:18:** "Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again."

The angel of the Lord **appeared** to Manoah's wife (the mother of Samson).

- **Judges 13:3:** "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son."

After the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar, he didn't **appear** again to Manoah or to his wife.

- **Judges 13:21:** "But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD."

Hannah told Elkanah that after she had weaned Samuel, she would bring him to Shiloh so he could **appear** before God.

- **1 Samuel 1:22:** "But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever."

Through a man of God, the Lord told Eli that He had **appeared** to the house of Eli's father (Aaron) when they were in Egypt.

- **1 Samuel 2:27:** "And there came a man of God unto Eli,

and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?"

After Samuel went back to lay down for the third time, God came and stood by. (This may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of Jesus.)

- **1 Samuel 3:10:** "And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth."

When Samuel was an adult, God **appeared** again in Shiloh.

- **1 Samuel 3:21:** "And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD."

God judges people by their heart, not their outward **appearance** (their height or countenance).

- **1 Samuel 16:7:** "But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

At God's rebuke, the channels of the sea **appear**.

- **2 Samuel 22:16:** "And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils."

When God **appeared** to Solomon, He asked Solomon what He should give him.

- **1 Kings 3:5:** "In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee."

When God **appeared** to Solomon the second time, it was after he finished building both the temple and his own house.

- **1 Kings 9:2:** "That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon."

On the day when God was going to take Elijah into heaven, and after Elijah and Elisha crossed over the Jordan river, a chariot of fire and horses of fire **appeared**.

- **2 Kings 2:11:** "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

There's a recurring theme of God **appearing** to people at night.

- **2 Chronicles 1:7:** "In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee."

God appeared to Solomon right after he went to the tabernacle and offered a thousand burnt offerings. He **appeared** to him that very same night.

- **2 Chronicles 1:6-7:** "And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee."

God **appeared** to David at the threshing floor of Ornan. (That's why Solomon built the temple there.)

- **2 Chronicles 3:1:** "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

After Solomon dedicated the temple, God **appeared** to him by night.

- **2 Chronicles 7:12:** "And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice."

Rehoboam wanted to maintain the **appearance** of wealth, even though all of his wealth was actually gone.

- **2 Chronicles 12:10:** "Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house."

It seems that the name of Joash doesn't **appear** at all in the

chapter where Jehoiada made him king. Instead Joash is referred to as the king or the king's son. The whole chapter is about him becoming king and yet his name is never mentioned.

- **2 Chronicles 23:11:** "Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king."

When Nehemiah rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem, half of the people held spears during the day, from the time the sun rose in the morning until the stars **appeared** at night.

- **Nehemiah 4:21:** "So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared."

The reason Ahasuerus wanted the queen to make an **appearance** at his party was because she was very beautiful.

- **Esther 1:11:** "To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on."

All of the people in the kingdom knew that **appearing** before the king when he hadn't requested your presence was punished by death.

- **Esther 4:11:** "All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the

golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days."

God asked Job if he was the one who commanded the morning to **appear**.

- **Job 38:12:** "Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;"

The psalmist wanted to **appear** before God.

- **Psalm 42:2:** "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

It seems the psalmist is saying that those who look to God for strength will **appear** before God.

- **Psalm 84:7:** "They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God."

When God **appears** in His glory, the kings of the earth will see it and the pagans of the earth will fear Him.

- **Psalm 102:15-16:** "So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory."

Solomon compares boasting about a gift that you don't have to a cloud that **appears** in the sky but provides no rain. It's all **appearance** but has no substance.

- **Proverbs 25:14:** "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is

like clouds and wind without rain."

Your character matters more than your **appearance**.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:1:** "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

Solomon came for his beloved during the spring, when flowers were **appearing**.

- **Song of Solomon 2:12:** "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

It's good for a wife to love her husband's **appearance**.

- **Song of Solomon 5:10:** "My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand."

When the Jews went into the temple, they were **appearing** before God.

- **Isaiah 1:12:** "When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?"

God compared the prosperity of the valleys of Ephraim to the hasty fruit that **appears** before summer.

- **Isaiah 28:4:** "And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that

looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up."

Isaiah prophesied that people would be astonished at the **appearance** of the servant of God, because He was marred more than any man. (This is a reference to the Messiah.)

- **Isaiah 52:14:** "As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:"

When the Lord **appears**, those who oppress the righteous will be ashamed. However, those who tremble at His word will be filled with joy.

- **Isaiah 66:5:** "Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."

When the Lord **appears**, He will take vengeance upon His enemies.

- **Isaiah 66:5-6:** "Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies."

When God spoke to Jeremiah, He was standing in front of him. (This may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of Jesus.)

- **Jeremiah 1:9:** "Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."

God said He was going to discover their skirts so that their shame **appeared**. (This seems to mean He was going to publicly reveal the sin of the Jews to everyone.)

- **Jeremiah 13:26:** "Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear."

The four living creatures had the **appearance** of a man.

- **Ezekiel 1:5:** "Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man."

The four living creatures **appeared** like burning coals of fire. (They had a very bright appearance.)

- **Ezekiel 1:13:** "As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning."

The one who sat upon the throne had the **appearance** of a man.

- **Ezekiel 1:26:** "And above the firmament that was over

their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it."

The being who sat on the throne had the **appearance** of fire.

- **Ezekiel 1:27:** "And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about."

Rainbows **appear** in the clouds when it has rained.

- **Ezekiel 1:28:** "As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake."

The upper portion of the being that Ezekiel saw (from his loins upward) had a bright **appearance**, and was the color of amber. The lower portion had the appearance of fire.

- **Ezekiel 8:2:** "Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber."

The cherubim hadn't changed their **appearance** since Ezekiel

saw them by the river Chebar. They had the same faces and the same likeness.

- **Ezekiel 10:22:** "And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward."

There are times when the **appearance** of dangerous animals is a judgment from God because of that nation's sin.

- **Ezekiel 14:15:** "If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:"

God compared the coming invasion of Tyrus to the waves in the sea. Just as the sea causes waves to **appear**, so God would cause nations to attack Tyrus.

- **Ezekiel 26:3:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up."

The man who Ezekiel saw had the **appearance** of brass.

- **Ezekiel 40:3:** "And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate."

When Belshazzar's guests used the holy vessels of God to worship idols, a man's hand **appeared** and wrote something

on the wall of the king's palace with his fingers.

- **Daniel 5:5:** "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote."

The goat in Daniel's vision **appeared** from the west.

- **Daniel 8:5:** "And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes."

The being who Daniel saw had the **appearance** of a man.

- **Daniel 8:15:** "And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man."

The **appearance** of this astonishing being immediately caused tremendous terror, so much that people ran to hide themselves. (It seems this may have been a preincarnate **appearance** of Jesus.)

- **Daniel 10:5-7:** "Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the

vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves."

There's a recurring theme in the Bible of angels **appearing** beside rivers.

- **Daniel 12:5:** "Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river."

The soldiers in the army of Joel's prophecy don't look like men. Instead they have the **appearance** of horses.

- **Joel 2:4:** "The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run."

The worm **appeared** the next morning (to destroy the gourd that was providing shade to Jonah).

- **Jonah 4:7:** "But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered."

The Messiah would come during the days of the second temple. He would **appear** before it was destroyed.

- **Haggai 2:7:** "And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts."

Before the Messiah **appeared**, God would send a messenger

who would prepare the way for Him.

- **Malachi 3:1:** "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."

Few people were going to be able to withstand the **appearance** of the Messiah.

- **Malachi 3:2:** "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:"

God isn't going to put an end to the priestly job of the Levites. They're going to continue to serve Him even after the **appearance** of the Messiah. (This may be a reference to their service in the millennial temple.)

- **Malachi 3:3:** "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."

Joseph wasn't visited by an angel in person. Instead the angel **appeared** to him in a dream.

- **Matthew 1:20:** "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

When Herod asked when the star **appeared**, he was trying to find out when the Messiah had been born.

- **Matthew 2:7:** "Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared."

An angel **appeared** to Joseph in a dream more than once.

- **Matthew 2:13:** "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

The reason Herod put to death all the children who were two years old or younger was because that was the time frame given to him by the wise men. The star had **appeared** two years earlier.

- **Matthew 2:16:** "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

Joseph was still in Egypt when the angel of the Lord **appeared** to him the third time in a dream.

- **Matthew 2:19:** "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in

Egypt,"

When the ministry of John the Baptist began, the Messiah had not yet **appeared**.

- **Matthew 3:11:** "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:"

False prophets outwardly **appear** to be sheep, not wolves.

- **Matthew 7:15:** "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

When Jesus was transfigured, Moses and Elijah **appeared** and talked to Him.

- **Matthew 17:3:** "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him."
- **Mark 9:4:** "And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus."
- **Luke 9:30:** "And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:"

In the end times, people need to be watching for the **appearance** of the abomination of desolation in the holy place of the temple. That's a critical sign that people need to immediately flee from Judaea.

- **Matthew 24:15-16:** "When ye therefore shall see the

abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:"

- **Mark 13:14:** "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:"

Jesus warned us about the end times false prophets and false Messiahs before they **appeared**.

- **Matthew 24:23-25:** "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before."

In the end times, after the sign of the Son of man **appears** in heaven, all the tribes of the earth will see Jesus return.

- **Matthew 24:30:** "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Jesus compared His return to the **appearance** of a thief in the middle of the night. If people knew when the thief would come then they would have been watching during that moment. Since we don't know the exact hour when Jesus is going to return, we must be watching for Him.

- **Matthew 24:43-44:** "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

In the parable of the talents, the servants who were given talents had to **appear** before his master and explain what he had done with the property that was entrusted to him.

- **Matthew 25:20:** "And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more."
- **Matthew 25:22:** "He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them."

The saints who came back to life after the death of Jesus **appeared** to many people. There were many eyewitnesses of this event.

- **Matthew 27:52-53:** "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

God foretold the **appearance** and ministry of John the Baptist before he came.

- **Mark 1:2:** "As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send

my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit **appeared** in the form of a dove.

- **Mark 1:10:** "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:"

At the baptism of Jesus was an appearance of the Trinity. There was God the Son (who was baptized), God the Father (who spoke from Heaven), and God the Holy Spirit (who descended upon Jesus).

- **Mark 1:9-11:** "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

When a seed sprouts, the full corn **appears** after the ear.

- **Mark 4:28:** "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

It would be very bad for the people of Judea if the abomination of desolation **appeared** in the winter. (That would make their escape much more difficult.)

- **Mark 13:18:** "And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter."

Before Judas **appeared** with a large crowd to arrest Him, Jesus knew that he had come.

- **Mark 14:42:** "Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand."

After Jesus rose from the dead, the first person He **appeared** to was Mary Magdalene.

- **Mark 16:9:** "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils."

When Jesus met the two people who were walking down the road to Emmaus, He **appeared** in a form that they didn't recognize.

- **Mark 16:12:** "After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country."

The disciples of Jesus saw Him alive. He **appeared** to them after His resurrection.

- **Mark 16:14:** "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."

The angel of the Lord **appeared** to Zacharias when he was carrying out the office of the priest in the temple.

- **Luke 1:8, 11** "And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, ... And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

The **appearance** of John the Baptist meant that the advent of the Messiah was near.

- **Luke 1:17:** "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

The angel who **appeared** to Zacharias was named Gabriel.

- **Luke 1:19:** "And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings."

The people the angels **appeared** to when Jesus was born were those who happened to be up and awake that night in Bethlehem. (In other words, to the shepherds.)

- **Luke 2:8-9:** "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus was born,

and the whole area knew about his birth. People should have known from Daniel's prophecies that it was time for the Messiah to be born, and from Micah's prophecies that He would be born in Bethlehem. Yet it seems no one was in Bethlehem awaiting His birth. The only people the angels **appeared** to were shepherds who weren't expecting the birth of the Messiah at all.

- **Luke 2:8-9:** "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

When Jesus was born, the angels didn't **appear** to the religious leaders in Jerusalem (who couldn't be bothered to go to Bethlehem to await the birth of the Messiah, even though Bethlehem was just five miles away). Instead they went to the shepherds who were in Bethlehem at the time.

- **Luke 2:8-9:** "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

The angel **appeared** to the shepherds on the same day that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

- **Luke 2:11:** "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

When Jesus was born, a multitude of angels **appeared** in the

skuy and praised God.

- **Luke 2:13-14:** "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Angels have the ability to suddenly **appear**.

- **Luke 2:13:** "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

Jesus is a source of peace. Even though His **appearance** brought division and persecution, in the end He will bring peace to the world. (In fact, He is the *only* one who can bring world peace.)

- **Luke 2:14:** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds told other people about the angel that **appeared**.

- **Luke 2:18:** "And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

Mary heard the testimony of the shepherds about the **appearance** of the angels, and the message that they proclaimed.

- **Luke 2:19:** "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

During the ministry of John the Baptist, people were expecting the Messiah to soon **appear**.

- **Luke 3:15:** "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;"

When Satan fell from heaven, he had the **appearance** of lightning.

- **Luke 10:18:** "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

The Pharisees outwardly **appeared** to be righteous and holy, but in reality they were like graves which were full of uncleanness and death.

- **Luke 11:44:** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them."

The kingdom of God isn't as large as it **appears** to be. Many of its members aren't saved at all, but are actually unrepentant sinners. (In the Bible, leaven always represents sin. Just as leaven causes bread to rise, so the size of the church is inflated by those in its midst who aren't saved at all.)

- **Matthew 13:33:** "Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."
- **Luke 13:20-21:** "And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a

woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

The reason Jesus taught the parable of the talents was because people thought that the kingdom of God would immediately **appear**.

- **Luke 19:11:** "And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear."

Jesus was asked what sign would **appear** before the temple was destroyed.

- **Luke 21:7:** "And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?"

The kingdom of God won't suddenly **appear** without warning. There will be signs first.

- **Luke 21:31:** "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

It's not always possible for the saints to tell that someone is a very wicked person. The wicked can sometimes hide and **appear** to be good. (None of the disciples realized in advance that Judas was evil.)

- **Luke 22:21-23:** "But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son

of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing."

The angel that **appeared** to Jesus on the mount of Olives strengthened Him.

- **Luke 22:43:** "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

The two men who stood by the women in the tomb of Jesus suddenly **appeared**.

- **Luke 24:4:** "And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:"

Jesus can **appear** to people in a way that prevents them from recognizing Him.

- **Luke 24:16:** "But their eyes were holden that they should not know him."

Jesus **appeared** to Peter at some point on the first day of the week (after His resurrection).

- **Luke 24:34:** "Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon."

When the two disciples who went to Emmaus were telling the group about their experience, Jesus suddenly **appeared** in

their midst.

- **Luke 24:36:** "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."
- **John 20:19:** "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

When Jesus suddenly **appeared** to a group of His disciples, they thought He was a spirit.

- **Luke 24:37:** "But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit."

Jesus didn't want His disciples to be troubled by His **appearance**.

- **Luke 24:38:** "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?"

When Jesus **appeared** to His disciples and told them that it was Him, and that He wasn't a spirit, they wondered what was going on. They were slow to believe even when Jesus **appeared** to them.

- **Luke 24:41:** "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?"

Since John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, this

should have told people that the Messiah was about to **appear**, and the time of His arrival had come.

- **John 1:23:** "He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias."

John the Baptist said that someone much greater than him was about to **appear**.

- John 1:27: "He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose."

When the disciples entered into a ship and traveled toward Capernaum, the wind caused the sea to rise and waves to **appear**.

- **John 6:18:** "And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew."

Judging according to **appearances** is wrong.

- **John 7:24:** "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

Thomas wasn't with the rest of the disciples when Jesus **appeared** to them. He wasn't present on the evening of the first day of the week.

- **John 20:24:** "But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came."

When Jesus **appeared** to His disciples eight days later (when Thomas was present), He said "Peace be unto you".

- **John 20:26:** "And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you."

The two men who **appeared** when the disciples were looking up to heaven after the ascension of Jesus wore white clothing.

- **Acts 1:10:** "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;"

Even though Jesus preached to multitudes of people during His earthly ministry, and even though He rose from the dead and **appeared** to many, after His ascension there were only 120 followers left.

- **Acts 1:15:** "And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty),"

When the disciples were gathered together on the day of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit came, cloven tongues that looked like fire **appeared**.

- **Acts 2:3:** "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

God **appeared** to Abraham before he lived in Charran, when he was still in Mesopotamia.

- **Acts 7:2:** "And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,"

There are times when the angel of the Lord **appears** as a flame of fire.

- **Acts 7:30:** "And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush."

God didn't **appear** to Moses until 40 years after he fled from Egypt.

- **Acts 7:30:** "And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush."

In the earliest days of the church, there were times when Jesus **appeared** to people in visions.

- **Acts 9:10:** "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord."

When Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) was in Jerusalem trying to join with the disciples, Barnabas told the apostles that Jesus **appeared** to Saul on the road to Damascus.

- **Acts 9:27:** "But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen

the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus."

The angel **appeared** to Cornelius in a vision, instead of in person.

- **Acts 10:3:** "He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius."

The chief captain commanded the chief priests and the Jewish council to **appear** in order to explain their accusations against Paul.

- **Acts 22:30:** "On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them."

Jesus told Paul the reason He had **appeared** to him was to make him a witness and a minister (of the gospel).

- **Acts 26:16:** "But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;"

The person who will judge us in the life to come is the Lord Jesus Christ. We must all **appear** before His judgment seat.

- **2 Corinthians 5:10:** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Outward **appearances** aren't as important as the heart.

- **2 Corinthians 5:12:** "For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart."

Outward **appearances** are deceiving and can't be trusted.

- **2 Corinthians 10:7:** "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's."

The devil can **appear** as an angel of light. Even his servants can seem to be righteous (even though they aren't).

- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15:** "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Paul viewed Christianity as a race that we run until the Lord Jesus Christ **appears**. At that point the race is over and our work is done.

- **Philippians 1:10:** "That ye may approve things that are

excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

When Christ **appears**, we will also **appear** with Him in glory.

- **Colossians 3:4:** "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Christians must abstain from all **appearance** of evil.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:22:** "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

One day the Lord Jesus Christ is going to **appear**. (This is a reference to the rapture.)

- **1 Timothy 6:14:** "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

In the end times, people will have an outward **appearance** of godliness but will deny the gospel's power to overcome sin and iniquity.

- **2 Timothy 3:5:** "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Jesus will judge both the living and the dead when He **appears**. (This seems to be a reference to His coming at the end of the tribulation.)

- **2 Timothy 4:1:** "I charge thee therefore before God, and

the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;"

Jesus will give a crown of righteousness to all those who love His **appearing**. (This seems to be a reference to those who long for the return of Christ and earnestly desire it.)

- **2 Timothy 4:8:** "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The **appearing** of Jesus at the moment of the rapture will be glorious.

- **Titus 2:13:** "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

The kindness and love of God **appeared** after mankind sinned.

- **Titus 3:3-4:** "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,"

Christ now **appears** in the presence of God, working on our behalf. (Under the old covenant, the Holy of Holies was where the High Priest entered into the presence of God. In the new covenant Christ is seated at the right hand of God at all times.)

- **Hebrews 9:24:** "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:"

Christ **appeared** in order to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

- **Hebrews 9:26:** "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

The first time Christ **appeared** He saved us. When He returns He will save us again.

- **Hebrews 9:28:** "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

There are times when angels **appear** to be ordinary people.

- **Hebrews 13:2:** "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

People who hear the Word of God but don't obey it are like people who look at themselves in a mirror, see their true **appearance**, and then walk away without doing anything about it.

- **James 1:23-24:** "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his

way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

Those who endure persecution will receive praise, honor, and glory at the **appearing** of Jesus Christ (the rapture).

- **1 Peter 1:7:** "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

The prophets wanted to know when (what season) Christ would **appear**.

- **1 Peter 1:11:** "Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

When Jesus **appears** (at the rapture), the elders of the churches will receive a crown of glory.

- **1 Peter 5:1-4:** "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

The apostle John taught that since Jesus is going to **appear** one day, we must abide in Him so that when He comes we won't be ashamed.

- **1 John 2:28:** "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

When Jesus **appears**, we will be changed. Our transformation will happen at the moment of His return.

- **1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Jesus came to take away our sins. Those who deny that, and claim that He **appeared** for some other reason, are guilty of teaching heresy.

- **1 John 3:5:** "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."

The physical **appearance** of Jesus when John saw Him at the isle of Patmos was like a person. He had a head, hair, eyes, feet, and wore clothes. He wasn't some type of ghostly non-material spirit.

- **Revelation 1:13-15:** "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a

furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

Jesus knows the truth about churches. He's not deceived by their **appearance** or reputation.

- **Revelation 3:1:** "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

The great wonder **appears** in the sky before the dragon (the devil) appears.

- **Revelation 12:1:** "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

Since the wonder (sign) is composed of the sun, moon, and stars, the "heaven" in which this wonder **appears** is the sky (not the abode of God).

- **Revelation 12:1:** "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

Something very bad will happen to Israel in the days after the great wonder **appears** in the sky.

- **Revelation 12:2:** "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

When the devil **appears** in the sky, he won't be alone. Instead he'll be coming to invade this world with other fallen angels as well. (This will take place shortly before the rapture.)

- **Revelation 12:3-4:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

The mark of the beast won't **appear** in the world until the second half of the tribulation (after the antichrist is resurrected).

- **Revelation 13:3, 16:** "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ... And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:"

During the second half of the tribulation, Jesus will come by surprise. People who aren't watching for His return will be caught by surprise when He **appears**.

- **Revelation 16:15:** "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

VISIBLE, VISIBLY

After the flood, the ark of Noah came to rest on mount Ararat before the tops of the mountains became **visible**.

- **Genesis 8:4-5:** "And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen."

After the flood, the tops of the mountains became **visible** on the first day of the tenth month.

- **Genesis 8:5:** "And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen."

While the Israelites were in the wilderness they could see the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire. That means they could see a **visible**, miraculous manifestation of the presence of God *at all times*.

- **Exodus 13:21:** "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:"

The reason the bitter water would reveal if a woman had committed adultery was because God chose to use it in order to make her sin **visible**. (There's also the fact the procedure used materials which were holy and taken from the presence

of God, and it also used an oath that was made while the woman was in God's presence.) All of this stopped being possible when the temple was destroyed and the Mosaic Law was replaced with the new covenant.

- **Numbers 5:20-22:** "But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband: Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God led them in a highly **visible** way.

- **Psalms 78:14:** "In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire."

It seems there's a **visible**, physical difference between those who are wise and those who aren't. Wisdom impacts a person's appearance in some way.

- **Ecclesiastes 8:1:** "Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed."

The destruction of Tyre was **visible** from the land of Chittim. (Chittim is the modern day island of Cyprus.)

- **Isaiah 23:1:** "The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them."

There are times when God punishes nations by making their shame **visible** to everyone.

- **Isaiah 47:3:** "Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man."

The glory of the God of Israel was **visible** above the cherubim and the wheels.

- **Ezekiel 11:22:** "Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above."

The end-times battle in Joel's prophecy will be accompanied by signs in the heavens. (This is another case where an important end-times event is signified by some sort of **visible** heavenly sign that includes the sun, moon, and stars.)

- **Joel 3:15:** "The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining."

A city that's set on a hill can't be hidden. It's plainly **visible** to everyone.

- **Matthew 5:14:** "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

The good works of Christians need to be **visible** to other people (so that they will glorify God).

- **Matthew 5:16:** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Jesus isn't going to return secretly. Instead He'll return in a highly **visible** way.

- **Luke 17:24:** "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day."

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit **visibly** manifested Himself in the form of a tongue of fire.

- **Acts 2:3:** "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

The Lord is at hand. Although He's not **visibly** present with us, He's near to us and isn't far from us.

- **Philippians 4:5:** "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

Paul expected the virtuous life of Christians to be **visible** to everyone, including those who are outside the church.

- **Philippians 4:5:** "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

Jesus created everything that's **visible** (and everything that's invisible as well).

- **Colossians 1:16:** "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

When the devil invades this world with other fallen angels right before the rapture, he will be **visible** in the sky. Since he's a sign in the sky, the whole world will be able to see him.

- **Revelation 12:3-4:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

After the devil invades this world in a highly **visible** way with his army of demons, the church will be resurrected and transformed. The rapture won't happen until after the devil invades this world.

- **Revelation 12:5:** "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

There's no reason for the rapture to take the church by surprise. When the devil invades this world in a highly **visible** way, that's the final sign that the rapture is about to take

place.

- **Revelation 12:3-5:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

Smoke will rise from those who are being tormented for taking the mark of the beast. That smoke will be **visible** and it will ascend forever.

- **Revelation 14:11:** "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

The smoke from Babylon's destruction will be **visible** from the sea.

- **Revelation 18:18:** "And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!"