

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

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### STORY LESSON

#### When the Stars Fell

The greatest display of shooting stars ever witnessed was the meteoric shower that began on the night of November 11, 1833, and continued on the two following nights. The shower, according to the records, had its greatest brilliancy in North America. Astronomers observed that the shooting stars seemed to radiate from the region of the constellation Leo, so they were named Leonids. The records from astronomers of the past showed that star showers had appeared from this region of the sky many times before. The Earth passes through the path of the Leonids every year and at that time more than an ordinary number of meteors are seen. Subsequent study revealed that a huge swarm of meteors moves in an orbit that requires thirty-three years to complete. In other words, an unusual shower of stars should be seen in November every thirty-three years. In the sky spectacle of 1833, however, men witnessed the most wonderful display ever recorded in history.

Professor Denison Olmsted, of Yale College, wrote this description: "About daybreak this morning our sky presented a remarkable exhibition of fireballs, commonly called Shooting Stars. The attention of the writer was first called to this phenomenon -about five o'clock, from which time until nearly sunrise, the appearance of these was striking and splendid, beyond anything of the kind he has ever witnessed.

"To form some idea of the phenomenon, the reader may imagine a constant succession of fireballs, resembling rockets, radiating in all directions from a point in the heavens. They

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commenced their progress at different distances from the radiating point but the lines they described, if produced upwards would all have met in the same part of the heavens. The balls just before they disappeared, exploded. The flashes of light were so bright as to awaken people in their beds." - Silliman's journal, volume 25, pages 354-411, quoted by Charles P. Olivier, *Meteors*, pages 24 - 25.

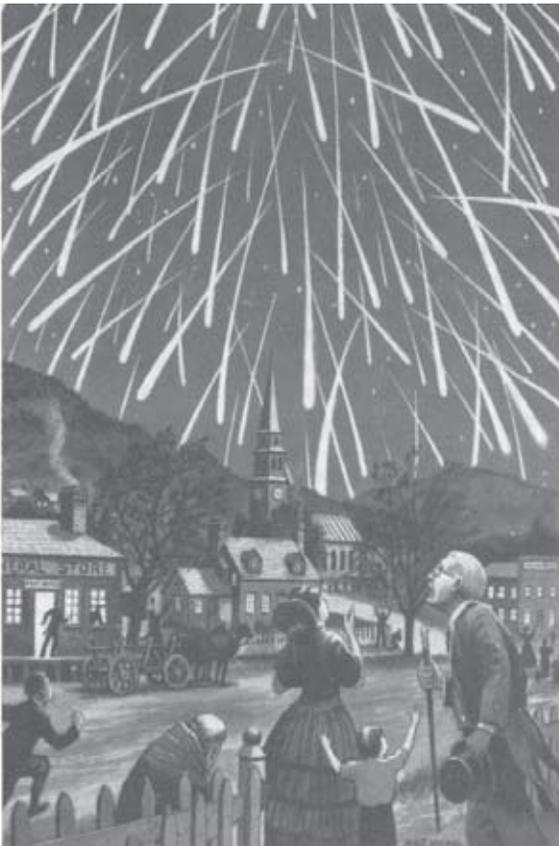
This was a glorious sign in the heavens, an omen which the Bible centuries before had foretold would come. To His disciples, Jesus Christ had said: "The stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken." Mark 13:2-5. The apostle John was given a picture of this sky display, for he wrote: "And the stars of heaven fell unto the Earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13.

Many Bible students saw in the falling of the stars in 1833 the fulfillment of God's word. Others scoffed and said a similar display occurred every thirty-three years. It is true that there was a spectacular display of meteors in 1866, but thirty-three years later when astronomers and laymen anticipated the greatest display of celestial fireworks of their lives, what

happened? Dr. Watson writes: "Alas! They were disappointed. Between 1866 and 1899 the meteors passed near both Saturn and Jupiter; these planets pulled the particles aside so that the Earth passed through only the fringes of the swarm.

As 1932 approached and the possibility of another shower was apparent many people hoped that some perturbation had swung the particles into their previous orbit. As in 1899 the meteors came at the rate of one a minute, but compared to the earlier displays this was disappointing. It is not likely that we shall again witness great ' displays from this stream." - Between the Planets, page 121.

How significant are the words of this scientist! The Creator and Upholder of the universe allowed this tremendous display of meteors to come in 1833 at the exact time that would synchronize with Bible prophecy. The signs in the heavens turned men to God's message, and faith in divine predictions was confirmed by evidence in the starry sky. Certainly, the heavens declared the glory of God, and astronomers have been unable to explain why no other shower before or since has been as glorious or spectacular.  
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## HISTORY

### Master Counterfeiter: 11 CHURCH or BABYLON?

A description of ancient heathen worship indistinguishable from that carried on in some Christian churches today.

Turning the calendar back three thousand years, we walk into a massive temple and gaze curiously around. We know that we are not in a temple dedicated to the worship of the true God, for along the walls and at the front are numerous images, which are receiving the adoration and prayers of the worshipers who bow before them.

Remembering the second commandment of the Decalogue, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them," etc., we know that this temple must be dedicated to the evil one himself.

At the front of the worship room a tonsured priest, with the shaved pate representing the sun's disk and the fringe of hair around the edge representing the sun's rays, chants in a monotone in a language understood neither by us nor by the worshipers, "abracadabra" being an oft-repeated sound. Upon inquiry, we are told that this and many other meaningless words used in the worship have a mysterious effect upon the one saying them.

A man guilty of a crime enters, and goes to the confessional in an endeavor to relieve his conscience. He pays the priest the required fee, and is told that he must do penance to purify his soul. The priest looks in his book of rituals, and chooses from the eighty grades of punishment, including water, fire, frost, hunger, thirst, and journeyings, one he considers sufficiently severe to expiate the sin. The penitent worshiper draws back at the punishment meted out to him; but, after being reminded that the priest carries the keys of heaven and hell and that eternal fire is the only alternative of disobedience, he trembles with fear and acquiesces, beginning his long penalty of self-torture.

Another worshiper complains that misfortune has overtaken him, and desires some formula that will protect him. The priest takes from

a near-by chest a ring of silver, the metal everywhere sacred to the moon-god, and a ring of gold, which was everywhere sacred to the sun-god. Then he begins his incantation prayer; (recorded in Sayce, from a Babylonian temple text) : "In the right hand may the Sun-god be carried. In his left hand may the Moon-god be carried."

Then the priest continues to place the jewelry at the points of the body where it was believed the evil spirits might attack, in the nose, on the ears, on the fingers, around the neck, around wrists and ankles. Continuing the incantation, he says: "The weapon scatters rays of brilliance.... The forceful flash, made for the hand to gr-asp. . . The great stones that are made beautiful with rejoicing, that are fitted to become the flesh of the gods. . .the porous stone, the turquoise, the crystal, . . . the precious stone . . . and gold must be taken, to be set on the pure breast of a man.... The holy stones which are full of beauty and rejoicing, that fitted to be gazed upon, which are the flesh of the gods, very brilliant are they."

Having paid the proper price, the unfortunate man leaves the temple bedecked in his gold and silver and precious stones. Every movement he makes brings a new flash of light from a jewel, warning any wandering evil spirit that the sun spirit dwells with the man, and that no other spirit dares to enter. We look about us, and see that every worshipper is likewise well protected with amulets, wearing "the flesh of the gods" at all danger points.

Suddenly there is a commotion in the rear of the temple. Two servants of the sun-priest drag in a man who is refusing to contribute his share to the upkeep of the vast retinue connected with the temple service. Defiantly he continues to refuse to cooperate, and we hear pronounced upon him the most dreaded of all ancient punishments. He is cursed to high heaven, sentenced to eternal hell, and excommunicated forever from the benefits supposed to be granted by the priestly service. His face blanches, his body trembles, he utters a half cry, then staggers from the temple. His property is seized, all civil protection is withdrawn from him, and he is forced to flee to the wilderness for his life.

We pass on to another room of the temple, where are kept the sacred relics through which most of the temple's miracles are preformed. The relics, we notice, include a tooth, a shin-

bone, a bit of cloth, a vial of tears, a piece of wood, a black stone, a begging bowl. A constant stream of people passes in and out; many of them claim to have been healed by contact with some particular relic.

Vestal virgins are everywhere; but we soon learn that the word "virgin" means only that they are dedicated to the service of the temple. Immorality is required as a part of the worship of the sun-god, and we turn with loathing from the diseased and degraded creatures who fill the church's lazar house. We note in passing that each vestal virgin has the sacred sun color, red, smeared over each cheek; also that both her fingernails and her toenails are painted with the same color, a public sign that she is dedicated to the service of the sun-god. Twice daily we notice that the faces of the images of the sun-god in the temple are carefully washed and then given a new coating of brilliant rouge, so that they too may properly represent his majesty, the sun.

In another room we see young men in training to be priests. They explain to us the seven degrees of initiation through which they must pass. When they reach the sixth degree, each will receive the title of "Sun" and be so addressed by his associates. When they reach the seventh and highest degree, each will receive the name of "Father" and will be so addressed by everyone he meets; a heavy penalty will be imposed upon anyone who fails to use the title.

The picture here presented is not an imaginary one, nor is it one drawn from recent centuries. These are the actual scenes one would see in ancient temples dedicated to the worship of Lucifer, the master counterfeiter. The Babylonians, and the Egyptians and the Persians, who inherited their demon worship from Babylon, left exhaustive records of their temple services, records that have been translated by the scholars of the British Museum and elsewhere, and that may now be read by anyone. Yet in spite of the fact that these customs come to us from Babylonian demon worship, and often in spite of expressed commands to the contrary in the Scriptures, how many of these remnants of demonology are found today in the Christian church! Notice how contrary to such practices are the following quotations from the Bible:

"When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be

heard for their much speaking.” Matthew 6:7.

“So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.”

“Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.” 1 Corinthians 14:9, 19 The Scriptures, it seems, do not sanction the frequent repetition of meaningless prayers, or speaking in unknown tongues in the church.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9. “There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:5. These scriptures clearly teach that no penance is necessary for forgiveness, and that no human being can act as a mediator between man and his Creator.

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel; . . . not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.” 1 Timothy 2:9. It seems strange that so many continue to spend enormous sums on utterly useless Babylonian sun charms, especially in the face of scriptural injunctions to the contrary.

“If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” Matthew 15:17. “Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.” Luke 6:27.

According to these texts, only the church acting in concert can disfellowship an individual; and, when he is put out of the church, he is not to be cursed and abused and robbed, but worked with and worked for just the same as the missionary works for the salvation of the heathen. As we learned in an earlier chapter, there is no eternal hell-fire to which one can be sent if he chooses disobedience and death instead of obedience and life.

Matthew 15:13 “Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.” Those who trace their beliefs and practices to Babylonian devil worship should know the real meaning of the call found in Revelation 18:2-4 “Babylon the great is fallen. . . . Come out

of her, My people.” Murl Vance – 1940 = ^..^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### The Lady With the Lamp

When Florence Nightingale was a very little girl, every one noticed how kind she was to other people and to animals. Every person and every animal in the village loved her. She made friends with even the shy squirrels.

When very small she always pretended that her dolls were sick and she would bandage and nurse them carefully. Even her pets were used as patients. Florence was from a well to do family and so they were amazed at her ideas. Now this is not strange for little girls today, but in Florence’s day nursing was not at all what nice girls did.

The hospitals were filthy, vile places, and those who worked there were often the most vulgar women, even criminals would be forced to work in the hospitals as punishment. You can imagine what such places were like for the sick!! The rich would be cared for in their homes, and only the most wretched and poor would end up in these places. Often there were several people to a straw bed and the beds were crawling with bed-bugs and lice. The smell was terrible, and few people survived from these places of death. If you weren’t terribly sick when you went in, you soon would be!

So Florence wanting to be a nurse was the puzzlement of her family and friends. But I believe God had placed a dream in her heart and was preparing her to be the one to make a difference to these horrible places.

Near the village in England in which she had her home there lived an old shepherd named Roger. Roger had a favorite sheep dog called Captain. One day, when Florence was riding with a friend, she saw the shepherd feeding his sheep. But Captain was not there to help him, and the sheep were running about in all directions. Florence stopped to ask the shepherd what had become of his dog.

“Oh, Miss Florence,” he replied, “Cap will never be of any more use to me. He will have to be killed.”

“Killed!” Florence exclaimed. “Oh, Roger, how can you say so? What has poor Cap done?”

“He has done nothing,” replied Roger; “but a cruel boy threw a stone at him yesterday and

broke one of his legs.” And the old shepherd wiped away the tears that filled his eyes. “Poor Cap!” he said, “he was as knowing as a human being.”

Florence and her friend rode on to the shepherd’s cottage. They went in to see the poor dog. “Poor old Cap!” said Florence gently.

The dog began to wag his tail. Then he crawled from under the table and lay down at her feet. She took hold of one of his paws, patted his rough head, and talked to him, while she examined the injured leg.

It was very badly swollen, and it hurt him much to have it touched. But though he moaned with pain, he licked the hands that were hurting him, for he knew that it was meant kindly.

“It’s only a bad bruise. There are no bones broken,” said Florence. “Rest is all Cap needs. He will soon be well again. Plenty of hot water to bathe his leg will ease the pain and help to cure him, too.”

Florence lighted the fire, got ready some hot water, and began to bathe the poor dog’s leg. It was not long before he began to feel less pain. The grateful dog tried to show his thanks by his looks and by wagging his tail.

On their way back they met the old shepherd coming slowly homeward.

“Oh, Roger!” cried Florence, “you are not going to lose poor old Cap. We have found that his leg is not broken after all.”

“Well, I am very glad to hear it,” said the old man; “and many thanks to you, Miss Florence, for going to see him.”

The next morning, Florence was there early to bathe Cap’s leg. She found it much better. The next day, she bathed it again, and in two or three days, the old dog was able as before to go with his master, and to look after the flock.

This happened many years ago, and that kind-hearted little girl grew up to be one of the kindest and bravest of women. She spent her youth in learning how to nurse the sick, and how to manage hospitals.

During the Crimean War the wounded soldiers were very badly off for want of proper care and good hospitals. Florence Nightingale took a band of trained nurses and went away to take care of them. At that time she wrote, “We have four miles of beds not eighteen inches apart. To-morrow five hundred more wounded men are coming.”

It was here she earned the name, ‘The Lady with the Lamp’. Each night before she would go to her rest, she would carry a small lamp and walk through the miles of wounded soldiers lying on their cots, and check that all was OK with them.

It was not long before she could hardly find time for rest or sleep. The terrible diseases that strike when there are so many wounded and sick people hit many, and even Florence suffered the effects.

After the war was over, the hospitals all closed, and the last sick soldier was on board the train for home, Florence Nightingale quietly returned to her home in England. She wanted to avoid the public demonstrations of the people, so even her own family were not expecting her. The people were disappointed, but they said, “None but the truly great could be so meek and unassuming.”

But they could not let her heroic work pass without some expression of their appreciation. So a purse of fifty thousand pounds, or about two hundred fifty thousand dollars, was gathered and presented to her. She was deeply touched.

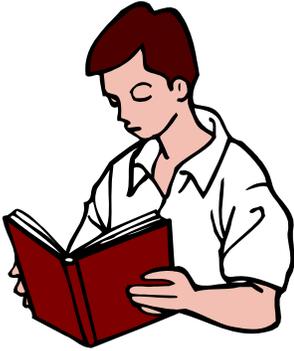
“I shall treasure your kind thought in my heart forever,” she said, “but I do not need the money. Please use it to build a training school for nurses.”

With this money, “The Nightingale Home” was built. In it is a beautiful statue of Florence Nightingale. She wears her simple nurse’s dress and carries in her hand a tiny lamp, just as she used to do in the hospitals. This is why she has been called “The Lady With the Lamp.”

After that, Florence Nightingale did a great deal to improve English hospitals. Her whole life was spent in helping the sick, and especially those who were poor. In the United States, National Hospital Day is observed on May 12, Florence Nightingale’s birthday. This is to honor her whose work led to the improvement of hospitals throughout the entire world.

It is interesting though, that because of the terrible strain of her work in the Crimea, Florence was never again well. She had what we would call today, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, for the rest of her life. She had to remain at home, mostly in her bed. Even when the Queen herself invited her to visit the palace, she had to politely decline.

And yet, Florence refused to give up her dreams to promote better nursing. Working from her bedroom headquarters she wrote, taught and directed changes that made British hospitals ever so much better than they had been before. Soon nursing, at one time only done by the most degraded and vulgar women, became an honored profession. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 3: 3rd Quarter:**  
**“GOD’S MESSENGERS: THE PROPHETS”**  
**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13: “OTHER**  
**PROPHETS”**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about God’s Messengers, His Prophets. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” Jeremiah 31:3**

**Sunday**

**Text: Hosea 1:1 “The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.”**

Remember how Isaiah had children whose names were prophecies? And also how Jeremiah was told not to take a wife and have a family at

all? Well, there was an interesting prophet named Hosea who lived around the same time as Isaiah, and God told him to go out and marry a prostitute! This was a woman who went out with other men for money.

So he married this woman, whose name was Gomer. Soon some children were born to them and the children were given names that were prophecies, just like Isaiah’s children were. The first was called Jezreel, which meant “God will sow.”

The next was a little girl named Loruhamah, “Not Pitied”, for God was warning that He would not have pity on the wicked nation if it did not stop its heathen worship.

Then a boy was born and God named him, Lo-ammi, meaning “Not my People”. God was saying that Israel would not more be His special people.

Now something very sad began to happen in this strange family. Although Hosea was kind to Gomer and gave her food and clothes and everything she needed, soon Gomer decided she wanted to go back to her wicked life. Soon she was running out and leaving her husband and children while she went out with other men who were not her husband.

Now this whole story was used by God to tell the story of what the nation of Israel did to Him. He had taken them to be His special people and He had cared for them and loved them, giving them everything they needed. But they had wickedly decided they would rather go back to worshipping idols and enjoying the Pagan holidays. The Bible says that they even took the food and clothes God had given them and used them for their idols and heathen gods.

So did Gomer the wife of Hosea do, taking the food and clothes he provided for her and giving them as gifts to her lovers.

**Thought** - We should never forget that all the blessings and things we have to enjoy are all given to us by Our Heavenly Father.

**Monday**

**Text: Hosea 2:14, 15 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she**

### **came up out of the land of Egypt.”**

The prophet here represents our loving God as he goes after the wicked woman who is his wife and pleads with her to return home to where she is loved and cared for.

Tenderly did God plead with Israel and Judah through the words of many prophets, inviting them to come back to Him. What did they do? Did they listen?

No they did not. They just did more and more wickedness. They even took God’s messengers and cruelly harmed them and even killed them.

What did Gomer do when Hosea went and pleaded with her to come back home to him and her children? She would not listen at all, she just wanted the worldly life with her lovers and Hosea returned sadly without her.

What happened to Gomer after this? She became so vile and wicked that even her ‘lovers’ didn’t want her any more. Finally she was taken to a slave market and put up on the block to be sold as a slave. But nobody wanted this aging and vile woman, even as a slave.

**Thought** – In the prophecy made by Moses to Israel before he died, he warned that if they turned away from the True God of heaven: “.. the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.” Deut. 28:68

### **Tuesday**

**Text: Hosea 3:1-3 “Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley: And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.”**

God told Hosea what had happened to Gomer and Hosea went down to the slave market where he bought his wife back for 15 pieces of silver. Then he took her home and forgave her and

took her again to be his wife.

This was an acted out prophecy of how when Israel, and each one of us for that matter, had sold out to sin and Satan, that Jesus came to buy us back from the slave market of the devil and set us free to be, not a slave, but His people again.

What a loving God we serve! Think of that selfish and lewd woman Gomer. Here she had a loving husband and children who wanted their mother, but she went away to follow her own ideas of what was fun.

She kept on doing this until not even her partners in sin could stand her any more. They hated her for what she had become and she found herself unwanted by anybody, even for a slave.

Now as she stood on that auction block in disgrace and shame, she sees a familiar face in the crowd. It is her own husband Hosea. Has he come to make fun of her too? Surely he could have no further use for her in such a state as she was in now.

But no, he pays the price to redeem the slave, and gently leading her by the hand, he takes her home. There she finds the true love of her children and husband.

**Thought** – Nothing the World has to offer is better than the love of our Savior!

### **Wednesday**

**Text: Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”**

Did Gomer stay with her loving husband after that? I am not sure; we can hope so. But what about Israel? We know what happened with them, even though the Lord pled with them over and over to turn from their idols and serve Him only, they did not.

Here we see that God is saying that the people are destroyed by a lack of knowledge. But notice why they have this lack, it is not because they didn’t have knowledge given to them, Oh, no! It was because they rejected it!

Over and over, they refused to listen to God’s Word, they would not remember His laws and so He warns that the day will come when they

will finally be rejected and forgotten by God. Yes, even the patience of our wonderful Heavenly Father has a limit. There comes a time when He has to draw the line and that time came to Israel finally.

The Assyrians came in and took over the land. The people were killed and the ones that were left were scattered in the earth, sold as slaves. Often they were sold cheap and no one wanted to buy them, just like the prophecy of Moses had warned.

God would have bought them back, He would have loved them and cared for them always, but they thought their idol gods were better and served them until they destroyed themselves.

**Thought** – Let us determine to listen to God’s Word and never, never to wear out the patience of our loving God!

### Thursday

**Text: Joel 2:1, 2 “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains:”**

There are 12 small books at the end of the Old Testament called the ‘minor prophets’. Not because they were not important, but their books are fairly small. Still these books contain some amazing lessons for God’s people at these last days. We looked at Hosea and now we will see a few things from Joel.

We recognize the book of Joel as having many prophecies and warnings in it for our days. He warns people to get ready for the coming of Jesus, telling them that for those who are not ready, that day, called the ‘day of the Lord’, will be a terrible one.

It is also Joel that tells us about the special gift of prophecy that is for us in the last days.

“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: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28, 29

Joel also tells about some of the same signs

of Jesus’ coming that He told about in Matthew 24: And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come”. Joel 2:30, 31.

Of course we know that all those have been fulfilled.

**Thought** – Isn’t it wonderful to be living at a time when nearly all the prophecies have already happened?

### Friday

**Text: Nahum 2:4 “The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.”**

This verse in Nahum certainly seems to be describing our modern day cars, doesn’t it? How wonderful that one of God’s prophets so long ago saw our own day and wrote warnings and counsels for us.

As you read the books of the Minor Prophets you will find that many if not all of them have information in them that tells something about our time down here at the end of the world. Clearly the message comes warning those who do evil to repent and encouraging those who turn to God to trust in Him.

We well know that the prophet Malachi, whose book is the last one in the Old Testament, tells us about tithes and offerings. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

But there is ever so much more; it tells us that God does not like the idea of divorce. No not at all! It also tells us that God does not like any dishonesty. In Malachi we are also told about ‘the prophet Elijah’, who would come to announce the ‘Day of the Lord’.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5, 6

We know that was partly fulfilled in the work

of John the Baptist at the time of Jesus, but it is also finding fulfillment today in the work of our special messenger Ellen White, who wrote ever so much instruction about how to have a Christian home and raise our children to love the Lord!

**Thought** - Yes, as you read those books written by the prophets of old, you will find many things that help us to understand our own times and how to get ready for Jesus soon coming. May all of us get ready, be ready and stay ready! = ^ .. ^ =

