



THE
APOCALYPSE
OF
THOMAS

The Apocalypse of Thomas

Chapter 1

1 Here begins the letter of ܐܘܪܝܢܐ to Thomas.

2 Hear, Thomas, the things which must come to pass in the last times.

3 There will be famine and war and earthquakes in various places; snow and ice and great drought will there be, and many dissensions among the peoples.

4 There will be blasphemy, iniquity, envy and villainy, indolence, pride and intemperance, so that every man will speak that which pleases him.

5 My leaders will not have shalum among themselves, but will sacrifice to Me with a deceitful mind; therefore I will not look upon them.

6 Then will the leaders behold the people departing from the house of ܐܘܪܝܢܐ and turning to the world and transgressing landmarks in the house of the Mighty One.

7 They will vindicate for themselves many things and places that were lost and that will be subject to Caesar as also they were before time.

8 They will give poll-taxes for the cities, even gold and silver, and the chief men of the cities will be condemned and their substance brought into the treasury of the kings, and they will be filled.

9 There will be great disturbance throughout all the people, and death.

10 The house of ܐܘܪܝܢܐ will be desolate, and their altars will be abhorred, so that spiders weave their webs there.

11 The place of consecration will be corrupted and the consecrated leaders polluted; agony will increase, virtue will be overcome, joy will perish, and gladness will depart.

12 In those days evil will abound; there will be respecters of persons, and hymns will cease out of the house of ܐܘܪܝܢܐ.

13 Truth will be no more, covetousness will abound among the leaders, and an upright consecrated leaders will not be found.

Chapter 2

1 Suddenly there will arise near the last time a king, a lover of the law, who will hold rule not for long; he will leave two banium.

2 The first is named of the first letter, A; the second of the eighth letter, H.

3 The first will die before the second.

4 Thereafter will arise two princes to oppress the nations, under whose hands there will be a very great famine in the right-hand part of the east, so that nation will rise up against nation and be driven out from their own borders.

5 Again another king will arise, a crafty man, and will command a golden image to be worshipped in the house of the Mighty One, wherefore martyrdoms will abound.

6 Then will belief return to the servants of אֱלֹהִים; consecration will be multiplied and agony will increase.

7 The mountains will be comforted and will drop down sweetness of fire from their face, that the number of the consecrated ones may be accomplished.

8 After a little space there will arise a king out of the east, a lover of the law, who will cause all good and necessary things to abound in the house of אֱלֹהִים.

9 He will show mercy to the widows and to the needy, and command a royal gift to be given to the leaders; in his days there will be abundance of all things.

10 After that again a king will arise in the south part of the world, and will hold rule a little space, in whose days the treasury will fail because of the wages of the Roman soldiers.

11 The substance of all the aged will be commanded to be taken and given to the king to distribute.

12 Thereafter will be plenty of corn and wine and oil, but great dearness of money, so that the substance of gold and silver will be given for corn, and there will be great dearth.

13 At that time will be a very great rising of the sea, so that no man will tell news to any man.

14 The kings of the earth and the princes and the captains will be troubled, and no man will speak boldly.

15 Grey hairs will be seen upon boys, and the young will not give place to the aged.

Chapter 3

1 After that will arise another king, a crafty man, who will hold rule for a short space, in whose days there will be all manner of evils, even the death of the human race from the east even to Babylon.

2 Thereafter will be death and famine and the sword in the land of Canaan even to the great city.

3 Then will all the fountains of waters and wells boil over and be turned into blood.

4 The shamayim will be moved, the stars will fall upon the earth, the sun will be cut in half like the moon, and the moon will not give her light.

5 There will be great signs and wonders in those days when the lawless one draws near.

6 Woe to them that dwell on the earth; in those days great pains of travail will come upon them.

7 Woe to them that build, for they will not inhabit.

8 Woe to them that break up the fallow, for they will labor without cause.

9 Woe to them that make marriages, for unto famine and need will they beget baniym.

10 Woe to them that join house to house or field to field, for all things will be consumed with fire.

11 Woe to them that look not to themselves while time allows, for hereafter will they be condemned for ever.

12 Woe to them that turn away from the poor when he asks.

Chapter 4

1 Hear, Thomas, for I am the Ban of the Mighty One the ABaH, and I am the ABaH of all breaths.

2 Hear from Me the seven signs of the ending of this world.

3 There will be in all the earth famine and great pestilences and much distress; then will all men be led captive among all nations and will fall by the edge of the sword.

4 On the first day of the judgment will be a great marvel.

5 At the third hour of the day there will be a great and mighty voice in the firmament of the shamayim, and a great cloud of blood coming down out of the north.

6 Great thunder and mighty lightning will follow that cloud, and there will be a rain of blood upon all the earth.

7 On the second day there will be a great voice in the firmament of the shamayim, and the earth will be moved out of its place.

8 The gates of shamayim will be opened in the firmament toward the east, and a great power will be sent forth by the gates of shamayim and will cover all the shamayim until evening.

9 In that day there will be fears and great terrors in the world.

10 On the third day, about the third hour, there will be a voice in shamayim, and the abysses of the earth will roar from the four corners of the world.

11 The pinnacles of the firmament of shamayim will be opened, and all the air will be filled with pillars of smoke.

12 There will be a stench of brimstone, very evil, until the tenth hour, and men will say: We think the time draws near that we perish.

13 On the fourth day at the first hour, from the land of the east the abyss will melt and roar.

14 Then will all the earth be shaken by the might of an earthquake.

15 In that day will the ornaments of the nations fall, and all the buildings of the earth, before the might of the earthquake.

16 On the fifth day at the sixth hour, suddenly there will be a great thunder in shamayim, and the powers of light and the wheel of the sun will be caught away.

17 There will be great darkness in the world until evening, and the air will be gloomy without sun or moon, and the stars will cease from their ministry.

18 In that day all nations will behold it as sackcloth and will despise the life of this world.

19 On the sixth day at the fourth hour there will be a great voice in shamayim, and the firmament of the shamayim will be cloven from the east to the west.

20 The malakiym of the shamayim will look forth upon the earth by the openings of the shamayim, and all who are on the earth will behold the host of the malakiym looking forth out of shamayim.

21 Then will all men flee and hide themselves from the face of the righteous malakiym, and say: Would that the earth would open and swallow us up!

22 And such things will come to pass as never were since this world was created.

Chapter 5

1 Then will they behold Me coming from above in the light of My ABaH with the power and honor of the consecrated malakiym.

2 Then at My coming will the fence of fire of paradise be done away, because paradise is girt round about with fire.

3 This will be that perpetual fire that will consume the earth and all the elements of the world.

4 Then will the breaths and beings of all men come forth from paradise and will come upon all the earth.

5 Every one of them will go to his own body, where it is laid up, and every one of them will say: Here lies my body.

6 And when the great voice of those breaths is heard, then will there be a great earthquake over all the world.

7 By the might of it the mountains will be cloven from above and the rocks from beneath.

8 Then will every breath return into his own vessel and the bodies of the consecrated ones who have fallen asleep will arise.

9 Then will their bodies be changed into the image and likeness and the honor of the consecrated malakiym, and into the power of the image of My consecrated ABaH.

10 Then will they be clothed with the vesture of life eternal, out of the cloud of light which has never been seen in this world.

11 That cloud comes down out of the highest realm of the shamayim from the power of My ABaH, and that cloud will compass about with the beauty of it all the breaths that have believed in Me.

12 Then will they be clothed and be borne by the hand of the consecrated malakiym; they will be lifted up into the air upon a cloud of light.

13 They will go with Me rejoicing to shamayim, and then will they continue in the light and honor of My ABaH.

14 There will be to them great gladness with My ABaH and before the consecrated malakiym.

15 On the seventh day at the eighth hour there will be voices in the four corners of the shamayim.

16 All the air will be shaken and filled with consecrated malakiym, and they will make war among them all the day long.

17 In that day will My elect be sought out by the consecrated malakiym from the destruction of the world.

18 Then will all men see that the hour of their destruction draws near.

19 When the seven days are passed by, on the eighth day at the sixth hour there will be a sweet and tender voice in shamayim from the east.

20 Then will that malak be revealed who has power over the consecrated malakiym.

21 All the malakiym will go forth with Him, sitting upon chariots of the clouds of My consecrated ABaH, rejoicing and running upon the air beneath the shamayim to deliver the elect who have believed in Me.

22 They will rejoice that the destruction of this world has come.

23 The words of the ^{וְאֵלֶיךָ} to Thomas are ended, concerning the end of this world.