

## Chapter 11

# We're Sorry But It's Time To Go

### BIBLE

All the assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this [continued] until the burnt offering was finished.<sup>1</sup>

When they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.<sup>2</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen!" The elders fell down and worshiped.<sup>3</sup>

John answered, "A man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven.<sup>4</sup> Therefore do what we tell you. We have four men who have taken a vow.<sup>5</sup> But I hope that you will know that we aren't disqualified!"<sup>6</sup>

The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.<sup>7</sup> They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there.<sup>8</sup>

All the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.<sup>9</sup> They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day.<sup>10</sup>

### COMMENTARY

<sup>1</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:28**

<sup>2</sup> **2 Chronicles 29:29**

<sup>3</sup> **Revelation 5:14** [*The "four living creatures" are the Beatles*]

<sup>4</sup> **John 3:27**

<sup>5</sup> **Acts 21:23**

<sup>6</sup> **2 Corinthians 13:6** At the end of the Beatles legendary rooftop concert John declares "Thank you on behalf of the group and I hope we passed the audition!" Despite not having played together before a live audience for almost two and a half years, the Beatles performance that day was so good that three of the songs were recorded intact and later used for the *Let it Be* studio album.

<sup>7</sup> **Lamentations 5:14**

<sup>8</sup> **Genesis 42:26**

<sup>9</sup> **Nehemiah 8:12** George: "The world used us as an excuse to go mad."

<sup>10</sup> **2 Kings 10:27** "Baal" represents the belief that our source of supply is in the *out-er* world, the world we can see with our senses. After hearing the life changing message from the angels that God is our source, the people have decided the "house of Baal" is no longer needed, and have converted it into an *out-house*.

They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.<sup>11</sup> How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.<sup>12</sup>

They all ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over.<sup>13</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.<sup>14</sup>

After the seven days, the floodwaters came on the earth.<sup>15</sup> However the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.<sup>16</sup>

Then Israel sang this song: “Spring Up, Well! Sing To It,”<sup>17</sup> a prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music.<sup>18</sup> Those who sing as well as those who dance say, “All my springs are in you.”<sup>19</sup>

When the ark of Yahweh’s covenant came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.<sup>20</sup>

The whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>11</sup> **Daniel 5:4**

<sup>12</sup> **Zechariah 9:17** “How does it feel to be one of the beautiful people?” John asks in “Baby You’re A Rich Man.” “The beautiful people” were supposedly enlightened young people who dropped out of conventional society in the Sixties. Their lifestyle was fueled in part by the music that the Beatles and their contemporaries were creating.

<sup>13</sup> **Matthew 15:37**

<sup>14</sup> **Exodus 16:30**

<sup>15</sup> **Genesis 7:10**

<sup>16</sup> **2 Kings 12:3** In the Sixties, many young people experimented with mind altering drugs as a way to reach the “kingdom within” and experience, at least temporarily, a deep sense of inner joy, peace and oneness. The connection between going to the “high places” and reaching higher consciousness is undeniable. Teachers recommend, however, that at some point a seeker abandon the use of drugs as a spiritual tool, because of their adverse side effects and also the fact that the person is relying on something outside of himself to achieve a natural internal state.

<sup>17</sup> **Numbers 21:17**

<sup>18</sup> **Habakkuk 3:1**

<sup>19</sup> **Psalms 87:7**

<sup>20</sup> **1 Samuel 4:5** The “ark of the covenant,” a sacred and holy thing, represents the Divine spark in man.

<sup>21</sup> **2 Chronicles 30:23**