

Chapter 50

Abbey Road: The Final Album

BIBLE

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as it was told them.¹

God spoke all these words, saying:² “Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.³ For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands.”⁴

Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ.⁵ Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart.⁶

In front of the temple sanctuary was forty cubits.⁷ Outside of the inner gate were rooms for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.⁸

COMMENTARY

¹ **Luke 2:20** [*“The shepherds” are the Beatles*]

The Beatles returned to the Abbey Road recording studio one last time to record their grand finale, *Abbey Road*.

² **Exodus 20:1**

³ **James 1:4** *Abbey Road*, the last great Beatle album, was “perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” John’s “Come Together” was a superb opening track, and fans and critics loved the medley of songs that ended the album. Especially impressive was how much George had matured as a songwriter. His two contributions, “Something” and “Here Comes The Sun,” are considered among the Beatles finest songs.

⁴ **Isaiah 55:12** Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: “Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.”

⁵ **Acts 5:42** [*The “temple” is the Abbey Road recording studio*]

⁶ **Acts 2:46** After the acrimony involved in the *Let it Be* sessions, the Beatles came together “with one accord” and with “gladness and singleness of heart” to create the *Abbey Road* album.

⁷ **1 Kings 6:17**

⁸ **Ezekiel 40:44**

A highway will be there, a road, and it will be called The Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it will be for those who walk in the Way. Wicked fools will not go there.⁹

Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all with one accord in one place.¹⁰ There are three things which are stately in their march, four which are stately in going.¹¹ Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways.¹²

These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of Yahweh. They cry aloud from the sea,¹³ saying “Amen! Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”¹⁴

As they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be to you.”¹⁵

So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.¹⁶

The word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.¹⁷

⁹ **Isaiah 35:8** The cover of *Abbey Road* pictures the Beatles walking across the zebra crossing in front of the Abbey Road studio. The road itself has become a Holy shrine for Beatle fans. A webcam provides continuous live coverage of the crossing, and followers of the group make pilgrimages to the site to imitate the band members walking across the street.

¹⁰ **Acts 2:1** The “day of Pentecost” is a festival of the harvest. Whenever we plant something, such as new ideas in our consciousness, it is a cause for celebration when those things become physical realities. In order for our thoughts and plans to germinate, concentration, determination, and unity of purpose is called for; we need to be “with one accord in one place.”

¹¹ **Proverbs 30:29** The iconic photo chosen for the cover of *Abbey Road* shows the four Beatles walking away together one last time from the studio where they had recorded so much of their music together.

¹² **Psalms 119:3**

¹³ **Isaiah 24:14**

¹⁴ **Revelation 7:12**

¹⁵ **Luke 24:36**

¹⁶ **2 Chronicles 30:26**

¹⁷ **Acts 6:7** The world had waited ten months for a follow up to the *White Album*, and the Beatles did not disappoint. *Abbey Road* sealed their legacy forever.