

Chapter 9

We Hope You Will Enjoy The Show

BIBLE

So the word of the Lord was growing and becoming mighty.¹

Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly.² For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.³

The king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king chooses."⁴

Those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good. The wedding was filled with guests.⁵

On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.⁶

On the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.⁷

COMMENTARY

¹ **Acts 19:20**

² **2 Chronicles 30:13** [*People are assembling for a concert by the Beatles*]

³ **2 Chronicles 30:2** Passover celebrates the freedom of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. The liberation of our spiritual nature from the control of our mind (which the Beatles facilitated), is an ongoing process.

⁴ **2 Samuel 15:15**

⁵ **Matthew 22:10** A wedding symbolizes the union of the higher and lower nature of Man, the carnal with the spiritual. After the wedding, a new creation emerges.

⁶ **1 Chronicles 9:24** The Beatles are known as the "Fab Four." The number four represents completion and stability. There are four seasons, four directions, four elements, four temperaments, and of course four Beatles. Mammals have four limbs, most furniture has four legs, and most vehicles have four wheels. In Buddhism, there are four noble truths, and in the Bible there are four gospels.

⁷ **Revolution 21:13** Galileo: "Mathematics is the language with which God has written the Universe."

Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, for it was the king's custom to consult those who knew law and judgment:⁸ "Gather yourselves together, go to the right, set yourselves in array, go to the left, wherever your face is set."⁹

"After that you will come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is; and it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a lute, a tambourine, a pipe, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying."¹⁰

He said, "Bring them here to me."¹¹

So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to Mount Carmel.¹²

With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led. They shall enter into the king's palace.¹³

Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness, for his wonderful deeds to the children of men!¹⁴ Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his deeds with singing.¹⁵

Let them praise his name in the dance! Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp!¹⁶

⁸ **Esther 1:13**

⁹ **Ezekiel 21:16**

¹⁰ **1 Samuel 10:5** [*The "band of prophets" are the Beatles*][*"The high place" represents an altered state of consciousness reached by using marijuana or other mind expanding drugs*] The band is warming up for the concert. Paul is offering harmonic support on the lute, a stringed instrument similar to a lyre. Ringo is on tambourine providing percussion, John is on the pipe, and George is playing the lead melody on the harp.

¹¹ **Matthew 14:18**

¹² **1 Kings 8:20**

¹³ **Psalm 45:15** In November 1963, the Beatles played for the Royal Variety Performance in London. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret were in attendance. It was at this show that John delivered his famous line: "Will the people in the cheaper seats clap your hands? And the rest of you, if you'll just rattle your jewelry..."

¹⁴ **Psalm 107:21** The Beatles: "We're gonna have a good time." ("Birthday")

¹⁵ **Psalm 107:22** The Beatles: "We hope you will enjoy the show." ("Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band")

¹⁶ **Psalm 149:3** The Beatles: "A splendid time is guaranteed for all." ("Being For the Benefit of Mr Kite!")