

Epilogue

The Rock Of Our Salvation

BIBLE

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.¹

Don't say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not ask wisely about this.²

One generation goes, and another generation comes; but the earth remains forever.³ While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.⁴

As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.⁵ For each man will bear his own burden.⁶

Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them.⁷ Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around preaching the word.⁸

COMMENTARY

¹ **Psalm 77:5** [*The "days of old" refer to the time when the Beatles were still active as a band*]

Aaron Copland: "If you want to know about the Sixties, play the music of the Beatles."

² **Ecclesiastes 7:10** Philip Larkin: "When you get to the top, there is nowhere to go but down. But the Beatles could not get down. There they remain, unreachable, frozen, fabulous."

³ **Ecclesiastes 1:4** The Beatles were named the top entertainers of the last 100 years by *Variety* in 2005. Derek Taylor: "This was the 20th century's greatest romance."

⁴ **Genesis 8:22** Greg Kot: "The Beatles had it all, the bastards. They made leading a revolution look easy. Yes, they had huge sales and worldwide celebrity, but not at the expense of artistic excellence."

⁵ **Daniel 8:22** After the group broke up each Beatle launched a solo career. Although much of the music they created was excellent, on their own they did not have the kind of powerful impact that they had as a group.

⁶ **Galatians 6:5**

⁷ **Acts 2:3**

⁸ **Acts 8:4**

Each one went straight forward:
where the spirit was to go, they went;
they didn't turn when they went.⁹

It shall happen, when many evils and
troubles are come on them, that this
song shall testify before them as a
witness; for it shall not be forgotten
out of the mouths of their seed: for I
know their imagination which they
frame this day, before I have brought
them into the land which I swore.¹⁰

They are planted in Yahweh's house.
They will flourish in our God's
courts.¹¹ Through wisdom a house is
built; by understanding it is
established.¹²

The rain came down, the floods came,
and the winds blew, and beat on that
house; and it didn't fall, for it was
founded on the rock.¹³

Oh come, let's sing to Yahweh. Let's
shout aloud to the rock of our
salvation!¹⁴

⁹ **Ezekiel 1:12** Their major work was done, but the individual Beatles continued to preach the gospel with songs like John's "Imagine" and George's "My Sweet Lord." In the latter, George describes his desire to have a direct relationship with God. "Really want to see you, Lord," he pleads, "I really want to know you, really want to go with you."

"My Sweet Lord," "Imagine," and Paul's "Maybe I'm Amazed" are the only songs by the individual Beatles to be included in *Rolling Stone's* "500 Greatest Songs Of All Time," published in 2004. There are 23 songs on the list that were recorded by the Beatles as a group.

¹⁰ **Deuteronomy 31:21** Many "evils and troubles" did come upon the group after their breakup, including John's murder, and the deaths from cancer of George and Beatle wives Linda McCartney, Maureen Starkey, and Cynthia Lennon. But the Beatles will not be forgotten, and their songs will forever testify before them as a witness.

¹¹ **Psalms 92:13**

¹² **Proverbs 24:3**

¹³ **Matthew 7:25**

¹⁴ **Psalms 95:1**

THE END