

Chapter 8

All The Earth At Rest And In Peace

BIBLE

All who heard it wondered at the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds.¹ The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.²

The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.³ In their mouth was found no lie, for they are blameless.⁴ There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise.⁵

God, who knows the heart, testified about them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just like he did to us.⁶

He sent them out to preach God's Kingdom and to heal the sick.⁷ Their voice has gone out through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun.⁸

They cast out many demons, and anointed many with oil who were sick, and healed them.⁹ There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.¹⁰

Fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.¹¹

COMMENTARY

¹ **Luke 2:18** [*"The shepherds" are the Beatles*]

² **John 1:9**

³ **Acts 11:21**

⁴ **Revelation 14:5**

⁵ **Proverbs 30:24**

⁶ **Acts 15:8** Maharishi Mahesh Yogi: "The Beatles were angels on earth."

⁷ **Luke 9:2**

⁸ **Psalm 19:4** Matthew Kelly: "If you want to understand any period in history, simply ask two questions: 'Who were the storytellers?' and 'What story were they telling?'"

⁹ **Mark 6:13** "Demons" are error thoughts. "Oil" represents love.

¹⁰ **Psalm 19:3** Promoter Sid Bernstein on the Beatles: "Only Hitler ever duplicated their power over crowds."

¹¹ **Acts 2:43** "Fear" in this sense of the word means awe. Among their many wonders and signs, perhaps none were more miraculous than what happened the week of April 4, 1964 when the Beatles had 12 songs, *including the entire top 5*, on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. This feat remained unmatched until the streaming era 57 years later when Drake also claimed the entire top 5 and 9 of the Hot 100's top 10.

Passing through the valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs. Yes, the autumn rain covers it with blessings.¹² For God has put in their hearts to do what he has in mind, and to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished.¹³

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “Yahweh has done great things for them.”¹⁴

Light is shown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.¹⁵ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.¹⁶ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined.¹⁷

All who believed were together, and had all things in common.¹⁸ They reported to Yahweh’s angel who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, “We have walked back and forth through the earth, and behold, all the earth is at rest and in peace.”¹⁹

“Let the field and all that is in it exult! Then all the trees of the woods shall sing for joy.”²⁰

¹² **Psalm 84:6**

¹³ **Revelation 17:17**

¹⁴ **Psalm 126:2** Producer Rick Rubin: “For me, the Beatles are proof of the existence of God.”

¹⁵ **Psalm 97:11** Bob Dylan: “They [The Beatles] were doing things nobody was doing. Their chords were outrageous, just outrageous, and their harmonies made it all valid. I knew they were pointing the direction of where music had to go.”

¹⁶ **Titus 2:11** Edna Gunderson, USA Today: “No other entertainers in history have been as popular, as influential, as important or as groundbreaking... The band hijacked the entertainment media and transcended music to become a chapter in world history. Its members had political clout, spiritual authority, cultural sway and the ears of the planet.”

¹⁷ **Isaiah 9:2**

¹⁸ **Acts 2:44**

¹⁹ **Zechariah 1:11** Nicholas Schaffner, *The Beatles Forever*: “The Beatles will be remembered not only for their considerable contribution as songwriters and recording artists, but also as the most remarkable cultural and sociological phenomenon of their time.”

²⁰ **Psalm 96:12** George: “The Beatles saved the world from boredom.”