

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

Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around preaching the word.⁷

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all.⁸ They will still produce fruit in old age. They will be full of sap and green.⁹ They will build houses and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.¹⁰

COMMENTARY

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

² **Ecclesiastes 7:10** Eric Idle: "The whole thing about the Beatles is that they made life more fun."

³ **Ecclesiastes 1:4**

⁴ **Genesis 8:22**

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

⁶ **Galatians 6:5** Only three songs by the individual Beatles are included in *Rolling Stone's* 2004 list of the "500 Greatest Songs Of All Time": George's "My Sweet Lord," John's "Imagine," and Paul's "Maybe I'm Amazed." There are 23 songs on the list recorded by the Beatles as a group.

⁷ **Acts 8:4** The solo Beatles continued to preach the word. In "My Sweet Lord" George desires to have a direct relationship with the Divine: "Really want to see you, Lord," he pleads. "I really want to know you, really want to go with you."

⁸ **1 Corinthians 12:7**

⁹ **Psalm 92:14**

¹⁰ **Isaiah 65:21**

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.¹¹

They are planted in Yahweh's house. They will flourish in our God's courts.¹² Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established.¹³

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.¹⁴

Oh come, let's sing to Yahweh. Let's shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!¹⁵

¹¹ **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. *Rolling Stone*- “The impact of the Beatles – not only on rock & roll but on all of Western culture – is simply incalculable.”

¹² **Psalms 92:13** Aaron Copland: “If you want to know about the Sixties, play the music of the Beatles.”

¹³ **Proverbs 24:3** 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.”

¹⁴ **Matthew 7:25** 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.”

¹⁵ **Psalms 95:1** 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.”

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