

Hebrews 11

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(The faith chapter)

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (substance = a legal guarantee – better translation) (evidence = a deed of ownership <Greek> – better translation; in this case, a deed to Heaven)

NOTE: (Jesus only performed miracles for the people who had faith in Him. Many times, He said - your faith has healed you)

²For by it the elders obtained a good report. (By their faith, God held them in high esteem)

³Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (worlds = eons, or ages <Greek> – bad translation)

NOTES: (There was a First Age before this one. It was a spiritual Age during which Satan rebelled against God. We were there in our spiritual bodies)

(God destroyed that Age and began the Second Age; an age of flesh to test us. There will be a Third Age in which we will all return to our spiritual bodies <like the people we call angels>. They are just people, like us, who have lived and died, or those that are not born yet in the flesh. The Third Age will be the eternity) 2Peter-3:3-11

⁴By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (We can learn from Abel. He is only dead in the flesh)

(Instantly when we die, our soul returns to the Father that gave it. We return to our spiritual bodies. That's why Abel, being dead <in the flesh>, can speak in the spirit. He is with God, like all people who have died) see Ecclesiastes-12:6-7

⁵By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. See Jude (His testimony to the people)

(Enoch will return in the days of antichrist to testify and die; just as we all die once in the flesh) see Genesis-6

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Faith is the key to our life with God in the eternity)

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (fear = reverence - It's the same word in Hebrew. Fear God if you hate Him; revere God if you love Him)

(Noah's faith in God saved him and his family. The people mocked him, until the rains came)

NOTE: (In the end days, the people will mock the Christians who remain faithful to God <the Elect>. They won't be fooled by antichrist at the 6th trump. The deceived people who persecute the Elect will stop laughing when Messiah returns at the 7th trump)

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. (Abraham's faith in God led him to obey God and to become the father of Israel)

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: (Jacob was the patriarch of the 12 tribes of Israel)

¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. (She was 90 years old when Isaac was born. She laughed when God told her she would have a son at her age. Isaac means laughter)

¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. (God promised Abraham that his

descendants would be more numerous than the stars in Heaven. When Isaac was born, Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90)

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
(Their faith gave them the patience that they needed to see God's plan through. Time means nothing to God. HE is eternal. His plan unfolds according to His timeframe, not ours)

¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. (A country under God)

¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. (They weren't going back. They obeyed God and left Ur <Iraq today>)

¹⁶ But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. (In paradise)

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, (His faith made him obey God. He passed the test)

(Isaac was a type for Jesus Christ; who would be crucified for our salvation. God spared Isaac, but He didn't spare Himself <as Jesus Christ>)

¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: see Romans-9

¹⁹ Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
(Jacob became the patriarch of the 12 tribes of Israel; Jews and Christians today. Esau became the patriarch of the Slavic people of Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Belarus; orthodox Christians today)

(These are the two superpowers of the end days) Ezekiel-38 & 39

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. (Manasseh and Ephraim – The UK and the US today)

²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. (Joseph had the faith to know that God would eventually free Israel from Egypt as He had promised. It came to pass 400 years later. God's plan unfolds by His timeframe, not by ours)

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. (a proper child = a blessed child)

(His mother had faith that God would save Moses from Pharaoh's death threat. Not only did God save Moses; He had Pharaoh's sister adopt Moses. She raised him in the palace of Pharaoh)

NOTE: (No king, president or any other ruler can stand against God. The mightiest ruler with all of his armies is nothing compared to the power of almighty God)

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (He was true to God and to Israel)

²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (Moses could have kept quiet and become Pharaoh's heir, to live in riches and luxury. Pharaoh favored Moses over his own son, because Moses was blessed by God. Moses had the faith in God to do what's right)

²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. (A life of luxury on earth, through sin and ill gotten gains won't last long. The flesh life is short)

(An eternal life with God in paradise is the true reward. That's what we should strive for. Moses was a wise man)

²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (Who is Pharaoh, or any man, compared to God? We are nothing in comparison. Live to please God, not man)

²⁸ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. (This was the angel of death – the tenth plague that God pronounced on Egypt) Exodus-11

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. (Israel's faith was in God. He protected them. The Egyptians' faith was in the strength of their army. They lost everything including their lives)

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. (Joshua obeyed God and prevailed)

³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. (Rahab was not a harlot. She was a very successful producer of fine flax use to weave into fine linens. A "harlot" does not have piles of flax on her roof. That's where she hid the Hebrew men, when the king of Jericho was looking to kill them) Joshua-6:22-27

NOTES: (God didn't call her a harlot; men did; probably because they were jealous of her business success. Even this verse proves it)

(Paul should not have written of her as a harlot. He was wrong, just like the rest of them. Paul was not a prophet. He was a Bible teacher)

(Rahab was a successful business woman. Merchants came from far away to buy her fine linen. Since there were no hotels in those days, she would allow them to stay overnight before returning home. Jealous men started rumors that she was a harlot because of that. People never change)

³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: (How many more examples do you need?)

³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (Their faith in God gave them great strength and courage)

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: (They refused to bow to the enemy)

³⁶ And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: (Many prophets suffered at the hands of men; but remained loyal to God)

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (The Romans under Nero martyred many Christians)

³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. (Israel, wandered through the desert 40 years)

³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (Because all of that happened before the crucifixion of Jesus. Afterwards, while He was in the tomb, Jesus went to them and freed them through His salvation. Their faith saved them) see 1Peter-3:18-19

⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (But we have salvation now, available to us in our lifetime. They didn't. All they had was their faith)