

## “Rumors from the East (2): The Last Sunrise”

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- **Revelation 18:1**—an apocalyptic snapshot of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ But whose \_\_\_\_\_ (Gk: *doxa*—“doxology”) is this that fills the earth just before the return of Christ (vv 2-4)?
  - ◆ Nearly every \_\_\_\_\_ and phrase in the book of Revelation is directly borrowed from the Old Testament.
  - ◆ Remember the great Protestant principle of study: The Bible is its own \_\_\_\_\_ interpreter.
  
- **Ezekiel 43:1, 2**
  - ◆ Clue #1—the glory that fills the earth is the glory of \_\_\_\_\_ himself.
  - ◆ Clue #2—the glory that fills the earth comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - \_\_\_\_\_ is the mysterious clue found in the climax of the longest and most comprehensive prophecy in all the Bible.
    - “The coming of Christ will take place in the \_\_\_\_\_ period of this earth’s history.” COL 4:14
    - Daniel 11:40 - 12:1
    - “Rumors from the east”—Daniel 11:44 NASB
    - Rumor \_\_\_\_\_ —Revelation 18:1/Ezekiel 43:2
  
- **And what is the significance of this first rumor?**
  - ◆ The good news about the east is that it’s where the \_\_\_\_\_ comes up.
  - ◆ **Malachi 4:2**
    - “The \_\_\_\_\_ of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.”
    - And vv 1, 5 indicate that this transpires at the \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
  - ◆ So who is this Sun who will arise one last time upon the earth with healing in his outstretched arms?
    - John 8:12 and 9:5—Jesus: “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”
    - II Corinthians 4:6—“ . . . God has shone in our hearts to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
    - Revelation 1:16—Christ: “. . . and His countenance was like the \_\_\_\_\_ shining in its strength [Gk *dunamis*—“dynamite”].”
    - The Sun is the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - According to Revelation 18:1/Ezekiel 43:2, it will be the last Sunrise of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus that will flood the earth even

“as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14).

- ◆ The glory of the “everlasting gospel” (Waggoner and Jones):
  - #1—Even the “best” of us lives with polluted motives, self-centered bias and personal righteousness like “filthy \_\_\_\_\_” (Isa 64:6).
  - #2—Therefore, we all “fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Rom 3:23).
  - #3—And we all deserve to \_\_\_\_\_ eternally (Rom 6:23).
  - #4—But because “God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world” of lost sinners, he sent his only Son to save us (John 3:16, I Tim 1:15).
  - #5—And so Jesus, the personification of the glory of God’s relentless love among us, took up the cross and there suffered the death that was \_\_\_\_\_ that we might receive the life that was \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa 53:6, II Cor 5:21).
  - #6—So that by trusting in Christ alone, we might exchange our filthy rags for his spotless \_\_\_\_\_ of perfect righteousness (Rom 4:3, Is 61:10).
  - #7—And “covered with his life” we might humbly \_\_\_\_\_ with God in this life and joyfully \_\_\_\_\_ with God in the life to come (Rev 3:20, 21:3).
  
- ◆ “This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel’s message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice [the “loud cry” of the angel of Revelation 18:1], and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” (TM 91, 92)
  
- ◆ I.e., this message of salvation and righteousness through faith in Christ alone— proclaimed by those two earnest young men in 1888—was that “most precious message” sent by God specifically to ignite the final Christ-centered global \_\_\_\_\_ prophesied in Revelation 18:1!

*“I, if I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all peoples to Myself”*

“earthshine”, glory, word, best, God, east, “East”, darkest, #1, sun, Sun, end, Light, light, sun, Son, glory, rags, glory, die, loved, ours, his, robe, walk, dwell, revival