

## **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(Lk. 21:25-8,34-6) (*Audio Year C Track 001*)

(*Poem* Vol. 5, p. 465-6; *Gospel* Vol. 9, pp. 443-5;

*Notebooks* 1943, pp. 432-4; *Azariah* (1993) pp. 277-8, (2007) p. 289; *Notebooks* 1943, pp. 560-1)

***(It is Wednesday afternoon in Jerusalem, the day before the feast of Passover and the Last Supper. Jesus is sitting with His apostles on a slope of the Mount of Olives, speaking of the times soon to come, when false Christs will arrive, who will try to deceive them with great signs and wonders...)***

"...Immediately after the distress of those last days (as you have been told) - I am speaking of the end of time, and of the world, and of the resurrection of the bones, of which the prophets speak - the sun will be darkened, the moon will shed no more light, the stars will fall from the sky like grapes from a bunch that is too ripe and is shaken by a gale, and the powers of Heaven will be shaken. And then, in the darkened vault of heaven, the dazzling sign of the Son of Man will appear, and all the nations of the Earth will weep. And men will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory...

So be vigilant and pray, being always prepared for the coming. Do not let your hearts become sluggish through all kinds of abuse and intemperance, and do not let your spirits be dull and distracted from the things of Heaven by excessive care for the things of the Earth. Then death may not take you all of a sudden, when you are not prepared. Bear this in mind: each one of you must die. All men, once they are born, must die. This death, and subsequent judgement, is a particular coming of the Christ. And its universal repetition will take place at the solemn coming of the Son of man..."

***(Jesus comments to Maria Valtorta about the signs of the times to come...)***

"...Famine and the mortality of epidemics shall be two precursory signs of my second coming. Punishments - created to punish you and call you back to God with their painful power - shall effect one of the selections between the children of God and those of Satan.

Famine is produced by plundering and accursed wars, wanted without the justification of the independence of nations, and out of the ferocity of power and the pride of demons in the guise of men. It is produced by the arresting, through God's will, of the cosmic laws: whereby the cold shall be harsh and protracted; whereby heat shall be seething and not mitigated by rains; whereby the seasons shall be reversed and you shall have drought in the rainy seasons and rains in the time of the ripening of the harvests; and whereby, deceived by sudden warmth or unaccustomed freshness, plants shall bloom out of season, and, having already been generated, the trees shall be covered with new, useless flowers...

Like grass mown down in a meadow in April, you shall fall upon each other: holy flowers mixed with the poisonous ones... The hands of my angels shall select and separate the blessed from the accursed, taking the former to Heaven, and leaving the latter to three throngs of the demons for the pasturage of Hell. Being kings or beggars, learned or ignorant, young or old, warriors or priests: shall not constitute a difference or bulwark against death. There shall be punishment, and a tremendous one.

The eye of God shall choose those destined, by removing the 'lights' (so that they will not have to suffer any longer from the haze created by men joined to Satan), and by removing the 'darkness' generating darkness (because it is possessed by the father of darkness: Satan).

The eye of God, which penetrates into palaces, churches and consciences - there is no barrier or hypocrisy which keeps it from seeing - shall scrutinize within the Church (the present Jerusalem), and scrutinize within souls, and write the individual decree for the indolent, the indifferent, the lukewarm, the rebellious, the betrayers, the killers of the spirit, and the deicides.

No, do not think that God will do you neither good nor harm for your works. I swear to you, I swear to Myself, I swear by my Justice, I swear with a triple oath - I will do good to you for the good you do, and harm for the evil done by you...

Before the blindness of your spirits is complete, come to the Doctor and the Light. Before the blood is so abundant as to become a lake of death, come to the source of Life. Gather together your wretched capacities for love and direct them towards God. Love will forgive you on account of those crumbs of love... Conquer this Heaven which I created for you and which I opened to you with my death on the Cross. Come to the Lord before the Lord comes upon you with his majesty as a Judge..."

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***(Azariah, Maria's Guardian Angel, says:)***

"When you see that everything, in a personal little apocalypse, turns against you to cause you pain and upset you; when you feel yourself swooning with dismay at such raging of forces opposed to you; and when it seems to you that even Heaven is deaf to your suffering - then raise your head, for your joy will be near...

'The Lord will show Himself to be benign.'

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit."

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***(Finally, Jesus offers a caution - to those who believe that the end is near...)***

"...From the reading of the Gospels, wouldn't it seem that the end of the world follows shortly after the destruction of Jerusalem? But how many centuries have elapsed since then? And yet the end of the world will be preceded by the signs I speak of, which have already seemed to be close, on so many occasions... I alone know the moment they will begin, and I do not deem it necessary to say when. Out of goodness, too, towards those living at that time...

My John was the most enlightened one. To him, the Heavens were made known with panoramas of events to come, which were known only to God. And to him my Heart was opened with all the most secret secrets. Doesn't he end the Book - which is so sublime that it seems to have been written with a pen seized from an archangel - with the words '...The time is close... Behold, I am coming soon. The One who attests to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon'?

Now then, I say the same words to you as my saints said: Before the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years, one day. It is not that the Lord is delaying, but He uses patience..."