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Hidden in Christ

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The Spirit's Exit Strategy for a World on Fire

As the shadows of the end times lengthen, the deceptive promise of physical safety is leading many into a trap of their own making. From the biblical accounts of Genesis 19, where Lot fled Sodom, to Exodus 12, when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, it can seem convincing to a reader that the Lord is speaking of a physical departure to seek salvation—especially when paired with the command in Revelation 18:4 to *"Come out of her, my people."*

Well, I am here not only to tell you, but to explain to you, that the Lord is not describing a physical relocation; He is revealing a spiritual one. He is commanding us to cease partaking in the sins, idolatry, and customs of pagan gods that we learned from the nation and land we currently live in. To do this, we must return to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, entering into a true relationship with Him and receiving his precious holy spirit. In all three of these scriptural accounts, the focus is not on physical salvation, but a spiritual preservation. The bible refers to the holy spirit as the spirit of promise and salvation Ephesians 1:13-14.

Obadiah 1:4 the bible talks about people trying to escape judgment by building their nest among the stars. This is manifesting today through projects like Asgardia, the first "space nation" which seeks to establish a sovereign kingdom in orbit, and NASA's long-term goals for lunar and

martian colonies. These are modern Towers of Babel—digital and physical "nests" designed to bypass the terrestrial judgment of God.

The Bible also speaks of those who flee to the shadows, building doomsday bunkers deep underground and into the hearts of mountains according to Revelation 6:15-17. With that being said, I have a question: When God judged the earth the first time, did he just judge a region, or did He judge the entire world? He judged the entire world. And in this second judgment, He is going to judge the entire world again, but with fire this time. So where can you run? How can you escape if he is coming to destroy the foundations of the earth and tear down every nest built among the stars?

Because the judgment is universal and inescapable in the physical realm, the doctrine of a "pre-tribulation rapture" or a physical escape before the fire of judgment is a dangerous distraction. There is no "easy exit" from the geography of judgment. Instead, we are entering the period of Jacob's Trouble and the Great Tribulation—a time of unprecedented pressure where the physical world offers no sanctuary.

The only true salvation is through a relationship with Christ and receiving the gift of the holy spirit. Colossians 3:3 reminds us: *"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* To be "hidden" does not mean to be removed from the earth; it means to be rooted in Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, because the saints are not promised an escape *from* the fire, but a preservation *through* it.

In closing, there will be no physical place to run and nowhere to hide. The "flight" is not into the stars or into the earth, but into the spirit—grounded in Christ through the scriptures while being led and guided by the holy spirit. In Galatians 2:20, the Apostle Paul says, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."* This proves that salvation is a spiritual and internal work rather than a physical place or habitation.

Because we are not being removed, we must look to Hebrews 12:1-2. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and must run with endurance the race set before us. To endure means to remain under the pressure of the tribulation without breaking. We are called to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.