



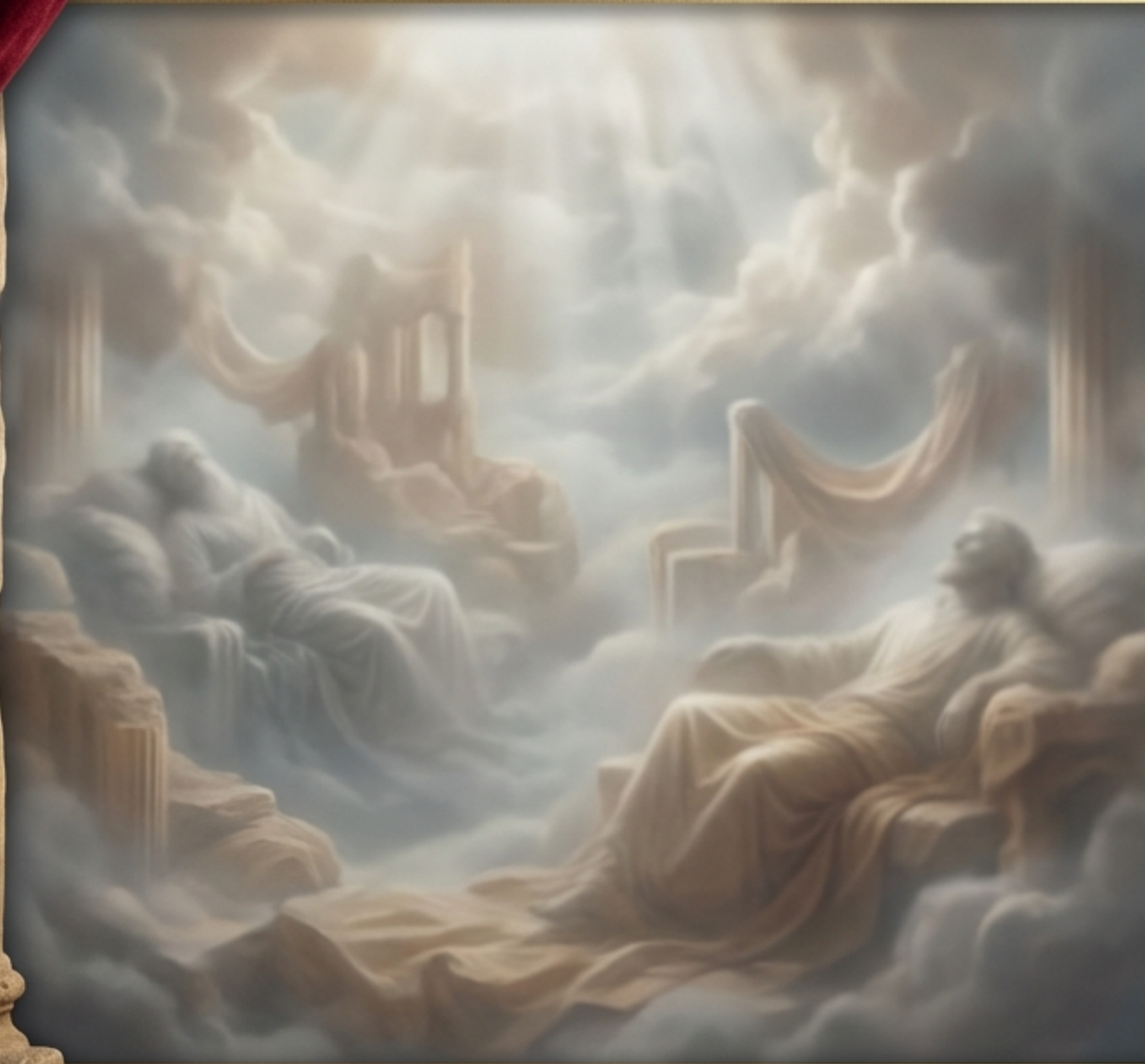
Full Reward

Stewardship, Judgment, and the Kingdom.

A House of Bread Devotional Reflection | 2 John 1 & Luke 19

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The Myth of the Spiritual Retirement Plan



For too long, ministers sold an idealistic retirement plan. Heaven is not a retirement village; it is standing in fullness as His servants.

We edit out reality for idealism. We expect a payout of rest, but Christ offers a position of governance.

Is it a retirement to rule over cities? Or is it standing in service to the King who will rebuild them?

The Warning Against Deception

*“For many deceivers
have gone out... those
who do not confess the
coming of Jesus Christ
in the flesh.”*

– 2 John 1:6-8

- ❖ **The Definition:** Antichrist is not just a figure, but a spirit of deception denying Christ’s reality.
- ❖ **The Command:** “Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for.”
- ❖ **The Insight:** Love is defined as walking according to His commandments.

The ROI is Authority, Not Wealth

The Test
(Stewardship)



Faithfulness

The Trust
(Kingdom Authority)



Faithfulness



Theological Insight: The money was the test; the cities are the trust.

Prophetic Link: "They shall build up the ancient ruins...
they shall repair the ruined cities." (Isaiah 61:4)

The Tragedy of the Handkerchief



The Error:

Hiding the talent due to fear of the Master's severity.

The Verdict:

"Take the mina from him." (Luke 19:24)

The Principle:

Passivity is treated as wickedness. To everyone who has, more will be given.

The Return of the King



“Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments...?”
(Isaiah 63:1-4)

It is not the Lamb that walked to the cross; it is the Lion of Judah coming to reign.

The Reality: The Day of Vengeance and the Year of Redemption.

The Distinction: Servant vs. King

The Believer's Role	The King's Role (Christ Alone)
✝ Engage in business (Stewardship)	👑 Tread the Winepress (Judgment)
✝ Walk in Love (2 John)	👑 Execute Vengeance
✝ Rebuild the Ruins	👑 Trample the Enemy

CRITICAL NOTE: "I have trodden the winepress **ALONE**." (Isaiah 63:3). We witness the redemption; He executes the judgment.

The Five Crowns of Stewardship



**The Incorruptible
Crown:** For
self-discipline and
mastery over the
flesh.



**The Crown of
Rejoicing:** The
Soul-Winner's
crown. Investing the
mina in people.



**The Crown of
Righteousness:**
For those who love
His appearing and
hunger for justice.

The Crown of Glory and Life

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The Crown of Glory: The Shepherd's crown. Leading, feeding, and protecting the flock. Essential for ruling cities.

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The Crown of Life: The Martyr's/Overcomer's crown. For standing steadfast under trial.

Full Reward is multifaceted and accessible through faithful service.

As the Days of Noah



- **Modern Parallel:** Ashkelon and Gaza (Zephaniah 2)—places of ancient prophecy now in daily news.


- **The Distraction:** The world continues “eating and drinking”—business as usual while the storm gathers.

- **The Warning:** Beware of leaders saying “My Lord delays his coming” to build their own kingdoms.

ENGAGE IN BUSINESS UNTIL HE COMES.



We labor now for the young and the future. We prepare to stand as sons and daughters in the fullness of His presence. It is not our ideal scenario we await, but His perfect state. Selah.
Shalom.

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