

He Who turned some of His infinite energy into matter in the first creation, when the heavens and the earth were created, and who will reverse the process and return all matter to energy, will then repeat the creative miracle, as a result of which there will be a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness will be the rule.⁴

11. Human history is actually quite brief compared to the eternal state both prior to the creation of the universe and after its conflagration.
12. Ergo: *Sic transit gloria mundi*: Thus, passes away the glory of the world.

James 4:7 Subordinate yourselves under the authority of God. Stand fast and resist the devil and he will run away from you. (EXT)

13. In this verse, James references the ongoing arguments presented by witnesses for the defense and witnesses for the Prosecution before the Divine Court of Appeals of which we just studied.
14. We have now given time to the study of events that will resolve the case before the Divine Court of Appeals. And the verse that took us there is James 4:7 cited above.

Here are some principles that warrant repetition before we continue into verse 8:

1. Verse 7 begins with the aorist middle imperative of the verb, **ὑποτάσσω** (*hupotássō*): “Submit; subordinate yourself to divine authority.”
2. Following the general chaos of the first six verses, James wants the believer to focus his attention on the conflicts those verses demonstrate and the sources of them.
3. The one to whom the believer is to submit is God and great emphasis is intended since it is an imperative mood.
4. God is The One the believer is to serve. He is The One for Whom we are witnesses. Those folk in verses 1–6 are witnesses for the defense.
5. They have betrayed the God who bought them. They are of the same ilk as are those dressed down by Peter in:

⁴ Randolph O. Yeager, “2 Peter 3:12,” in *The Renaissance New Testament* (Gretna: Pelican Publishing Co., 1985), 17:284–85.

2 Peter 2:1 But there came into existence false prophets [**human evangelists for the Dark Side**] among the people, even as there shall always be false teachers among you, who insidiously bring in destructive deviations from doctrine, repeatedly denying the Lord who purchased them from the slave market of sin, bringing themselves swift destruction. (EXT)

6. When Jesus Christ died spiritual death on the cross, He was being judged for the sins of the entire human race. Some would believe, but some would not, which includes those in this verse.

2 Peter 2:2 And many shall follow the authority of their licentious ways [**ἀσέλγεια (asélgeia): common to those involved in the phallic cult**] because of whom, the way of truth will be blasphemed. (EXT)

7. When reversionism dominates, those who are believers, but living in the cosmic system, are vulnerable to the propaganda that is disseminated by Lucifer's agents.
8. The satanic strategy is not strictly motivated by their own perversions. What they are doing is selling sensual pleasures while taking their victims into a place where they can no longer be witnesses for the Prosecution.
9. The leader of the defense is cited as, **διάβολος (diábolos): "devil."**
10. His ongoing strategy is multifaceted. He knows he is the commander-in-chief of the fallen angels and they follow his strategies and tactics.
11. He has learned the weaknesses of human volition which mankind has historically demonstrated. The sin nature has lust patterns and for each individual some of them are favored over others.
12. It does not really matter to him which ones we favor, for he will provide the necessary temptations to solicit them into action.
13. His primary intent is not really to enjoy the show, but to "quench the Holy Spirit":

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit!

14. The word "quench" is the aorist active imperative of the verb, **σβέννυμι (sbénnumi)**: "to hinder, repress, end, to extinguish."
16. This mandate is a warning against committing sins that result in "quenching the Spirit." This results in the filling ministry of the Holy Spirit being removed. The believer is out of fellowship. His volition can function only on human viewpoint since recall from his doctrinal inventory is muted.

17. While being out of fellowship, the believer is at the mercy of his lust patterns. Prolonged periods of being out of fellowship causes one's doctrinal inventory to be inhibited.
18. The longer this quenching remains as a believer's status quo, then the more facilitated become his wheel-tracks of wickedness. When this inversion of thought remains unabated, then the believer experiences the loss of thought.
19. The inversion of thought, when combined with the loss of thought, describes the believer's decline through the eight stages of reversionism.
20. As we learned in our study of 1 Kings 17-20, the Lord decided to intervene in the Northern Kingdom's situation under the rulership of Ahab and Jezebel.
21. It was a monarchy and we noted the rulership situation among the several kings that had previously held the throne in that priest nation.
22. But it got to the point that the spiritual influence in the nation had been so negatively impacted by the ruling couple that the Lord was nearing the point of applying advanced cycles of national discipline upon it.
23. Interestingly, the members of the royal family were able to enforce their will by the deployment of two terrorist organizations.
24. Ahab's organization was the 450 prophets of Baal while Jezebel's was the 400 prophets of Asherah. With these two groups possessing delegated power from Ahab and Jezebel, they were able to control the population by religious tyranny.
25. Priest and Client Nations describe a national entity under the patronage of God and are assigned the responsibility for the revelation, preservation, communication, and defense of the Word of God.
26. Peter may be called upon to share his commentary on the importance, function, and preservation of a client nation:

1 Peter 2:9 But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (NASB)
27. It was during the years the books of the New Testament were being written that priest nation Judea was withdrawn as a priest nation to be replaced by the first client nation: *Senatus Populusque Romanus*: se-nét-us po-pu-loosk ro-mán-us: "The Senate and the People of Rome," or "SPQR."
28. The transition occurred when the Roman Legions attacked Jerusalem. Rome's telling blow occurred when the army destroyed the temple.



During the Roman conquest ... was the rebuilding of the Second Temple begun by Herod the Great, king (37 BC–AD 4) of Judea.

The Herodian Temple was again the center of Israelite life. It was not only the focus of religious ritual but also the repository of the Holy Scriptures and other national literature and the meeting place of the Sanhedrin, the highest court of Jewish law during the Roman period. The rebellion against Rome that began in AD 66 soon focused on the Temple and effectively ended with the Temple's destruction on 10th of Av [August], AD 70.⁵

29. The first client nation to God was SPQR. Several areas of eastern and western Europe functioned as client nations, the final one being England. Doctrinal issues emerged when the Catholic Church was challenged by Protestant theologians who argued against the Roman church's systematic theology.
30. Early protesters included Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, and John Calvin whose influence dominated the early to the mid-1500s and which formed the catalyst of the Protestant Reformation.
31. The failure of England to fully buy-in to the accuracy of the Protestants' exegesis reached critical point when Queen Mary I ascended the throne in 1553 and returned England back to Catholicism. She was followed later by Queen Elizabeth I whose reign advanced Catholic supremacy.
32. It was during this time that Puritanism gained ascendancy in opposition to Roman theology and especially the unbiblical power of the pope.
33. This movement ultimately led what were originally Puritans to organize a move to the Western Hemisphere. Known later as the Pilgrims, they settled in what became Plymouth, Massachusetts, in November 1620.
34. This was the real beginning of the Eastern Hemisphere's western expansion. It initiated the opportunity for those Protestants trapped by England's subservience to Rome to seek religious freedom in the New World.
35. What began in November 1620 allowed freedom of religion to prosper for four hundred years until November 2020.

(End JAS4-44.Rev. See JAS4-45.Rev for the continuation of study at p. 441.)

⁵ "Jerusalem, Temple of," in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed. (Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2010), 6:539.



36. It was then that Amendment I's freedom of religion was placed in danger. This time not by the religion of Rome, but by something far worse: Lucifer's *cosmos diabolicus*.
37. Therefore, James's second sentence in James 4:7 begins with the aorist active imperative of the verb, **ἀνθίστημι (*anthístēmi*)**: "resist; to stand against, whether in deed or word."
38. What is to be resisted in none other than the commander-in-chief of the Dark Side, known by the moniker, **διάβολος (*diábolos*)**: "false accuser or slanderer."
39. He is referred to by the noun, **διάβολος**, 38 times and by the proper noun, **Σατανάς (*Satanás*)**, 34 times in the New Testament, for a total of 72 occurrences. To this may also be added the proper noun, **Βεελζεβούλ (*Beelzeboúl*)**, which is used seven times.
40. Refer to him as you will by any of these three, but the imperative mood of **anthístēmi** is to resist him. By doing so, the verse continues to promise that he—**diábolos**, **Satanás**, or **Beelzeboúl**—"will flee" from you.
41. The verb "will flee" is the predictive future middle indicative of the verb, **φεύγω (*pheúgō*)**: to flee, avoid, run away."
42. From whom does the devil avoid? The masculine plural of separation of the pronoun, **σύ (*sú*)**: "all y'all."
43. Here is the expanded translation of the verse:

James 4:7 Subordinate yourself to God's divine authority. Stand fast in opposition to the devil—*diábolos*—and he will flee, avoid, shun, escape from all y'all. (EXT)

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleans your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NASB)

1. This verse contains three imperative moods that if submitted to by the reversionist will start him on the road to spiritual recovery: "Draw near," "cleanse," and "purify."
2. "Draw near" is the aorist active imperative of **ἐγγίζω (*engízō*)**: "to come near; to resume worship of God with positive volition toward spiritual growth."
3. In this context, "drawing near" is the procedure the reversionistic believer must initiate. He must advance through the stages of the edification complex, which begins with the resumption of spiritual growth, with the objective of having invisible historical impact.

