

PARTIAL LIST OF SCRIPTURES WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO TEACH

‘Restitution of all Things’

- Acts 3:19-21*—Note that the inspired Apostle declared that all God’s holy prophets spoke these times (vss. 21, 24). We should therefore expect to find something concerning Restitution in the writings of each prophet of the Old Testament.
- Gen. 12:2, 3; 18:18; 22:17, 18*—All the families of the earth are here mentioned as beneficiaries. Observe that St. Paul explains that the Seed which will confer the blessing is Christ and his Church (the mystical Body of which Jesus is the Head).—*Gal. 3:16, 29; 1 Cor. 12:12, 27; Eph. 1:22, 23.*
- Jer. 30:18; 31:8, 9*—For comments on these words promising Restitution blessings, see *Rom. 11:12, 15.*
- Jer. 31:29, 30, 34*—Compare *Rom. 5:12; John 1:9; 1 Tim. 2:4.*
- Ezekiel 16:44-63*—God saw fit (vs. 50) to slay the Sodomites; yet our Lord said (*Matt. 11:23*) that *they would have repented* under such a ministry as had been granted to Capernaum, which repented not. Does not this course on God’s part indicate that, since he is no respecter of persons (*Acts 10:34*), and since it is His will that all shall come to a knowledge of the truth, the death-imprisoned Sodomites shall be brought forth (*John 5:29*) to their ‘former estate’ (*Ezek. 16:55*), and ‘in that day’ be given an opportunity to believe in the ‘only name given under heaven or among men, whereby we must be saved’? (*Acts 4:12.*) Our Lord’s declaration that it would be more *tolerable* for Sodom in the Day of Judgment than for some who heard and rejected him, implies that that time will be *tolerable* for all in proportion as their sins had been sins of ignorance. (*Matt. 11:24; Luke 12:47, 48.*) And it would be difficult to foretell the restitution of the Sodomites more clearly and definitely than is done in this chapter. And in selecting so extreme an example of clemency our Lord evidently intended that we should see that the sacrifice which he gave was unquestionably ‘a ransom for all’.
- Daniel 2:44; 7:13, 14, 27*—This is a prophecy of Restitution—because any prophecy of the Kingdom of Christ and his saints is a prophecy of Restitution; for the Kingdom is set up at the second advent of our Lord Jesus, ‘whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things’.—*Acts 3:21.*
- Amos 9:11-13*—For inspired comments on this prophecy of Restitution see *Acts 15:13-18.* The words of this Apostle agree with those of Paul (*Rom. 11*), for he says that this blessing is to be brought to Israel in order that the rest of ‘men might seek after the Lord, and *all the Gentiles*’.