

v. 10-11-- This is a thoughtful pair of verses when we think of God Almighty Himself becoming as weak as we, shedding His almighty power for a time and leaving the perfection of heaven to come to the worm and filth-filled world just for you and me!

v. 12-15-- This shows the utter defeat of Satan at Calvary.

v. 16-17-- We look on Satan like this--he was the god of this earth, but he is no god to the Children Of God. He cannot make our world tremble or shake our kingdoms anymore, and (v. 17) he must now open the house of his prisoners! We are no longer his prisoners, and we must stop acting like we are. We must stop talking negative and weak, and sick--we are the children of Light!!!

v. 18-- We, as the Children of God, Brothers of Our Lord Jesus Christ, are the kings of the nations through Him, and we lie in glory--each one of us in our own house, or in our own personal relationship with Christ and our own work for Him on earth.

v. 19-20-- God is talking to Satan again--he has been defeated, and has (v. 20) slain his people by lying to them and causing them not to believe in his defeat and by turning as many as possible away from Christ.

v. 21-23-- Satan is utterly defeated, and will be punished, along with his demons and fallen angels, so that he will not possess the earth again.

v. 24-27-- God is speaking of Christ's second total defeat over Satan. This is going on even now--when Christ will put him under His feet--WE are the body of Christ, therefore it is under us, His feet, that Satan will be put down. "The Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it?" Haleluia!! (See Daniel 7:18)

v. 28-32-- In these verses Palestina represents Satan. The rod is Jesus, who was temporarily (or so Satan thought) "broken". "For out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice". In John 12:32 Jesus likens Himself to the serpent God told Moses to lift up for those who were bitten by the snakes to look upon to be healed. He is held up for all to believe, and the "firey flying serpent" which is the fruit of the cockatrice is the Holy Spirit, through which Jesus will put the final end to iniquity. "...the firstborn of the poor shall feed..." when we have Jesus in our hearts, we will never be poor, neither in spirit, nor in material things. He always provides for our need both spiritually, physically and materially, but He cannot provide these things when there is not that faith vehical to send it on. v. 31--"there shall come from the north a smoke..." The smoke is from the Fire of the Holy Spirit, and certainly none of us are alone at anytime!!! (See Numbers 21:1-9)