

Paul and the Jewish Scriptures

I Corinthians 15:54: 'When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled, "Death has been swallowed up in victory".'

Isaiah 25:8 (LXX): 'Death has prevailed and swallowed men up'.

Isaiah 25:8 (HT): 'He will swallow up death for ever'.

Damascus Document (CD) 7:14-21

When the two houses of Israel were divided, Ephraim departed from Judah. And all the apostates were given up to the sword, but those who held fast escaped to the land of the north; as God said, 'I will exile the tabernacle of your king and the bases of your statutes from my tent to Damascus' (Amos 5:26-27).

The Books of the Law are the **tabernacle** of the king; as God said, 'I will raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen' (Amos 9:11). The **king** is the congregation; and the **bases of the statutes** are the Books of the Prophets whose sayings Israel despised. The star is the Interpreter of the Law who shall come to Damascus; as it is written, 'A star shall come forth out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel' (Num. 24:17). The sceptre is the prince of the whole congregation, and when he comes 'he shall smite all the children of Seth' (Num. 24:17).

Romans 11:7-10

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written,

'God gave them a sluggish spirit, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day' [Deut. 29:3].

And David says. 'Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling-block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and keep their backs for ever bent' [Ps 69 [68]:23].

1QpHab (Habakkuk Pesher) 7:1-5, 7-8

God told Habakkuk to write down that which would happen to the final generation, but he did not make known to him when time would come to an end. And as for that which he said, 'That he who reads may read it speedily' (2:2): interpreted this concerns the Teacher of Righteousness, to whom God made known all the mysteries of the words of his servants the prophets.

'For there shall be yet another vision concerning the appointed time: 'It shall tell the end and shall not lie' (2:3). Interpreted, this means that the final age shall be prolonged, and shall exceed all that the Prophets have said; for the mysteries of God are astounding.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

'Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day,

when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.