

# The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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## Context

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1. How is the word SERVANT (diakonos) used in each of these passages: John 2:9; Romans 13:4; 16:1; I Timothy 3:8?
2. How is the word ELDER (presbuteros) used in each of these passages: Matthew 15:2; John 8:9; Acts 2:17; Titus 1:5?
3. How is the word ASSEMBLY (ekkllesia) used in each of these passages: Matthew 16:18; I Corinthians 1:2; 19:29, 41?
4. How is the word APOSTLE (apostolos) used in each of these passages: Luke 6:13; Acts 14:14; Philippians 2:25; Hebrews 3:1?
5. How is the word STRONG DESIRE (epithumia) used in each of these passages: Luke 22:15; Philippians 1:23; Colossians 3:5?
6. How is the word SPIRIT (pneuma) used in Hebrews 1:7; II Thessalonians 2:8; I Corinthians 5:5; Matthew 5:3?
7. How is the word SOUL (psuchē) used in Matthew 2:20; 10:28; Acts 2:43?

8. How is the word SEE (blepō) used in Matthew 11:4; 13:13?
9. How is the word SHEPHERD (poimēn) used in Luke 2:8; Ephesians 4:11?
10. How is the word MESSENGER (aggelos) used in Mark 1:2; Luke 9:52; II Corinthians 12:7; Hebrews 2:7?

## **Fall of the Roman Empire**

The great historian, Gibbons, who wrote *“The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire,”* gave five reasons for the fall of the great dynasty.

**First:** Rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.

**Second:** Higher and higher taxes; the spending of money for bread and celebrations.

**Third:** The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

**Fourth:** The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within; the decadence of the people.

**Fifth:** The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, and becoming impotent to guide it.

A review of these principal factors in the decline of the Roman Empire can easily be related to our own time, and may portend our own decline from the status of a prominent world power. *“Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.”* Again, *“Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah.”*

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## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”* James 5:16