

Bright star! would I were steadfast as thou art
By John Keats

Bright star! would I were steadfast as thou art —
Not in lone splendour hung aloft the night,
And watching, with eternal lids apart,
Like Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite,
The moving waters at their priestlike task
Of pure ablution round earth's human shores,
Or gazing on the new soft fallen mask
Of snow upon the mountains and the moors —
No — yet still steadfast, still unchangeable,
Pillow'd upon my fair love's ripening breast,
To feel for ever its soft fall and swell,
Awake for ever in a sweet unrest,
Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath,
And so live ever — or else swoon to death.

Numbers 24:17 (ESV)

17
I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
a **star** shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.

2 Peter 1:19 (ESV)

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the **morning star** rises in your hearts,

Revelation 22:16 (ESV)

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, **the bright morning star.**"

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Exhort: To incite by words or advice; to animate or urge by arguments to a good deed or to any laudable conduct or course of action.

Deuteronomy 4:25-31

25 "When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, so as to provoke him to anger; 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 **And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you.** 28 **And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.** 29 **But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.** 30 **When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice.** 31 **For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.**

Deuteronomy 29:17 (ESV)

17 And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them.

Habakkuk 2:19 (ESV)

19

Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

1 Samuel 5:1-5 (ESV)

The Philistines and the Ark

5 When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. 3 And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. 4 But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. 5 This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

Webster (1828):

Idol: Any thing on which we set our affections; that to which we indulge an excessive and sinful attachment.

Genesis 1:9 (ESV)

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

Psalm 19:1 (ESV)

The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Luke 19:40 (ESV)

40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Webster (1828)

EV'ER, *adverb* At any time; at any period or point of time, past or future.

Psalm 121:4 (ESV)

4

Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep

Isaiah 42:3 (ESV)

3

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.