

# **"THE MISTAKE OF COMPARING DESTINIES"**

## **JOHN 21:18-22**

### **I. THE LORD UTTERED A PROPHECY TO PETER THAT PROVIDED THE OCCASION FOR THAT APOSTLE'S MAKING COMPARISONS (21:18-19)**

- A. The Manner In Which The Lord Unveils His Prophecy (21:18)
  - 1. He Refers To Peter's Youth And The Liberty That Goes With Being Young
  - 2. Peter's Old Age Would Be A Complete Contrast To That
- B. The Meaning Of The Lord's Prophecy (2:18b-19)
  - 1. Another Party Would Coerce Peter Against His Normal Will
  - 2. At Some Point, Peter Came To Understand That He Would Come To A Violent End At The Hands Of Executioners
- C. The Addendum To The Lord's Prophecy: *Follow Me* (21:19b)

### **II. PETER QUESTIONS THE LORD'S WILL WITH A SIDEWAYS GLANCE AND THE MAKING OF A COMPARISON (21:20-22)**

- A. Possible Motives For Peter's Comparison With Another (21:20-21)
  - 1. John's Benefit?
  - 2. Comparing Peter's Lot With John's
- B. The Lord Reminds Peter That He Has A Will And That His Will Is What Will Prevail (21:22)
  - 1. The Lord Questions The Relevancy Of Another Person's Destiny To His Will For Another
  - 2. The Lord Reiterates His Command: *Follow Thou Me*