

The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent  
called the Devil who deceiveth the whole world.

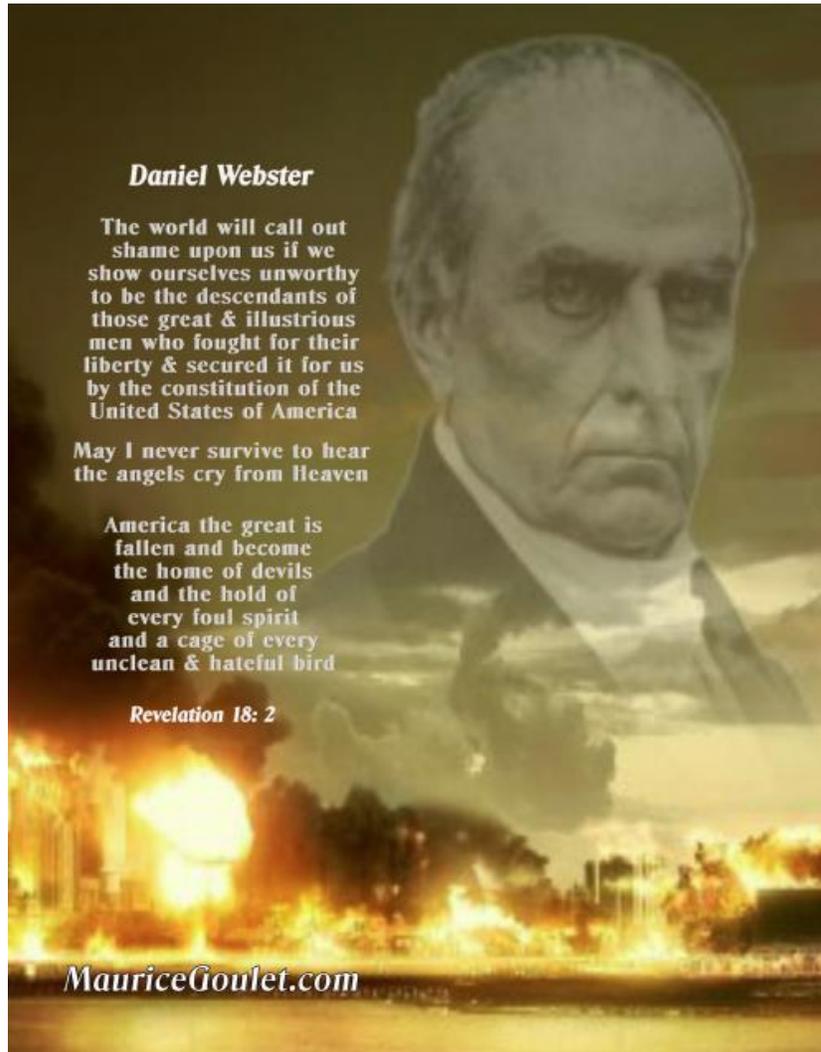
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# **The Day Of God**

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**In Prophecy**

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***Daniel Webster***

The world will call out  
shame upon us if we  
show ourselves unworthy  
to be the descendants of  
those great & illustrious  
men who fought for their  
liberty & secured it for us  
by the constitution of the  
United States of America

May I never survive to hear  
the angels cry from Heaven

America the great is  
fallen and become  
the home of devils  
and the hold of  
every foul spirit  
and a cage of every  
unclean & hateful bird

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**Truth is Truth**  
even if no one believes it  
**a LIE is a LIE**  
even if everyone believes it

*I did not fully understand “the love of the Truth” until my son was born. Jean Paul, this book is written for you.*

*Trust God Always.*



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## PROLOGUE



As I looked up at the stars one evening, I suddenly realized how silly it is to believe that mankind is in control of our destiny. Earth's times have been planned by the determinate counsel and will of a sovereign creator; as it is written, "I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." Isaiah 46: 10

God has always been in control of his universe from the beginning. No event in earth's history has taken him by surprise. All things have worked together for his purpose. God was not sidetracked with man's rebellion. After all, it was God who planted a garden with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. "I form the light and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil. I the lord do all these things" -Isaiah 45: 7 God created good and evil as a part of his divine plan. Evil did not sneak into the creation.

"For us, who love God, who are called according to his purpose, there is an awareness that he is working all together for good" -Romans 8: 28

## **INTRODUCTION**

History has proved that when you lead people to feel they have lost control of their country and destiny, they look for a scapegoat. It is then that a charismatic leader captures the popular mood. Soon the masses start to move as one, without any logic driving their actions, and the whole becomes unstoppable. That was Hitler, but it was also Mussolini, Stalin, Putin, Mugabe, and so many more.

I'd love to say this country will once again see the days of our founding fathers but what we are seeing today is exactly what happened in Israel many years ago. After the unified nation of Israel under David and Solomon was divided, the southern nation whose capital was Judah followed Godly principles and was a city with weak political power and an economy reliant on rural agriculture, but with an ideological status that plays a dominant role. Iron Age Jerusalem was principally a sacred city, its social life oriented around the sacred calendar. The Northern nation, whose capital was Samaria, was an administrative city with strong political power and control over the agriculture-dependent economy. It was governed by leaders with access to great wealth—a state power that unified through coercion rather than common ideology.

**SAMARIA** has risen again and she is called **AMERICA**.

Strong delusion is on the horizon and the entire world will be caught up in Satan's greatest deception. The windows of heaven are about to open. The eyes of your understanding will be enlightened as you read about God's plan for the future of humanity and the final closing scenes of the last days of this age.

## Chapter 1 – THE FOUNDATION OF TRUTH



“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” Matthew 7:15

For centuries, mankind has been led to believe that God is a wrathful judge. Those called by God throughout history have been awaiting the full restoration of the heavens and the earth while false prophets teach guilt, sin, and a hopeless eternity.

### **My early days with God**

I wasn't introduced to the Bible until my third year in college. I grew up in a Roman Catholic family. My faith consisted of Catechism classes in grade school and as most children, I believed what I was taught without question. I was baptized as a baby, received my first communion when I was 6 and was confirmed at age 12. According to the doctrine of the church, I was a sinner and the possibility of hell was as real and as frightening as spending the night in the convent with the nuns if I misbehaved in school.

I remember Mother Superior holding up the clothes of a child who was sentenced to overnight hell. She showed us his socks and underwear and we all sat there in fear.

Every Saturday afternoon, I had to show up for confession and memorize all the sins I had committed during the week. I really did not understand sin but managed to tell the priest enough to survive another week and got to start over fresh the next day.

Once I became a teenager, I wondered why they heard confession on a Saturday afternoon preparing you for communion on Sunday, when it was Saturday night that was the toughest time to avoid sin. As a teenager, seeking God was the furthest thing from my mind until my junior year at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

I met and fell in love with a girl who attended a Southern Baptist church in Melbourne near the University.

I remembered my grandmother telling me about a Baptist church down the street from my house. She called it the church of the Devil. Back then in Providence, Rhode Island, we didn't pay much attention to other churches. There were mostly Catholic churches there and like sheep, we grazed in our own fields.

One day this newfound love of mine, Karen, invited me to her church. I was hesitant but then again it was Saturday night and still early so I thought it best to accept her invitation. Besides, she told me that Baptist churches didn't have confession.

The Baptist church was different. The dress code was more casual and they were quite friendly. What surprised me was they taught from the Bible and this was unusual.

I had never opened a Bible. My grandmother had a huge family Bible at home but I don't think it was ever opened. It was like the couch in her back parlor. It had a plastic cover over it so it would never get dirty.

The pastor shook my hand after services and asked me if I'd like to join the church's fun night with other boys and play some basketball at the church gym.

I accepted the invitation. After about 3 weeks, the church started to grow on me and I liked the fellowship. The pastor gave me my first Bible and invited me to Sunday school. This was the beginning of my searching years.

I married Karen and after about a year it was over. I didn't quite fess up to the expectations of the pastor. I had too many questions and a lot of new friends from different churches and they all had conflicting answers. They quoted verses from the bible, which only generated more questions.

Over the next 4 years, I visited 5 different denominational churches but I was still hungry and no one had what I thought I was looking for. I read every book I could find on comparative religion and followed anyone who claimed they had all the answers. I based my faith on my experiences and trusted in other people to lead me in the right direction as I searched for spiritual enlightenment.

God had a plan. Little did I realize that the next phase in my life's transformation would soon begin.

I finally left Florida in 1977 and moved to New Jersey. I was in need of a break from God and I thought a new area would fit the bill. New Jersey was the perfect place to go and get away from God. The people were not religious and they were pretty friendly.

I met a gal named Janet who had a lot of self-confidence and she knew everyone in town. I remember our first date. It was a Saturday in 1977 and the movie Star Wars was opening at the Garden State Theaters in Paramus.

On the way to the movie, she asked me to make a quick stop at a gas station so she could pick up something from a friend. We stopped and she went into the store and returned in a few minutes. When she got back in the car, she had 5 pills in her hand. She offered me one and she dropped the other four like aspirin. I asked her what it was and she told me to trust her.

I don't know what it is with Saturdays but I took a chance.

This was the beginning of new religious experiences for me over the next year or so. I lost track of time and one day in August of 1978 I woke up from a coma after undergoing brain surgery. I was told that I had been hit by a car while crossing a street and the doctors told me I had died and was resuscitated twice before they could get me into surgery. This experience changed my life. After I got out of the hospital, I moved to Ramsey, New Jersey and got a job at a small Donut shop. It was there I met a Word Over the World Ambassador from The Way Ministry. Even in New Jersey, God was keeping tabs on me. He had planned out my life long before I was born.

She was 20 years old and worked in the donut shop as a server.

Whenever I took a break, I would sit at the counter and she would share her life with me. Like me, she had been searching for God and just never could find answers.

She was always confused because without the bible, she had no solid reference to discern truth from error.

She told me she met a group of people who had moved to her hometown for a year to set up a home church and teach people how to study the bible.

She took a class called Power For Abundant Living and decided to dedicate a year of helping others learn the bible themselves. This was how she ended up in Ramsey but her year was almost up and she was going back to the ministry headquarters in another week. I didn't know what to do but God still had a plan.

I lost touch with her but met several other people from a local church in the donut shop who used to come in and talk about what they had learned in their bible class. I was curious and asked them where they fellowshipped and they invited me to their local church, which was affiliated with The Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. I made the decision to go the following Sunday.

I arrived at the church early that morning and it was huge. The pastor was walking in the parking lot and as he greeted me, he invited me to walk with him. We sort of hit it off right from the start. I had questions and he was happy to take me to the bible and show me the answers. Within a month I was involved in everything from Sunday school to midweek prayer fellowships and connected to one of their home fellowship teams. I felt like God had given me a second chance.

I stayed with that church for 2 years and had enrolled in college extension courses, which certified me as a Sunday school teacher and eventually I earned enough credits to work for the church as a youth pastor.

I eventually was offered a scholarship for graduate studies at Moody Bible Institute, but God had a different plan. I was offered a great job running a donut shop in West New York, New Jersey. It was about an hour from the church. I was torn between a scholarship and the job but the money was too good to give up so I decided to take the job and look at the opportunity again in a year.

I loved the new job. I met so many interesting people. I loved witnessing and talking about God and then one day Michael pulled up on a motorcycle. God sent him to change my life.

He used to work in the shop a year before I got there but he left and decided to move when he got involved with a Christian ministry in Ohio and they sent him to Kentucky to witness and teach people about the bible for a year. I did not realize it at the time but this was the same ministry program that I learned about from the young girl in the Dunkin Donuts shop in Ramsey two years earlier.

We hit it off and became friends but he had a knack of irritating me whenever I talked about God. I would start talking about the bible and he would laugh and tell me what I believed did not line up with the word. He began telling me things I had never heard before but he always backed up what he said with the bible.

He began showing me how the bible interprets itself and if I really wanted to know God; I needed to know his word. More importantly he taught me that the whole bible may be for my learning but not all of it was written to me. He showed me how God had marked his word so I could identify with that which was written to me and what was written to people in other ages.

He told me I could learn a lot from that which is written to others but if I wanted to apply God's word in my life, I needed to understand God's specific Word written to me. I remembered that was exactly what the girl in Ramsey had shared with me and I now knew that God was calling me to this ministry.

Michael invited me to my first fellowship in Jersey City. I then started fellowshipping with believers in Weehawken and signed up to take the class on Power For Abundant Living. I sat next to a New Jersey wise guy named Bert. We've been friends now for 37 years. I began taking every class they offered. By the end of the year, I decided to take a year and go wherever the ministry would send me. In August of 1981, I was assigned to Fulton, Missouri. My experiences from that year still affect many of the things I do today. For the next 7 years, I traveled around the country sharing the word of God. In 1987 the mustard tree virus hit the ministry. As you read this book you'll see what the virus is, how it gets started and how it devours all Christian Ministries that are affected by it.

I returned to school and continued the training I started in College with Mickey Belantonio. I was certified in Neuromuscular Therapy. My clients have included Hollywood celebrities like Bob Hope and Andy Williams, professional athletes like George Blanda and John Brody, the US Ambassador to Belgium Leonard Firestone and Gerald Ford the President of the United States.

For over 30 years I followed mainstream religion, standing upon the sandy foundation of the theology of men. I studied every possible work available looking for answers that would satisfy my soul but I have always been found wanting more.

I thought often about my legacy. Several publishers have asked me to put my life's experiences into a book called "The Memoirs of A Hollywood Masseur" but I knew this was not what I wanted to leave the world. I was not interested in history recording what I accomplished as a natural man and yes I have accomplished much and been in the presence of some of history's most famous people but I wanted to leave this world knowing I had fulfilled my purpose as planned by God and leave my experiences for others who are seeking truth and help them shorten their learning curve.

In 2006 I published my first book based on hundreds of books and teachings of others. I was still unfulfilled.

For the next 10 years, I returned to a different school. It was not a school run by a ministry or corporation but it was a school run by God.

I decided if the bible was truly God's word and if the bible says that all understanding comes by way of the spirit of God then I said, "I'm ready." I did not realize when I made that decision that for the next 10 years I would face more trials than I have ever faced my whole life.

I asked God to show me the foundation of Truth so I could teach others. I asked for God to teach me the love of the truth. I wanted to know the true Gospel of God.

God is always faithful. His plan works all the time. He planned your life long before you were born. I was now ready to understanding the Gospel of God.

This book contains all I have come to understand during the last 10 years. I was a stubborn learner, trying desperately to hold onto all I had learned from others, but God is faithful.

Once I looked away from the traditions of men, God was able to enlighten the eyes of my understanding.

I would like to introduce the underline theme of this book by sharing the following by **William R. Newell**.

“There are two great writers of Divine Truth in the Bible—Moses in the Old Testament and Paul in the New. Someone may say, ‘Is not Christ the Great Teacher?’ In a sense this is true; but in a real sense Christ is the Person taught about, rather than teaching in the Gospels. The Law and the Prophets pointed to Christ; the Epistles point back to Him; and the Book of Revelation points to His Second Coming, and those things connected with it.

The Four Gospels tell the story how He was revealed to men and rejected by them. Christ, Himself, therefore is the theme of the Bible. Moses reveals God’s holiness, and thus by means of the Law reveals the utter hopelessness and helplessness of man. Paul in his great Epistles reveals Christ as our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

The Apostles were witnesses of Christ’s resurrection. It was not the will of God that they would unfold the fullness of the doctrine of the resurrection as Paul was. The twelve were with Jesus personally and knew him as a man, and when he died they saw it. When he was buried, they knew it personally as eyewitnesses. And when he was raised, they found it out by visiting his actual tomb and seeing that it was empty. They were also to see and handle the physical, risen body of our Lord. And it was with them that our Lord abode on earth forty days after His resurrection, ‘showing Himself alive by many infallible proofs.’ -Acts 1:3

This great fact that the person whom the Jews themselves had crucified and buried, was risen from the dead and

ascended to Heaven—this tremendous fact the twelve Apostles witnessed to Israel at Jerusalem and everywhere else. Thus we find the opening chapters of the Book of Acts filled with the single testimony that Jesus of Nazareth had risen from the dead and that remission of sins was through Him. But unto none of these twelve Apostles did God reveal the great body of doctrine for this Age. Just as God chose Moses to be the revelator to Israel for the Ten Commandments and all connected with the Law dispensation, so God chose Saul of Tarsus to be the revelator and unfold of those mighty truths connected with our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection and his ascended person. Paul reveals all the "mysteries" or "secrets" to God's people in this dispensation. Finally, Paul is the unfold of the great company of God's elect, called the church, the Body of Christ, the individuals of which Body are called members of the Body of Christ.

No other Apostle speaks of these things. Peter himself had to learn them from Paul. -2 Pet. 3:15-16 When Paul finishes his thirteen great Epistles (Romans to Philemon) those written to the church; He then wrote to the Hebrews. This is not part of the church's doctrine, but is simply explaining to Hebrews the character, the real application, the typical meaning, of their Levitical system, that is, how it pointed forward to Christ.

Paul is the declarer and revealer of the Gospel to us. Take Romans to Philemon out of the Bible and you are bereft of Christian doctrine. If you were to take Paul's Epistles out of the Bible, you cannot find anything about the church, the Body of Christ, for no other Apostle mentions the Body of Christ.

The failure or refusal to discern Paul's gospel as a separate and new revelation and not a "development from Judaism," accounts for two-thirds of the confusion in many people's minds today regarding the Love of the truth and the gospel of God. The end of man is where God begins in Romans 3, at what might be called the opening of the Pauline revelation.

Most unsaved people today believe in their hearts that the reason they are not saved is because of something they have not yet done, some step that remains for them to take before God will accept them. But this is absolutely untrue. When Christ said, "It is finished", he had, then and there, paid the debt for the whole human race. 'He gave Himself a ransom for all.' -1 Tim. 2:6 Would that we had grace to defend his great message today from those who do not see it clearly as yet; or who, like Peter, through fear of others are ready to compromise and tone down the Gospel of God." -\**William R. Newell (1868-1956), pastor, long-time associate of the Moody Bible Institute, evangelist and author.*

## Chapter 2 – THE DELUSION OF MAN



“If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe It.” —Joseph Goebbels: Criminal, Politician

Adam and Eve were responsible to care for and keep the garden that God had prepared for them with a warning to not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This was not an option or a choice. They knew God’s word. They either believed it or they would suffer the consequences. Satan then proceeded to present them with a great delusion. After considering what he said, they made a decision to disobey God and believe the lie, setting the standard for all religions up unto this present age.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” -Romans 5:12. The repercussions from this one act of disobedience reached out to all those who have been born of the blood of Adam. Many have taught that Adam and Eve sinned. This is not possible since we have just read that because of the decision made by Adam, sin entered the world.

Because of Adam's decision to disobey, sin became the authority of Adam's new mortal nature.

Adam's spirit no longer reflected the image of God. Just as the moon is a reflection of the sun, so all men born of Adam would be in the image of the spirit of the world, the self and its ego.

When God removed Adam and Eve from the garden they were instantly translated into the kingdom of darkness and under the authority of the spirit of the world. The full restoration of the heavens and the earth now entered into its final phase. The Old Testament is the story of God working with mortals in the kingdom of darkness to bring forth the redeemer, the final Adam.

Sin is not just an act of the flesh; it is the submission to an authority other than God. You have no choice as long as you are a resident of the kingdom of this present evil world. The only option you have is to move to another Kingdom. If you live in the United States, you must adhere to its laws. You can choose to move to another country but wherever you go, you must submit your "self" to the authority of that country.

According to God, there are only two Kingdoms, the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness. "But the word declares that all mortals are imprisoned under the authority of sin that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Wherefore the law was our authority until Christ, that we might be justified by faith." -Galatians 3: 23, 24

Every man and woman is born into the world guilty and under the authority of darkness as a result of Adam's disobedience.

All those called and chosen in Christ by grace are reckoned just and immediately delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of light by God's election. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." -Colossians 1:13

An accurate description of the will of man is the potential of the human mind to make choices according to our nature. Man does not have any desire to seek God. Mortal man will always choose to turn from God rather than towards him. It is written "there is none that understandeth there is none that seeketh after God." -Romans 3:11 Mortal man is not free to choose God. It is contrary to his nature.

This is why man needs a new nature given by God with the new birth. "Unless a man is born again he cannot enter or see the kingdom of God." -John 3: 3

Though man is commanded to seek the Lord while He may be found, we watch in vain for it is written, "There is no God seeker" -Romans 3:11 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him and I will raise him up on the last day." -John 6:44 The literal translation according to usage of this verse is, "no one is able."

Notice that Jesus claimed "no one." This is an adverse declaration. It means absolutely no one can come unless God does something first. Mortal man is so lost that, aside from grace, nobody would ever turn to Christ. Next, we observe that Jesus said, "can." Keep in mind the difference between the words can and may. "Can" implies "is able," while "May" suggests, "has authorization." Jesus is not saying that no one has the authority to come to him. Rather, he says that no one is able to come to him.

This is the scriptural doctrine of man's lack of ability. Finally, we observe the word "unless." This presents an exception. Without this, no one would ever come to Christ. "Jesus answered him, truly, truly, I say to you; unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." -John 3:3 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." -Ephesians 2:8 "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." -Romans 9: 16

Is mortal man under the command of his own fate or is he a slave to an outside influence? Does the will influence the thoughts of man, or do the thoughts control the will? Is the will free to do as it pleases, or is it under the need of rendering obedience to something beyond itself? According to the natural process established by God, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life all determine the course of the will.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food - (lust of the flesh), and a tree to be desired - (lust of the eyes), - she (chose to disobey God's word) took and ate thereof." -Genesis. 3:6

### **What is human nature?**

It is in the conscience of man where all life's decisions are made. Man always chooses the road of travel by the rejection of one option and the approval of another. The favorable and the unfavorable have to exist in the mind prior to any sort of choice. In every act of the will there is an inclination—the desire of one thing over another. To will is to determine, and to determine is to select between available options. Choices however are affected by sensual stimuli, which figure in the decision process.

This is why the human will is the servant of the senses. Because the human will is subject to the senses, we certainly cannot claim its absolute "freedom."

Theologians throughout history have believed that man is a free moral agent. They believe man has the ability to determine his future.

What a man or woman chooses in life is always determined by external circumstances. What is it in life that pushes us in one direction or another? That which influences us the most will bear heavily upon our decisions.

Unfortunately in life, peer pressure as well as the dogmas and doctrines of local churches and the faith of our family and friends hold us captive to our system of belief even when we doubt the very validity of that which we have been taught to believe.

In summary, our so-called free will is always servant to the condition of the mind as influenced by either the spirit of God or the spirit of the world. The thoughts you focus on will always determine your action. This is the safeguard that God has placed in creation from the beginning to insure that it is his will that is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Religion and philosophy have always taught it is the will that directs the actions of mankind, but the Bible teaches us that it is the heart, which is the center of our being. It is written "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" - "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, etc.," -Proverbs 4:23, Mark 7: 21

The word states our decision to act is rooted in the "heart," and not the will of man.

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their lips, but their heart is far from me"-Matthew 15:8 It is not the freewill of man that gives him the ability to come to Christ. Man does not want to, and he does not want to because his heart hates truth and loves sin: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" - Jeremiah 17:9

### **What is the biblical meaning of the heart?**

There are two meanings for the word heart. One is that organ in the body, which is the center of the circulation of the blood, and hence was regarded as the seat of physical life while the other denotes the center of all spiritual life. When the bible speaks of the heart, it is referring to the spiritual source of life.

God tells us about the new heart in all those who are born again. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." -1 Peter 1:23 God changes the heart of man. He literally gives those whom he has called a new heart. This new heart is incorruptible.

In order to understand the will of man and how it functions, let us examine three different men: immortal Adam, the natural man (seed of Adam), and Jesus Christ. Adam was formed, made and created in the kingdom of light. His will was free to either obey or disobey the word of God. The heart of Adam was not corrupted until he chose to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He had the freedom to choose to obey or not obey.

The consequences of his choice reached out to all the generations of man. From that point forward, the heart of man was corrupted. In that very day Adam should have lost

his physical life according to God's word "in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." -Genesis 2: 1

### **God had a plan.**

The first blood sacrifice took place in the Garden of Eden. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them." -Genesis 3:21

God covered Adam and his wife with the coats of the animals who were sacrificed in their stead signifying their covering, a symbolic sacrifice that would be carried on throughout future generations.

The sentence of death was carried out in that first sacrificial ceremony, a prophetic type of the final Passover lamb, which would take away the sin of the world. The natural man born of the blood of Adam is born in the kingdom of darkness and under its authority.

The natural man's will therefore is free in one direction only, namely, in the direction of and under the influence of the spirit of the world. It is written: "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." -Jeremiah 10:23

The natural man's will is enslaved because it is in bondage to and is the servant of a depraved heart.

Jesus was not born of the blood of the first Adam. He believed the scriptures concerning him and chose to do his Father's will and by the predetermined counsel and foreknowledge of God he became the final Passover lamb.

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." -Hebrews 10:12

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” “For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.” -Romans 6:16, 20

Choices come with a price. Therefore the will of man is truly not free. “And you hath he quickened (made alive), who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience (all flesh born of Adam): Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. “ -Ephesians 2: 1-3 Jesus said: "Ye are of your father the Devil and the lusts of your father ye will do." -John 8:44 Sin is the authority that binds the minds of anyone who is not born again. The natural man cannot know or understand the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. He is blinded to truth until God gives him a heart of understanding.

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man, which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit, which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing

spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” -1 Corinthians 2: 9-14

Now some may ask; why preach the Gospel if man is powerless to respond? Because “it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” -Romans 1:16 We read earlier that the natural man is “dead in trespasses and sins”, and a dead man is utterly incapable of willing anything, hence it is written: “they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” -Romans 8:8

Jesus said: “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” -John 6:63

It is written, "It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy." -Romans 9:16

What shall we believe, God’s word, or the traditions of man?

## Chapter 3 – THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD

### THE LAW OF ATTRACTION TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE!



When Adam chose to succumb to the lie of the serpent, he sentenced all men to life in prison with only one possibility of parole. As long as you remain in prison, you are subject to the authority of the warden.

The following literal explains how God allowed for no defense of innocence due to ignorance in the creation of the Universe.

“God's anger, wrath and indignation is being revealed from heaven on all men who understand, hold and retain the truth in injustice, because that which is known of God is apparent among them, for God manifestly shows his nature in the things he has made. His invisible attributes are clearly seen and understood by his achievements, including his power and divinity, offering them no opportunity for excuse, because, even though they knew God, they continued to do as Cain and not recognize him as The Sovereign. They refused to obey his word, but were corrupted by thoughts of vanity, clouding their reasonings as they followed the authority of darkness in disobedience because their heart was deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Believing the lie, they alleged themselves to be wise and in their stupidity they changed the glory of the incorruptible

God into the likeness of corruptible human beings, flying creatures, and reptiles. Wherefore God gives them over, in the lusts of their hearts, to the uncleanness of dishonoring their bodies among themselves, altering the truth of God into the lie. They offer service to the creature rather than the Creator in their state of unrighteousness.” -Romans 1: 18-25

There is only one standard for truth. Whatever you bring before God is either of faith or the works of man. All believing is based in either truth or tradition. “Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous” -1 John 3:12,

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous.” - Hebrews 11:4

### **What is truth?**

Just before the crucifixion of Jesus, Pontius Pilot asked the question of the ages. He was the judge at the trial and the man who authorized the crucifixion. He asked, “What is truth”? -John 19: 38

Before we handle this seemingly difficult question, let's look back at the previous verse, which led to Pilot asking the question. “Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered; Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.” Note here that Jesus said “everyone that is of the truth.”

Let's go back to a verse we read a minute ago about Cain. "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." Cain was "of that wicked one."

What is the difference between those who are "of the truth", and those who are "of the wicked one"? This is not referring to a physical offspring like you and I are of our parents. This is referring to a spiritual offspring. Paul clarifies this when he writes, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." -1 Corinthians 2:12

The spirit of the world is the authority over all natural men. Paul then writes, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." -1 Corinthians 2:14

Jesus defined this during the course of his ministry while speaking to those who followed him. One day he was speaking about the Kingdom of heaven in parables. The disciples came to him asking "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" -Matt 13: 10 Jesus' response was "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand

with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” -Matthew 13: 13-15

Jesus then spoke of the parable of the sower, the seed and the tares. “Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.” -Matthew 13: 24-30

He then continues with: “Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.” -Matthew 13: 36 The disciples wanted to know more about the tares than about the sower or the seed. You and I are just like these disciples. The natural mind desires to know the bad news first and then somehow the good news will white wash whatever bad news we may hear.

Jesus then opened the eyes of their understanding. “He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the

harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” -Matthew 13: 37-43

From this parable alone we learn that the children “of the wicked one” do not have eternal life. It is written, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” -John 5:24

Another characteristic of the children “of the wicked one” is when Jesus was praying to his father and he said “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” -John 17:14

If you stand for truth, the world is going to think you are insane. They are going to shy away from you. When Jesus prayed to his father, he proclaimed “sanctify them (set them apart) through thy truth: thy word is truth.” -John 17:17 Pilot may have asked the question: “what is truth?” but Jesus never answered him because he knew it would not have changed his outcome. Pilot was of the world.

When Adam was created, God gave him his word. In disobeying God’s word, he was no longer of the truth. “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they

knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.” -Genesis 3:7

They were no longer covered with the righteousness of their creator. They were no longer a reflection of God. The first act of fallen man was to try and fix the problem himself. They were filled with fear for the first time. They knew death followed that day. The serpent had struck a deadly blow in getting them to first question God’s word and then to ultimately change it. He told them they would not die and their eyes would be opened to know both good and evil. Through the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh, he seduced them with the lie.

When God called out to him, Adam hid from his presence. It was at this time that God began man’s restoration process. God already knew what the serpent was going to do and how Adam would respond. God had a plan. – “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” -Isaiah 46: 10

This was all part of the master plan of God. Just before God cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, he initiated the first blood sacrifice and clothed them with the skins of the animals that died in their stead. This kept them covered while they were in the world. The sacrifice and the blood would be shared with their children and their children’s children until the arrival of the final Passover, the lord Jesus Christ, the lamb from God, the final Adam.

Adam and Eve then began the process of populating a natural world. They taught their children God’s word concerning the blood sacrifice. Cain and Abel were the first

of Adam's generation to face the same challenge all men face today. They had a choice to obey or disobey the word of God. Paul writes in Hebrews "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous," -Hebrews 11: 4

Abel knew the will of God and chose to obey. Cain on the other hand, accepted the lie. "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." -1 John 3:12

All mankind must receive the love of the truth of God's word and believe the truth or they will believe the lie.

There is no middle road.

Beginning with the times of Adam, all the woes of mankind can be traced to the refusal to follow and do God's word. Man has always been under the influence of the lie, which has blinded him to the simplicity of the truth.

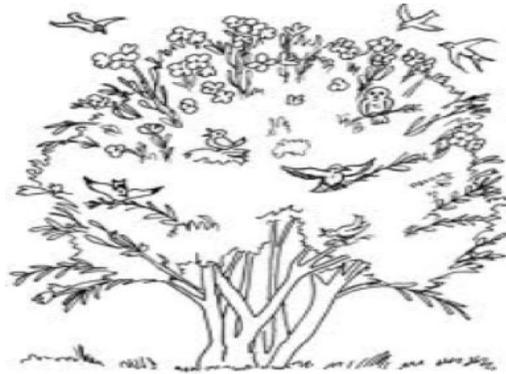
When Jesus the final Passover lamb came to Israel, they did not receive him because as we read earlier: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil (evil one or wicked one). They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." -John 17:14-16

The unbelief of Israel did not stop Jesus from fulfilling his ministry. Because of his finished work, he became the savior of all mankind.

Because of his finished work, he took away the “sin of the world” and guaranteed the abolishment of death in the future. Because of his finished work, the spirit of the living God no longer dwells in the temple of Israel. “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands.” -Acts 17:24

Since the days of Solomon, the temple and the priesthood have institutionalized the children of Israel. It would be the institution that would be the greatest influence in the downfall and corruption of the new dynamic church forming in Jerusalem after the day of Pentecost.

## Chapter 4 – THE WAY OF CAIN



“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority, still more when you super add the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority. There is no worse heresy than that the office sanctifies the holder of It.” -Lord Acton, an English Catholic historian, politician, and writer.

We’re going to see in this chapter how this is especially true when it comes to politics, government and religion. God’s first desire has always been a personal communion with his creation. The beginning and foundation of any fellowship is the family. You will see also in this chapter that the world’s view of a church is completely opposite the true heart of God. When Jesus was asked of the Pharisees where they might see the Kingdom of God, he answered and said, “The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, it is within you.” -Luke 17: 20-21 People are always trying to find God outside of themselves.

Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect fellowship with their creator yet they succumbed to the serpent's deception. Man born in darkness still looks to the tree of knowledge to find light. It is written, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." -Psalms 119: 105

Lucifer understood the truth of the nature of the natural man. We will refer to him as Satan, the name used by God in the book of Job. As the authority of the darkness of this world, he deceives mankind and sets the pattern of behavior for all those who reject God's word. When a man or woman rejects the truth, they are influenced by their nature. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." -1 John 2:16

"Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I search the heart; I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." -Jeremiah 17: 5-10 & 10:23 All men born of Adam are born under

the authority of sin. It is the nature of the spirit of the world. The blood sacrifice in Eden continued to cover men as God established his covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses. It was Noah who first found grace with God. This will be singularly significant in understanding the Gospel of the uncircumcision, discussed in a later chapter.

The Old Testament is the history of God's dealings with the children of Israel leading to the birth, life, death and resurrection of man's redeemer. From the beginning God had a master plan, which would be fulfilled in the ministry of his Son, the final Adam. The wellness and prosperity of Israel hinged upon the faithful stewardship and obedience of God's word.

The history of the human race is one of consistent failure. God placed Adam in Eden on the ground of human responsibility and he fell. God made a covenant with Noah, but he failed to govern himself. God committed to Israel the law, and they broke it. Before Moses came down from the mountain they had set up a calf of gold and were worshipping it.

God instituted priesthood in Israel, in the tribe of Levi, and Aaron and his sons were duly consecrated to their office; yet on the very next day two of Aaron's sons offered sacrifices to a false god, and judgment fell upon them. God instituted kingship in Israel, and that also was a sorry failure, as the books of Kings and Chronicles bear witness. God endowed Nebuchadnezzar with great power and it turned his head: he became so bloated with his own self-importance that he made an image to himself and demanded that all should worship it.

The history of the rise and expansion of the first century church has been no exception. The church failed to remain faithful to the doctrine of Salvation by Faith as it reverted slowly back to the bondage of the law.

The parable of the mustard tree in the book of Matthew sets the pattern for the failure of all institutionalized religions. Paul announced that after his departure "grievous wolves should enter the flock," and they did. The evil introduction by Satan at the beginning of this dispensation has never been eradicated, nor will it be till the return of Christ to sit upon the throne of David. Instead of things getting better, Scripture explicitly declares they will become "worse and worse"; until Christ will "spew out" the whole system that bears His name.

#### **The Future of Christianity in seven parables.**

The seven parables of Matthew 13 are divided into four and three. The first four were spoken to the multitude on the seashore; the last three to the disciples within the house. Hence, the first four give us the external view of the history of Christendom; the last three speak of that which is internal or spiritual. The first four are arranged in two pairs, the first two giving us the characters, the wheat and tares. The second pair set forth that which distorts the truth, the mustard-tree and the leaven.

The first parable talks of sowing. The fifth and sixth reveal the resultant crop. In like manner, the second parable also shows us a "sowing", while the third and fourth describes the harvest, which springs from it. Why is the crop from the second mentioned before the first? "Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual" 1 Cor 15: 46

Cain was born before Abel, Ishmael before Isaac, and Esau before Jacob. Canaan existed before Israel; Saul came to the throne before David, and so on.

Let us now briefly review the details of these parables. The first represents our Lord still here upon earth, sowing the seed of the kingdom. It defines the ratio of the gospel's success, and forewarns us that only a portion produces abiding results. It makes known, from the human side, the various hindrances which render most of the seed unfertile. Thus, this parable plainly repudiates the popular delusion, which supposes that this age will yet witness a universal reception of the gospel; it positively forbids any expectation of a millennium brought about by human enterprise or the labors of Christ's servants.

It declares that as the result of the opposition of the devil, the flesh and the world, most of the seed is either caught away or choked, and general barrenness is the result. Nor is there any hint at the close of the parable that such opposition would cease or that the yield would increase; instead, the Lord affirmed that it would decrease from an hundred-fold down to thirty-fold. The history of the last twenty centuries has fully corroborated the teaching of this parable and made manifest the fulfillment of Christ's prediction.

The second parable carries us forward to a point after Christ's ascension, to the time when the men chosen by Christ preached the gospel of the circumcision. It shows us the two forces at work in the world, the newly formed church in Israel empowered by the holy spirit sowing the "good seed" and the spirit of the world sowing his "tares." Because of the unfaithfulness of those called to preach,

while "men slept," the enemy got in his work, and as the result the crop in the field, as a whole, was spoiled.

Though the "tares" were detected, orders were given that they must not be removed; they were to "grow together" with the wheat until the harvest. Christ said, "Let both grow"; do not waste time in seeking to get rid of the "tares."

The responsibility of a faithful believer is to preach the gospel. It is interesting to note that tares can neither injure the wheat nor prevent the garnering of it. The sowing of the tares was by God's permission.

The third parable carries us from a time when the outward character of professing Christianity underwent a radical change. That which had been despised, had become popular; that which was so insignificant in the world, assumed huge proportions. But instead of this being a great blessing, it was a fearful curse. So far from its being a triumph for the Gospel, it evidenced a victory for Satan.

The little mustard-seed developed into a monstrosity, and produced that which gave shelter for the agents of Satan. Instead of living as strangers and pilgrims here, professing Christians took part in politics and sought to reform the State. Instead of having as their hope the returning Christ, they sought to improve the world. The true gospel of the circumcision preached by Peter was soon replaced by the traditions of men, which we see everywhere in the world today, yet God had a plan.

He called Paul to introduce the gospel of the uncircumcision revealing the sacred secret, the mystery of the body of Christ, which is covered in a later chapter.

The parable of the leaven presents an equally tragic transformation. Just as the mustard-tree depicted the outward corruption of the Christian profession, this parable shows us the inward corruption. Into the "meal," which represents the gospel, a foreign element was stealthily introduced.

This was designed to make the food of God's people lighter and more palatable to the world; but it corrupted the same. The Lord announced that this evil process would continue until the whole was leavened.

But though these four parables give us a sad picture of the unfaithfulness of men, there has been no failure with God. That cannot be. In spite of the entire breakdown in human responsibility, and notwithstanding Satan's opposition, God has been slowly but surely working out His "eternal purpose." For it is written: "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." -Acts 15:18

The Sovereign creator has masterfully designed the restoration of the heavens and the earth.

### **The Hidden Treasure**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field." If scripture is allowed to interpret itself, there will be no difficulty whatever in discovering what this "hidden treasure" is. In the book of Exodus it is written, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." -Exodus 19: 5

Again it is written, "For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God and the Lord has chosen thee to be a peculiar treasure unto himself." -Deuteronomy 14:2

"For the Lord has chosen Jacob unto himself and Israel for His peculiar treasure." -Psalm 135:4

These passages speak of the earthly Israel according to the flesh. They are God's treasure on earth.

Confirmation of this definition of the "treasure" in our parable is found in the fact that never once in the epistles is the word "treasure" used of the followers of the Apostles.

Coming back to our text let us turn to the second detail in it: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; which when a man has found."

That is the next point, the finding of the treasure. That is so very simple it needs no interpretation. The "man" here is Christ Himself. . The "finding" of the "treasure" by Christ refers to the days of His earthly ministry. "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." -Matthew 15:24 Jesus, came to Israel, the Jews. His ministry was confined unto them. The "treasure" was "found." It was no longer hidden when the Lord arrived. The Jewish nation was not as it was in the days of Moses in Egypt. The sons of Jacob were in their own land. They had their own temple; the priesthood was still intact. And it was to them, this man, Christ, came.

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; which when a man has found, he hides." There is a distinct step in each clause.

He "hides" it. That is the most solemn word in the chapter, with the one exception of the furnace of fire. Christ presented Himself to the Jews and the Jews rejected Him, and because of their rejection he rejected them, pronounced sentence of doom upon them "Even so shall it be also unto

this wicked generation." He now severed ties with Israel. So here in the parable: first we have the treasure hid in the field: that was Israel's condition at the beginning of their national history in Old Testament times. Second, we have the Man coming to the treasure: that was the earthly ministry of Christ. Third, we have the treasure hid once more: that was Christ's rejection of Israel. The "hiding" of the treasure referred to the last dispersion and scattering of the Jews throughout the whole earth. And, so effectually has He "hidden" the treasure that ten out of the twelve tribes are still lost. Yes, they are hidden, so securely hidden that no man to this day knows where they are.

In summary, first, we have the treasure hid in the field: that takes us back to the beginning of Israel's history as a nation.

Second, we have the Man finding that treasure; that is the earthly ministry of Christ and confining His message to the Jews in Palestine. Third, we have the Man hiding the treasure; that is Christ's judgment upon Israel because of their rejection of Him referring to their dispersion abroad throughout the earth. Fourth, we have the Man purchasing the treasure and the whole field in which it was found, referring to the death of Christ. Now, have you noticed there is a fifth point omitted? The logical completion of the parable would be the Man actually possessing the treasure that he purchased. He hid it but there is not record of his returning to find and reclaim it.

Why? Because it will not be accomplished until he returns to inaugurate the millennium, which comes after the times of Jacobs trouble also referred to as the latter days. The latter days begin when the elect chosen by grace to the church of the body, both dead and alive, are gathered

together in the clouds in the greatest celestial exchange of all time.

The gathering together of the body of Christ will then complete the first part of God's plan for the ages, the restoration of the heavens when the body is gathered together with Christ in the clouds as the Devil and his angels are cast out to the earth. -Revelation 12:9

This is when Satan through the work of the beast and the false prophet makes his final effort to destroy the nation of Israel. When the final battle of Armageddon is over and Satan is locked away for a thousand years in the bottomless pit, the millennial rule of Christ shall begin. With the restoration of the earth and the revelation of Grace to the bride, the Jews shall be manifested as God's peculiar "treasure" on "earth." -Isaiah 62:1-4

God completes his plan after the millennium with the creation of a new heaven and a new earth.

### **The Sixth Parable**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." For all those who are caught up in the works of man aka "the way of Cain", the general conception of it's meaning is that Christianity is likened unto one who earnestly desired and diligently sought salvation.

Ultimately his efforts were rewarded by his finding Christ, the Pearl of great price. Having found Him, as presented in the Gospel, the sinner sold all that he had: that is to say, he forsook all that the flesh held dear, he abandoned his worldly companions, he surrendered his will, and he

dedicated his life to God. It is in that way, he secured his salvation.

There are several flaws here when you rightly divide the word of God. First, we are told this parable teaches that the sinner earnestly and diligently seeks salvation. But the truth is there has never been a single human on this earth who took the initiative in seeking salvation. Man ought to seek salvation. He ought to seek it, for God commands him so to do: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord." "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found," is His command; but fallen man, the sinner in his natural state, never does and never will seek the Lord or His salvation.

I know some reading this are already saying, "I cannot deny my own experience; I know quite well there was as a time when I sought the Lord." I do not deny your experience; what I would ask you is this. Was there something you experienced before that? What caused you to "seek" the Lord? Ah, the truth is, you sought Him because He first sought you, just as truly as you love him because He first loved you. It is not the sheep that seeks the shepherd; it is the shepherd who seeks the sheep; and having sought the sheep, he creates in the heart of that sheep a desire after himself, then it begins to seek him. The way of Cain promotes that the natural man is seeking Christ; "the pearl of great price."

To follow this doctrine is to repudiate scripture and to dishonor the grace of God. It is written, "There is none that seeks after God." -Romans 3: 11 There are multitudes that seek after pleasure, and seek after wealth, but there is none that seeks after "God." He is the great Seeker.

Next, we are told by those who wrongly divide the word that, having sought and found Christ, the pearl of great price, the sinner sells all that he has and buys it, But that cannot be, because the sinner has nothing to sell. He has no righteousness, for it is written that all our righteousness is as "filthy rags." He has no goodness, for it is written "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." He has no faith, for that is God's "gift" Man has nothing to sell. The natural view of this turns God's truth upside down, for He declares that salvation is without money and without price. -Isaiah 64:6 - Rom 3:12 - Eph. 2:8 and Isa. 55:1

Finally, the way of Cain teaches that man seeks salvation by forsaking his natural ways and then forsakes all in finding salvation. It is written that man cannot purchase salvation: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" -Titus 3:5

In rightly dividing the word, we will see this parable in the light of the work of Christ and not the works of man. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman."

The "man" referred to is Christ, as he is all through this chapter. The "man" that sowed the good Seed in the field in the first parable is Christ. The "man" referred to at the beginning of the second parable is Christ, and the "man" in this parable, the "merchantman," is the Lord Jesus. Now, notice three things concerning this "man."

First, he desired this goodly pearl: "the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it." The parable begins by intimating that the merchantman had set his heart upon this

pearl. The pearl represents all those (both Jew and Gentile) who would believe the gospel entrusted to Peter, the gospel of the circumcision. This was the church the Lord Jesus desired whose inheritance was the earth. We'll see in another chapter that the church of the body was a mystery, a secret hidden in God until he revealed it to the Apostle Paul. This was a different church with a uniquely different inheritance. The body of Christ is NOT the bridegroom of the bride. There is no scripture that intimates this false doctrine.

Second, He regarded this pearl as being of "great price." It is not in the mind of man to think of himself as God thinks of him. It is written, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." –Isaiah 55: 9

Third, we are told that the merchantman not only desired this pearl, and esteemed it of so great value, but He sold all that He had. God reveals the treasure and the pearl in Revelation 7. Here we see Israel (the treasure) and the called out from the gentiles (the pearl) who have heard and stood faithful to the gospel of the circumcision, who have been made white in the blood of the lamb. "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they, which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelation 7: 14 Their inheritance is terrestrial (earthly) along with the 144,000 from the tribes of Israel in the previous verses. The body of Christ called and elected by grace are those chosen by God and their inheritance is celestial, in the heavens. The body of Christ is not included in the seven parables. This secret was not known until God revealed it to Paul.

The very fact that Matthew 13 contains seven parables indicates that we have here a complete history of the Christian gospel of the circumcision. The way of God as preached by the gospel of the uncircumcision is grace, which only God can provide. In the prophetic outline presented by Christ, the salient points and principal epochs in this history are noticed. In the first, which is introductory, the earthly ministry of Christ is in view. The second describes what took place in the days of the apostles. The third brings us down to the fourth century, when the little mustard-seed became a great "tree," which points to the union between the State and professing Christianity in the days of Constantine. The fourth takes us to the end of the sixth century, and forecasts the rise of the Papacy, the woman corrupting the meal. After the fourth parable there is a manifest break: the Lord leaving the seaside and retiring within the house: thus he was hidden from the multitude. Christian history accurately depicts this in its growth. After the establishment of Romanism, came the Dark Ages and the absence of the true gospel. After the break, come the fifth and sixth parables spoken to the disciples only. These forecast the great reformation. Most significant is it that the central object in each is Christ seeking that which was hidden and bringing it to light. That which He first unearthed was the "treasure" hid in a field. How manifestly this found its parallel in the recovery of the precious word of God that had for so long been kept back from the people. The parable of the "one pearl" anticipated the recovery of the truth of the oneness in Christ of all God's people. This recovery, will not come to fruition however until Christ returns and sits upon the throne of David.

The seventh, speaks of the conditions of modern day America. In the light of this, how significant are the words

in the following verse "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind" -Matthew 13: 47

Christian America spares no effort to attract fish of "every kind." In the modern church services of our present day, there is something to suit the tastes and meet the physical needs of all. Social, economic, and diplomatic issues are discussed to satisfy the political mind. Worldly amusements are introduced to attract the lovers of pleasure. Grand organs are put in and professional vocalists engaged to soothe and charm the aesthetic. Dramatic speakers, so-called "Evangelists," who are but religious showmen, are employed to please the sensation-monger. In short, everything that can please the flesh has been brought into the churches to draw the crowds and thus catch fish of "every sort."

Near the close of the twentieth century, the spirit of the world, the prince of the power of the air, introduced the worldwide Internet to capture and deceive the remainder of those in the world.

The spirit of the world is at work deceiving the whole world with the same three temptations experienced by Eve and The Lord Jesus Christ. The lust of the flesh asks man to question God's provision. The lust of the eyes asks man to question God's protection and lastly, the pride of life asks man to question God's providence. When man rejects God's Word, FEAR manifests itself in "the way of Cain."

## Chapter 5 – THE HIDDEN SECRET



“He that sat upon the throne said, Revelation 21:5 ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said unto me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful’” God is going to make all new; there isn’t a thing that you can see that God isn’t going to make new. With Jesus Christ, God had a plan. He was starting a whole new humanity. God was able to see, organize and set in order the end from the beginning. “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” -Isaiah 46:10

Jesus Christ came to minister to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The Apostles continued that ministry to Israel calling it the gospel of the Circumcision. Paul was called and chosen to minister to the body of Christ and his message was called the gospel of the Uncircumcision. Most of the confusion in the modern church is rooted in the attempt to fit Paul’s square gospel of the uncircumcision into the round gospel of the circumcision.

All scripture must be understood first in light of to whom it is written. The Old Testament, the gospels (including the words of Jesus) and the epistles of the James, Peter and

John were written to Israel. Can all people learn from them?  
Of course we can.

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” -Romans 15:4

In college, I had several roommates. We all received letters from friends but only those addressed “to” me were actually written to me. My roommates could have learned a lot from my letters but they were not written to them. So it is with the epistles of Paul. They are addressed to those who are called to the body of Christ.

Jesus taught his disciples the difference between the leaders of the synagogue and those who followed him with the following allegory: “And Jesus answered and spoke unto them again by parables, and said, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were invited to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them, which are invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come into the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. When the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they that were invited were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bring them to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as

many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.” -Matthew 22: 1-10

The parable appears complete at this point but the Lord adds something still misunderstood today by many. "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "For many are called, but few are chosen." -Matthew 22:11-14

It was the custom at weddings that all guests, as they entered the reception, should be handed a wedding garment (a shawl, or piece of clothing with the family crest or colors). Have you ever watched a college football game? You can always tell those who stood with the home team as they wore the team colors. The acceptance of this garment implied that they would put it on and wear it. These garments were only provided for those who had been invited to the wedding and who had accepted the invitation and were desirous of entering in on the terms and conditions of the host. The wedding garment of the church represents justification. Believers walk clothed in the righteousness of Christ, not in their own filthy garments of imperfection and unrighteousness. The promise of the wedding garment was full justification from sin and a full imputation of restitution rights. We are clothed in Christ.

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” -Romans 8:29

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” -Romans 6:4

This is the spiritual baptism spoken of by the Lord during his last days on the earth. “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” -Acts 1:5

This was not accomplished by the will of man. “But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.” -Romans 7:6

The invitation to stand clothed and washed in the blood of Christ was given to Israel on the day of Pentecost. “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” -Acts 2:14, 32, 33, 36

“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the

end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” -Romans 10:1-4, 9, 10

When the apostles greeted Paul in Jerusalem, they told him “Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law.” -Acts 21:20

Paul later wrote concerning the Apostles statement: “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” -Galatians 5:4 Israel and the followers of the Apostles refused to wear the wedding garment. They fell victim to the way of Cain. The door was now opened for those who were undeserving and unqualified according to man’s standards. They were chosen by the foreknowledge of God to be joint heirs of Christ from before the overthrow of the Earth. “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.” -Ephesians 1:4-5

God chose the Body of Christ. He clothed them with the garment of righteousness by his grace.

Paul writes to those who were chosen by grace to be members of the body of Christ: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” -Romans 12:1

He then describes the riches of the glory of the mystery of the one body “To whom God would make known, what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” -Colossians 1:27

As you surrender to this truth, understanding there is nothing you can do to make yourself more righteous, you will then prove (witness to) the perfect will of God.

Abel offered an acceptable sacrifice, when he witnessed (proved) his righteousness. Cain refused the word of God, which was delivered to him by his father. He chose to approach God with the works of his hands. This was not the will of God. “Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.” -1 John 3:12

The Epistles of Paul are written to the body of Christ, the fellowship of the mystery. All other writings in God's word contradict grace in one form or another. The three greatest statements in the bible are “It is written”, “It is finished” and “He is risen.” Religion requires man to seek his own righteousness.

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” -2 Thessalonians 2

“All flesh is not the same: there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.” “The first man is of the earth, earthy;

the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” -1 Corinthians 15: 39-49 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. -Galatians 6:15

God foreordained each member of the body of Christ from the beginning to a celestial inheritance. When the times of the gentiles are fulfilled, the gathering together will take place. The church called “the body of Christ” began as a mystery and will depart in the same manner as the Lord gathers them in the clouds.

Paul wrote concerning the gathering together “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we, which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them, which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” -1 Thessalonians 4 “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive

you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not *the love of the truth*, that they might be saved.” -2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

The “falling away” is the word for “departure”, and refers to the gathering together of the first verse. Once the times of the gentiles are fulfilled, the body of Christ will be exchanged with the devil and his angels in the clouds and the times of the latter days will begin.

The world will see the event and believe it is the return of Jesus Christ. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

The gathering together, called the rapture, will usher in the most horrific period of time in the history of man. There is a strong delusion on the horizon and those who follow the traditions of men will be caught up in a deceptive lie.

“And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” -Ezekiel 38:16

“Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.” -Hosea 3:5

“And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.” -Deuteronomy 4

The Christian church has been led to believe that the rapture is where all Christians are removed from the earth. They have not understood that Paul was writing to the members of the body of Christ who were chosen to replace the Devil and his angels by election long before they were born and chosen by grace. The remainder of the church, who've confessed Jesus as Lord saved by faith, will receive their terrestrial inheritance at the return of Christ with his body. “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you

at the revelation of Jesus Christ” -1 Peter 1: 13 Peter taught that grace was not available to the circumcision until Christ assumed the throne of David.

The world has been deceived. They believe they have power to direct their steps as well as the lives of others. “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” -Jeremiah 10: 23

Like the parables spoken to the disciples of Jesus, The called out will understand this truth because it is God who gives the understanding. Those who heard the words of Paul in Berea were called noble because they searched the scriptures to see if what Paul spoke was true. We do not earn righteousness. It is the gift of God. All who believe on the only begotten Son of God shall have everlasting life.

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.” -1 Cor 15:22, 23  
“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” -Revelation 20: 6

The second resurrection takes place after the millennial reign of Christ. “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is accepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things

shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him that God may be all in all.” -1 Corinthians 15:24-28

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead, which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead, which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” -Revelation 20

God showed Paul there was a remnant of Israel called and elected to the body by grace. “Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded unto this day, as it is written in the book of Romans, “God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear” -Romans 11: 8

2 Corinthians 4: 3, 4 - “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light

of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, and so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob...”-Romans 11: 25, 26

Paul’s letter to the Hebrews is a figure of speech comparing the Old Testament high priest to Christ He was the “man” who has an appointment with death as the final high priest.

Much of Hebrews is misinterpreted as the reader ignores the context of Israel’s high priest. “As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” -Hebrews 9: 27

The death of the high priest marked the end of an era. One guilty of involuntary manslaughter was required to remain in a city of refuge until the death of the high priest. The death of the high priest removed bloodguilt that would pollute the land. -Numbers 35:33, Numbers 35:25, 28, 32 - Joshua 20:6 It was the death of the high priest in Israel, which led to the “judgment” of the manslayer -Numbers 35:22-29

Hebrews has no reference to men in general. The “judgment” here is restoration. It cannot be applied to suffering for sin on the part of the unbeliever. The death in focus here is not the “death” of men in general, but a very specific death, that of Israel’s “high priest.” Upon the death of the High Priest, the release and freedom (the judgment) of all manslayers in all of the cities of refuge throughout the land of Israel was declared. Hebrews tells us the story of the

failure of Israel's priesthood; the law concerning priesthood "perfected nothing."

Only in the virtue of a "better hope" can any draw nigh unto God. Hebrews also shares that with the failure of Israel's sacrifices; the law concerning sacrifices was a shadow and could not "perfect" those who drew nigh. Only in the virtue of a "better sacrifice" can any draw nigh to God.

The key to understanding the letter to the Hebrews lies in the law concerning the cities of refuge. "And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment." Numbers 35: 12

It is at this time when the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments. And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of refuge, whither he was fled, and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession. -Numbers 35:24-28 This is the "judgment" equivalent to salvation that was to be pronounced by the congregation, and hinged upon the death of the anointed high priest.

Jesus was the final high priest over Israel. His death has freed all from the judgment of death. The four gospels are the completion of the Old Testament.

Acts records the rise and expansion of the first century church, the Gospel of the circumcision preached to Israel. It

started with the giving of the gift on the day of Pentecost and its doctrine was established upon the shifting sands of the apostles with James, Peter and John as its leaders. The book of Acts ends with the ministry taken from Israel and given to the gentiles. Acts 28: 28 The ministry to Israel was now held in abeyance until the times of the gentiles were fulfilled. The treasure was buried. This was the beginning of the church whose foundation is the Gospel of the uncircumcision. Those who were hidden “In Christ.”

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3: 7 God revealed the sacred secret to his Son who then appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and anointed him to be the Apostle to the new called out body chosen by grace. He then began revealing to him the mystery that had been hid in God from the foundation of the world. The mystery is revealed to us in his Epistles and nowhere else in the Bible.

James, Peter and John, written to the circumcision, are in the same order listed by Paul “And when James, Peter, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.” -Galatians 2:9

“But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter” -Galatians 2:7

The gospel of the circumcision as taught by the original Apostles of the Lord was infiltrated by those who were “of the world” as we have seen in the parable of the mustard

seed. Within one generation the truth of the gospel to Israel had become corrupted by the lie.

It became the foundation for the Roman church. It was not possible for the spirit of the word to corrupt the gospel of the uncircumcision or the body of Christ since it is God who has chosen the body by Grace. All those who are called to the body of Christ are chosen not by their works, not by their will and not by their believing. This is why it is impossible to combine that which is written to Israel “the gospel of the circumcision” with that which is written to the body “the gospel of the uncircumcision.”

Due to a misunderstanding of one verse, the world has been taught to believe the entire bible is written to all people.

“All scripture is profitable, for doctrine, reproof and correction for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished (on the inside) for every good work” -2 Timothy 3: 16

Paul did not say “the entire Bible.” He was referring to the scriptures he had written. Paul was the apostle to the uncircumcision. He wrote to those whom God had chosen and entrusted to his ministry. The great delusion in our day and time is that Godliness is based on what we do, who we are and how we live. The subject is man, his monuments and his power. It is focused on the faith of men, the building of that faith and the acceptance by God based on works of faith. It marvels at the achievements of man. It gives glory to the institution more than God. From the day Lucifer rebelled in heaven until today, the lie is still the same. Institutionalized religion continues to bind men and women as they preach the freewill of destiny.

Freewill is man's choice to walk in the realm of the natural and continue in the steps of Adam and Eve by eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It denies the total depravity of man and the total reliance upon the blood of the only begotten Son of God. To believe in man's freewill is to deny the cross. Man does have a will but it is not free and nowhere is the term found in the bible. Satan magnified his will because of pride, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." -Isaiah 14:12-14

The gospel is about God and what he completed in Christ and his work in the body to will and do his good pleasure. We are ambassadors chosen to carry the word of reconciliation to the world. We are either faithful or unfaithful in that calling.

## Chapter 6 - AMERICA & ISLAM



We have now come to the heart of this book. To fully understand the beginnings of America and her conflict with Islam, we need to go back in history to see where this all started. God had a plan. “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” -Isaiah 46: 10

For man to understand the plan of God, one must believe that he is sovereign and there is no force that can thwart his plan. Anyone who believes that man is able to change the direction set by the Creator, denies God and is under the delusion of the greatest lie ever perpetrated upon mankind.

Sincere people have often asked me: “If God is so loving and so powerful, why is there so much evil, pain and suffering? Is God judging us and condemning us to eternal punishment?”

Once we see that all of God’s dealings are with a view to the eventual reconciliation of all, the idea of punitive retribution, introduced by corrupt theology will become abhorrent. We must remember that the object of all of God’s operations are rooted in love and fruited in reconciliation. If God is love, he cannot be orthodox. Before there can be a universal reconciliation, each one must be set right with God, and this is accomplished at the judging. Such indeed is the true meaning of judgment.

Sin originated in the heavens. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He created two realms; the spiritual and the natural. The rebellion in the heavens happened many countless years before the creation of the human race. God’s plan of restoration began before the destruction of the first earth by Lucifer and his angels.

The second verse of the Bible begins the restoration of the earth. The restoration of both the heavens and the earth was planned in the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of the man Jesus Christ, the final Passover lamb. The deliverance of the children of Israel began with the first Passover lamb freeing them from the bondage of Egypt.

The final Passover lamb has delivered us from the authority and power of darkness and will ultimately deliver all mankind from the bondage of the first angel of light, Lucifer, who rebelled in the heavens, who is called Satan or the Devil. God foretold of Satan’s future demise in the

Garden of Eden after the serpent deceived Adam and Eve with the great lie of free will, convincing them they could be like God.

It was then that they chose to walk according to their ego and began trusting in the knowledge of all that was natural. They now lived under the authority of the spirit of the world and subject to the natural laws of the universe.

God told the serpent: “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between they seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel.” -Genesis 3: 15

A literal of this verse reads as follows: “Everything you have accomplished has been according to my plan and the seed of the woman (my only begotten son) shall shut you down at the appointed time.”

America and Islam is the continuing story of this epic battle between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. The conclusion of this conflict will be shortly after the serpent, the Devil, is cast out of heaven to the earth with his angels. As the antichrist, he deceives the whole world into believing he is the returned Christ. The false prophet welcomes him and turns over his seat of authority to him and together with the beast they begin the times of Jacob’s trouble and the escalation of the latter days. The times of the gentiles have been fulfilled and the body of Christ is complete.

The restoration of the heavens is now accomplished and the Lord prepares his saints for the final battle when the King of Kings will end the reign of the serpent and begin the millennium.

Adam and Eve lacked nothing and walked with their creator. The word of God was simple. Do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told them they would die the very day they chose to eat of it. The serpent presented them with the illusion that they could be like God and by the power of thought they had the freewill to choose the best the world had to offer and live forever. At that point, they either chose God's will or freewill.

They chose freewill.

The serpent was overjoyed thinking he had defeated God's plan. Adam and Eve now faced a death sentence. Unknown to the serpent, God had a plan.

He presented Adam and Eve with a decree of deferred judgment in blood as he covered them with the skins of the animals sacrificed in their stead.

The blood was shed for them, symbolizing the future redeemer's shed blood. The word of God was now given to Adam to teach his generations. Each year they would present the blood sacrifice. By faith, all those who were born of the seed of Adam would continue this until the final Passover lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ made the perfect offering to redeem mankind.

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." –Hebrews 11: 4

To have faith is to believe and live according to God's word and not your will. "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." –Romans 10: 17

“And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth and why is thy countenance fallen?

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother, and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against his brother, and slew him.” –Genesis 4: 3-8

The blood sacrifice covered man and as long as he adhered to God’s word, he would continue to live under the umbrella of God’s merci looking forward to the promise of the final Adam who would redeem all mankind from the authority and bondage of sin.

Man was subject to the tree of knowledge of good and evil while he lived in an unredeemed state. The thoughts of mankind determined the quality of their life in the world.

During the days of Noah, it is written: “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually.” –Genesis 6: 5 This resulted in the flood and it was Noah who first found grace in the Lord and through Noah, the world was repopulated. The promise of the final lamb, the redeemer of all mankind was still intact.

Approximately four hundred years elapsed from the death of Noah to the call of Abram. According to biblical tradition, the Lord led Abram on a journey to the land of Canaan, which he promised to his descendants. He as Abraham is known as the patriarch of Israel through Isaac, the son born to him and Sarah in their old age and as Abram, the patriarch of Islam through his son Ishmael, born to his wife's servant Hagar.

### **Abraham**

With Abraham, we see a pattern ordered by God in his plan for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth. "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." -1 Cor 15: 46-49

First there was Abram then God changed his name to Abraham. God changes a name to establish a new identity. God changed Abram's name meaning "high father" to Abraham meaning "father of a multitude" -Genesis 17: 5 and his wife's name from Sarai, "my princess," to Sarah, "mother of nations." -Genesis 17: 15

### **Ishmael**

"Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare. Ishmael." -Genesis 16: 15

Now Ishmael was the first-born but he was not the seed of promise. The seed of promise would be called in the second born, Isaac. It is important to note that Ishmael was born to Abram and Isaac was born to Abraham.

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, I am the almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, as for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name anymore be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.” –Genesis 17: 1-7

### **The Birth of Isaac**

It is written: “And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.” –Genesis 21: 1-5

## **Isaac and Rebekah**

It is recorded in Genesis, “And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, what man is this that walketh in the field to meet us?

And the servant had said, it is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. -Genesis 24: 60-67

From here we now move on to the birth of the nation of Israel. All Israel was called in Jacob.

## **Esau and Jacob**

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

And the children struggled together within her; and she said, if it were so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright. -Genesis 25: 20-34

The Book of Genesis speaks of the relationship between Jacob and Esau, focusing on Esau's loss of his birthright to Jacob and the conflict that had spawned between their

descendant nations because of Jacob's deception of their father, Isaac, in order to receive Esau's birthright blessing.

This conflict was paralleled by the affection the parents had for their favored child: "Now Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison, and Rebekah loved Jacob." -Gen 25:28 Even since conception, their conflict was foreshadowed: "And the children struggled together within her." -Genesis 25:22 The story of Rebekah's delivery shows as if Jacob was seemingly trying to pull Esau back into the womb so that he could be firstborn. The grasping of the heel is also a reference to deceptive behavior. Esau returned to his brother Jacob being famished from the fields. He begged his twin brother to give him some red pottage Jacob offered to give Esau a bowl of stew in exchange for his birthright (the right to be recognized as firstborn) and Esau agreed. The birthright has to do with both the inheritance of goods and position. The tale is typically biblical. Esau acts impulsively. As he did not value his birthright over a bowl of lentil stew, by his actions, Esau demonstrates that he does not deserve to be the one who continues Abraham's responsibilities and rewards under God's covenant, since he does not have the steady, thoughtful qualities which are required.

Jacob shows his greater intelligence and forethought. What he does is not quite honorable, though not illegal. The birthright benefit that he gains is at least partially valid, although he is insecure enough about it to conspire with his mother to deceive his father so as to gain the blessing for the first-born.

Later, Esau marries two wives, both Hittite women, that is, locals, in violation of Abraham's (and God's) injunction not

to take wives from among the Canaanite population. Again, one gets the sense of a headstrong person who acts impulsively, without sufficient thought. His marriage is described as a vexation to both Rebekah and Isaac. Even his father, who has strong affection for him, is hurt by his act. This action alone forever rules out Esau as the bearer of patriarchal continuity. Esau could have overcome the sale of his birthright; Isaac was still prepared to give him the blessing due the firstborn. But acquiring foreign wives meant the detachment of his children from the Abrahamic line. Despite the deception on the part of Jacob and his mother to gain Isaac's patriarchal blessing, Jacob's vocation as Isaac's legitimate heir in the continued founding of the Jewish people is reaffirmed.

Again we see “Howbeit that was NOT first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.” -1 Corinthians 15: 46

Esau is furious and vows to kill Jacob. Rebekah intervenes to save her younger son Jacob from being murdered by her elder son, Esau. At Rebekah's urging, Jacob flees to a distant land to work for his relative Laban.

The bible tells us of Jacob and Esau's eventual reconciliation. Esau showed forgiveness in spite of this bitter conflict. The two men prepare for their meeting like warriors about to enter into battle.

Jacob sends men to spy on Esau, as well as gifts meant to appease him. Esau refuses the gifts, as he is now very wealthy and does not need them. Jacob bows down before Esau and insists that Esau receive the gifts. (After this, God confirms his renaming of Jacob as "Israel.") Jacob gets the

name Israel after he wrestles with the Angel of God as he is traveling to Esau. His hip is knocked out of joint but he keeps on wrestling and gains the name. Jacob's first name meant "con man"

His second name Israel meant "Beloved of God." How many of us wrestle with God for most of our life before we finally accept the truth that it is God who directs our steps. "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." -Jeremiah 10: 23

### The twelve tribes of Israel

<b>Genesis 29-30</b>	<b>Numbers 1</b>	<b>Revelation 7</b>
Reuben	Reuben	Reuben
Simeon	Simeon	Simeon
Levi	Judah	Levi
Judah	Dan	Judah
Dan	Naphtali	Manasseh
Naphtali	Gad	Naphtali
Gad	Asher	Gad
Asher	Issachar	Asher
Issachar	Zebulun	Issachar
Zebulun	Ephraim	Zebulun
Joseph	Manasseh	Joseph
Benjamin	Benjamin	Benjamin

The twelve tribes became thirteen when Jacob gave Joseph a 'double portion'. Each of his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, became a tribe, rather than just the one tribe of Joseph -Genesis 48:5. However the thirteen became twelve again as the tribe of Levi received no land. The Levites were only given certain cities and was the priesthood that received tithes of the other twelve tribes who tithed from their land, therefore the difference between the first and second column is that Joseph was split into Ephraim and Manasseh, while Levi was dedicated to the Lord.

In Revelation Levi is very conspicuously brought back alongside the others, indicating the priesthood is over. Dan, who was a judge over Israel, is also removed, because the Lord is the true judge over his people as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Ephraim is removed in the latter days and is replaced by his father Joseph. The reason for this is explained later in this chapter.

The Israelites had settled in the Land of Goshen in the time of Joseph and Jacob, but a new pharaoh arose who oppressed the children of Israel. At this time Moses was born to his father Amram, son of Kehath the Levite, who entered Egypt with Jacob's household; his mother was Jochebed (also Yocheved), who was kin to Kehath. Moses had one older (by seven years) sister, Miriam, and one older (by three years) brother, Aaron. The Pharaoh had commanded that all male Hebrew children born would be drowned in the river Nile, but Moses' mother placed him in an ark and concealed the ark in the bulrushes by the riverbank, where the baby was discovered and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.

One day after Moses had reached adulthood he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew. Moses, in order to escape the Pharaoh's death penalty, fled to Midian (a desert country south of Judah).

There, on Mount Horeb, God revealed to Moses his name YHWH (probably pronounced Yahweh) and commanded him to return to Egypt and bring his chosen people (Israel) out of bondage and into the Promised Land (Canaan). Moses returned to carry out God's command, but God

caused the Pharaoh to refuse, and only after God had subjected Egypt to ten plagues did the Pharaoh relent. Moses led the Israelites to the border of Egypt, but there God hardened the Pharaoh's heart once more, so that he could destroy the Pharaoh and his army at the Red Sea Crossing as a sign of his power to Israel and the nations.

From Egypt, Moses led the Israelites to biblical Mount Sinai, where he was given the Ten Commandments from God, written on stone tablets. However, since Moses remained a long time on the mountain, some of the people feared that he might be dead, so they made a statue of a golden calf and worshiped it, thus disobeying and angering God and Moses. Moses, out of anger, broke the tablets, and later ordered the elimination of those who had worshiped the golden statue, which was melted down and fed to the idolaters. He also wrote the Ten Commandments on a new set of tablets.

Later at Mount Sinai, Moses and the elders entered into a covenant, by which Israel would become the people of YHWH, obeying his laws, and YHWH would be their God. Moses delivered the laws of God to Israel, instituted the priesthood under the sons of Moses' brother Aaron, and destroyed those Israelites who fell away from his worship. In his final act at Sinai, God gave Moses instructions for the Tabernacle, the mobile shrine by which he would travel with Israel to the Promised Land. It was in Judea where the Temple would be built and the daily blood sacrifices would continue until taken away during the days of Daniel the Prophet.

The prophecies of Daniel are relevant for anyone who wishes to understand the times we are living in, the future of

this world and the great conflict of America and the nation of Islam. Jesus' parting words to his disciples are a warning for us to study the book of Daniel.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” -Matthew 24: 15, 16, 21

### **Daniel's Prophecies**

Bible experts all over the world have taught the tribulation referred to in Matthew is a seven-year period during which the Anti-Christ is present on the earth. We believe there is a time coming referred to as “the time of Jacob's trouble” and a period of great wrath but we're going to prove here that Jesus was not talking about a 7 year period of tribulation but the beginning of a “time of tribulation” that would span over 1300 years into our own present day.

We're going to begin with Daniel's final prophesy and from there we'll begin to see a pattern as we look at the earlier visions of the Four Beasts. “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” -Daniel 12: 11

Here Daniel gives the number of days between the taking away of the daily sacrifice and the abomination that maketh desolate as 1290 days. We now ask, are these prophetic days or could they be symbolic for years? Here Daniel refers to the “daily sacrifice” and since those sacrifices were only offered at the temple in Jerusalem, then temple

sacrifices were probably involved. As a result, that abomination would have to be something done to God's temple site that would defile it and make it impossible for the priests to offer sacrifices there. It was true in Daniels time and it is true today.

God has not changed where sacrifices should be offered anywhere in the Bible. Which abolition of sacrifices is the Lord referring to in this 1290-day prophecy? The addressees are clearly defined. It is to the Jews. It is about the Holy Land while Gentile powers were ruling there. The context refers to "thy people" -Daniel 12: 1 Daniel was a Jew and the prophecy was given to him, so it is to and about the Jews during the Time of the Gentiles.

There is no reason to believe God was telling Daniel about an abolition of sacrifices that might take place 2600 years later, at the end of the Christian era. God was referring to the sacrifices that were abolished during Daniel's own life: to an abolition of sacrifices that Daniel could relate to. Was it at the time of the destruction of the temple? It doesn't seem so. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586BC, but the prophet Jeremiah tells us that sacrifices continued long after the temple was burned. "There came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD." -Jeremiah 41: 5

Those men came to the temple at the end of the governorship of Gedaliah (seven to ten months after the temple was burned), so there had to be some purified priests in Jerusalem who were still carrying on.

Two more years passed and in the very last chapter of Jeremiah we read: “In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.” -Jeremiah 52: 30

Nebuchadnezzar ascended the throne of Babylon in 606-605BC. Twenty-three years later is 583BC. This final captivity of 583BC is a scripturally supportable time for the sacrifices to have been abolished. Babylonians took the nobles, artisans and priests captive; they left only the poorest people in the land. There were no purified priests left in the land who could offer sacrifices.

What a devastating experience this must have been for God’s people in captivity. Though he was hundreds of miles from Jerusalem, Daniel knew all about these new hostages being brought back to Babylon by Nebuzaradan, captain of the king’s guard. He was daily in the King’s court. They could not have escaped Daniels notice.

Oh, how it must have hurt that saintly man to hear of the sacrifices being stopped and the temple in utter ruin. With that historic background in place, let’s read it again.

“From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” -Daniel 12: 11

Daniel could understand that verse by applying the unit of measure of a day equals a year. He now understood the vision. He remembered when the evening and morning sacrifices were abolished. He looked from that time forward 1290 Hebrew years into the future.

He knew that an unbelievable abomination was going to trespass on the temple mount. It would be an atrocity that would make it desolate.

The abomination would defile the site and prevent all future sacrifices. What could that terrible thing be? Daniel could not have known but we can because 1290 years since the sacrifices were abolished have already passed. They were over in 688AD. So what happened in 688AD?

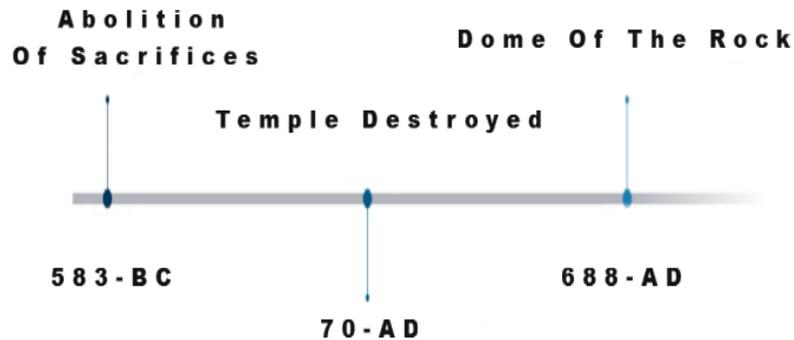
From 685 to 705AD, the Moslem Kalifah built a memorial to Mohamed, the Dome of the Rock, on God's temple mount.

The Dome of the Rock is the Abomination of Desolation.

That is not just coincidence or suppositional theology. The day equals a year interpretation fits the words of Daniel exactly and it fits known history to the year. The construction date of the Dome of the Rock is a plain historic fact that you can prove for yourself.

For the first time in Scripture, we run into the Moslems. Islam is responsible for the construction of the Abomination that maketh Desolate. The temple mount of God was made spiritually desolate over 1300 years ago and it remains so today. This is why there is such an interest among conservative Jews about tearing it down. When you apply the formula that a Hebrew year is equal to 359.78 of our days you will see the accuracy God's word.

## The Abomination of Desolation



1290 Hebrew Years x .9857 = 1271.5 Years

Bible Scholars have missed this. Why don't they ever read the next verse? "Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days."

**"And from the time that the daily shall be taken away, [to set up the abomination that maketh desolate -margin] there shall be 1290 days. Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days."**

**Daniel 12:11,12**

Charles Martel defeated the Muslims in October of 732 in the Battle of Tours and with this victory he changed the course of history.

Precisely 100 years after the death of the Prophet Mohammed in 632, his Arab followers, after having fought across thousands of miles and conquered lands from Arabia to Spain, found themselves in Gaul, the territory that would become modern-day France, facing a hitherto little-known people, the Christian Franks.

There, on October 10, in the year 732, exactly 45 Hebrew years after the abomination of Desolation, one of history's most decisive battles took place, demarcating the extent of Islam's western conquests and ensuring the survival of the West.

Having established the Abomination that maketh Desolate, we can go back to Daniel's prophecy of the Four Beasts. I am going to again prove to you the accuracy of God's word and how the so-called bible experts who have interpreted the Beasts to be earthly kingdoms have once again erred greatly.

The scriptures in this section are taken from the concordant version of the bible. The concordant version uses a method of translation that takes into account the superhuman perfection of the scriptural writings, even to the minutest detail. It was compiled by the Concordant Publishing Concern, which was founded by Adolph Ernst Knoch in 1909.

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Daniel 7: 1-28 "In year one of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel him self perceived a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream stating the beginning of the matters. Daniel was speaking up and

saying: I was perceiving in my vision during the night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were rushing forth to the vast sea, and four monstrous animals were coming up from the sea, diverse one from another.

The eastern animal was like a lioness, and she had the wings of a vulture. I perceived until her wings were scraped smooth, and she was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand on two feet like a mortal, and the heart of a mortal was granted to her. And behold, another animal, a second one like a she-bear; one part was set up, and three ribs were in her mouth between her teeth. Thus they were saying to her, Rise! Devour huge amounts of flesh. In place of this I was perceiving, and behold, another animal, like a leopardess; She had four wings of a flyer on her arched back. The animal had four heads, and jurisdiction was granted to her.

In place of this I perceived in the visions of the night, and behold, a fourth animal, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly mighty; she had monstrous iron teeth, and she was devouring and crushing and stamping upon the remainder with her feet. She was diverse from all the animals that were east of her, and she had ten horns.

I was contemplating on the horns, and lo, another bit of a horn came up among them, and three of the eastern horns were uprooted before it. And lo, there were eyes like the eyes of a mortal in this horn, and there was a mouth declaring monstrous things, and it was making war with the saints.

I perceived until thrones were situated, and the ferrer of Days sat down. His clothing was pale as snow, and the hair

of His head was like immaculate wool; His throne was flares of flame and its wheels a flashing flame. A stream of flame was flowing and issuing from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand ten thousands stood before him. Adjudication was seated, and the scrolls were opened. I perceived then because of the sound of the monstrous matters that the horn was declaring; I perceived until the animal was dispatched, her frame was destroyed, and it was granted to the glowing fire. As for the remainder of the animals, their authority was caused to pass away; yet a lengthening of life was granted to them until the stated time and season. I perceived in the visions of the night, and behold, with the clouds of the heavens one like a son of a mortal was arriving; He came unto the Transferor of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

To Him was granted jurisdiction and esteem and a kingdom that all the peoples and leagues and language- groups shall serve Him; His jurisdiction is an eon jurisdiction that shall not pass away, and His kingdom shall not be confined.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was perturbed within its sheath, and the visions of my head were flustering me. I drew near to one of those standing by, and I petitioned him for the true meaning of all this. Then he spoke to me and made the interpretation of the matters known to me: These monstrous animals, the four of them, are four kingdoms that shall arise from the earth. Yet the saints of the supremacies shall receive the kingdom, and they shall safeguard the kingdom unto the eon, even unto the eon of the eons.

Then I wanted to know the true meaning concerning the fourth animal that was diverse from them all and exceedingly terrifying. Her teeth were of iron, her claws of

copper; she was devouring and crushing and stamping upon the remainder with her feet; also concerning the ten horns that were on her head; and concerning another horn that came up, and before it the three fell. As for this horn, it had eyes also, and a mouth declaring monstrous things; and the sight of it was larger than its fellows. I was perceiving that the same horn was making an attack on the saints and was prevailing against them, until the Transferor of Days arrived, and adjudication was granted to the saints of the supremacies, and the stated time came when the saints safeguarded the kingdom.

So he spoke again to me: As for the fourth animal, there shall come to be a fourth kingdom on the earth that is diverse from all the other kingdoms. She shall devour the entire earth and thresh it and crush it. As for the ten horns, from her, from this kingdom shall ten kings arise; and another one shall arise after them; he is diverse from the eastern ones, and he shall abase three kings. Declarations against the Supreme shall he declare; to the saints of the supremacies shall he bring decay; he shall intend to alter stated times and an edict, and they shall be granted in to his hand for a season and two seasons and half a season.

Then adjudication shall be seated, and they shall cause his authority to pass away, so as to exterminate and to destroy him until the terminus. And the kingdom and the jurisdiction and the majesty of the kingdom under the entire heavens will be granted to the people of the saints of the supremacies. Their kingdom is an eonian kingdom, and all other authorities shall serve and hearken to them. Here is the termination of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my ruminations were flustering me a great deal, and my mien was altering on me; but I preserved the matter in my heart.”

Bible experts for the last 200 years have taught that Daniel 7 tells of Daniel's vision of four world-kingdoms replaced by the kingdom of God. Four beasts come out of the sea, the Ancient of Days sits in judgment over them, and "one like a son of man" is given eternal kingship. An angelic guide interprets the beasts as kingdoms and kings, the last one will make war on the "holy ones" of God, but he will be destroyed and the "holy ones" will be given eternal dominion. They claim this prophecy introduces the theme of the "four kingdoms", which is that Israel would come under four successive world-empires, each worse than the last, until finally God would end oppression and introduce the eternal kingdom.

God's word interprets itself. We are going to look at this prophecy from God's viewpoint and not from the private interpretation of men. It does not speak of the age or birth of each Kingdom but it's influence on the religions of man.

The dream comes to Daniel after the record of his stand for the true God when he did not bow down to the image of Nebuchadnezzar. He was thrown into the den of lions because he did not obey the religious orders of the king.

### **Arising out of the EAST**

After his deliverance from the den of lions, which can be compared to the religious corruption of our day, Daniel had a series of visions. He said; "I was perceiving in my vision during the night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were rushing forth to the vast sea, and four monstrous animals were coming up from the sea, diverse one from another." They did not come up one after another; they all

came up at the same time. The interpretation below is not given in order of time but geographically in their influence.

Wind typifies spirit in the Bible. The spirits of darkness inspire religion. The four beasts in the book of Revelation appear in the temple section, the religious control center of the earth. The first beast is referred to as the eastern animal described as a lioness with the wings of a vulture. The second beast was like a she-bear; one part is set up and 3 ribs are in her mouth between her teeth. A third beast arose as a leopardess with 4 flyers wings on her arched back and 4 heads and jurisdiction is being granted to her.

Finally Daniel saw in his vision a fourth animal, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly mighty; she had monstrous iron teeth, and she was devouring and crushing and stamping upon the remainder with her feet. She was diverse from all the animals that were east of her, and she had ten horns.

Daniel then said; "I was contemplating on the horns, and lo, another bit of a horn came up among them, and three of the eastern horns were uprooted before it. And lo, there were eyes like the eyes of a mortal in this horn, and there was a mouth declaring monstrous things, and it was making war with the saints." This beast was terrifying and exuberantly mighty.

**These are the four major religions of the world.**

There is Buddhism, which is centered in eastern Asia, the eastern most based religion in the world, Hinduism, which is the first known major religion, is based in India. The Arab world is the home of Islamic religion. Europe and the Americas as we continue to move westward from the east

we see the widespread growth and corruption of the Christian religion producing the Laodicean church of the last days.

Wicked spirits are now coming forth. “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” -Ephesians 6: 12

It is the goal of Satan to deceive man into looking away from the true God by looking to his own flesh and the flesh of others. The essence of all religion is to distract man from what God has done.

Satan dispelled these spirits to empower and impel every religion on earth in order to keep man preoccupied in works of the flesh to keep them from God and his works. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3: 16,17 “

Men are convinced they are worshiping the true God. We see in all religions the desire of man to worship. They erect statues, building and monuments yet their perceptions are being taken away from the true God.

### **The beasts interpreted**

The monstrous animal is not monstrous. Satan disguises his works as works of righteousness. Daniel sees them as monstrous but as they appear on earth, to each follower, they do not appear that way. The eastern animal is a lioness. She has the wings of a vulture.

Buddhism came out of Hinduism and was granted vultures' wings. It rooted itself in Asia and spread very rapidly.

The wings denote a spreading. In the first century it spread all the way to India from eastern Asia. It spread to china, Sloan and Korea.

In the 12th century, Buddhism was dealt a sever blow with the Muslim invasion of India and scraped its wings.



It spread rapidly but it has not moved much in a thousand years. Its wings had been scraped smooth and had been set upon its feet. Daniel saw it was now upright. Buddhism is the most upright religion on the earth. There is a great emphasis on morals. Buddhists hate to kill anything. They are benevolent towards all animals. Some Buddhist monks even take a broom with them to sweep less they even kill an insect.

It has a human heart, the heart of a mortal. It is more humane then any other religion, symbolized by a lion, the proud nobility of man.

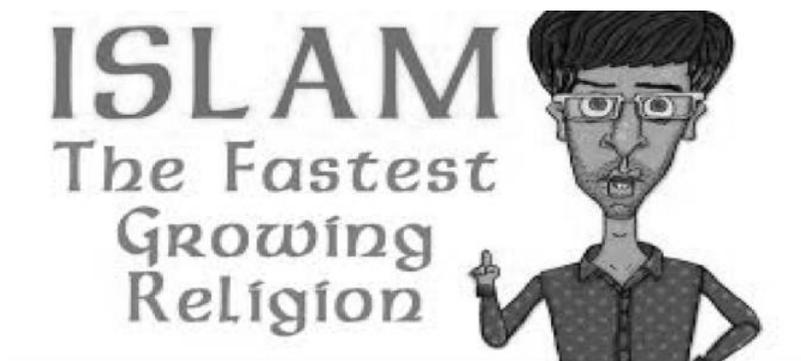
## Hinduism.



Hinduism is represented as a bear. This religion operates on the cast system.

The Brahmins are set up as the priestly cast in Hinduism. If you are a Brahman, you are set up. There are 3 ribs in the mouth. There are 3 lower casts in Hinduism. The Kshatriyas, the Vaishyas and the Shudras. A bear eats enormously. The priestly cast lives off the lower casts. This beast has no wings. It has not spread.

The next beast is Islam the Arab world. It has four wings.



This is the most mobile religion. We see how Islam is spreading everywhere. The wings have not been scrapped, it is still moving. It's militant. It is called the leopardess. It's swift. Its politically minded. There are 4 heads in the vision of the leopardess.

There are 4 orthodox schools of Islam. Maliki, Hanafi, Shafi'i and Hanbali. Authority was granted this beast. The knowers of Islam are often able to withstand civil authority. It is a very powerful religion.

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Beast**

Finally Daniel saw in his vision a fourth animal, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly mighty; she had monstrous iron teeth, and she was devouring and crushing and stamping upon the remainder with her feet. She was diverse from all the animals that were east of her, and she had ten horns. Daniel then said; "I was contemplating on the horns, and lo, another bit of a horn came up among them, and three of the eastern horns were uprooted before it. And lo, there were eyes like the eyes of a mortal in this horn, and there was a mouth declaring monstrous things, and it was making war with the saints." This beast was terrifying and exuberantly mighty. We know which nations of the earth have iron teeth capable of mechanized destruction. The Christian nations of Western Europe and the United States are the most powerful in the world. We are armed to the teeth it is said.

We see a microcosm of what is going to happen in the near future. Look at George Bush's one world order. It was the west subjugating the east under the banner of "in God we trust." It has monstrous teeth. It devours and pulverizes.

We saw a microcosm in the gulf war what it will look like in the latter days.

The 10 leading horns will be 10 military powers at the conclusion of this age. One horn will rise that has the eyes of a mortal. It will rise out of the western powers out of the Christian nations.

We know that the son of perdition shall lead it. It is the Christian nations that have the most deadly force ever assembled in the history of man.

One of the most false expressions that we have today is that this nation is a Christian nation. What do the false teachings in Christianity produce? It produces pride and arrogance.

This monstrous beast Daniel saw is the Christian religion that will be amalgamated with political force. There is going to be a meshing of political and Christian religious power.

We are already seeing it's foundation. More and more religious leaders are taking a hand in politics. The religious right is the beginning of the formation of this beast. When the religious right takes power, they want the reigns of government and when it happens, get ready for the perilous times to follow.

We are nearing the times of the latter days. Christianity is striving to take the reigns of government.

The leader of the Christian nation at that time will be the harbinger of the false prophet and together they will welcome the greatest deceiver of all times as he ascends the throne of Christ. It's going to be the most seductive deception in the history of the world.

## **The Return of Israel In The Twentieth Century**

The Prophet Ezekiel recorded a startling prophecy usually described as the "vision of the dry bones." He saw a valley filled with the dry, disjointed bones of thousands of human skeletons lying in open graves. As he watched, the bones began to come together and grow flesh. The corpses came to life and stood as an exceedingly great army. As the prophet continued to stare in astonishment, the Lord unveiled the meaning of the vision.

The Lord revealed to him that the disjointed dry bones symbolized the whole house or nation of Israel and the horrible plight they would face while dispersed among the Gentiles. The graves represented the gentile nations into which they were forced to flee. The fact the graves were open portrayed that the gentile nations were not to be the permanent dwelling place of the Israelites.

The coming together of the resurrected bones to form a great army is a prophetic picture of the magnitude of the miracle God swore He would perform in restoring the dispersed nation to its ancient homeland of Israel. Although Ezekiel confidently wrote of the restored Jewish state as "Israel" 2,500 years before, those who actually served as midwives to the rebirth did not decide on the name until the very day before! In December 1917, at the height of WW1, Britain found itself in a position to implement the Balfour Declaration. In the providence of God, General Allenby captured Palestine from the Ottoman Empire, ending 400 years of Turkish Muslim rule. At the end of the war, the League of Nations dismantled the Ottoman Empire and divided the Middle East between the Arabs and the Jews.

Of the land apportioned to the Jews by the Balfour Declaration in 1917, only some 20% was actually given the Jews by 1921. The remainder of the promised Jewish homeland was awarded to the Arabs. This was due to an unexpected furor among the Muslims, who suddenly found the neglected and desolate land of Palestine to be of infinite value.

By the end of the Great War, Britain found itself in the position of having promised all things to all people, and now it was time to deliver. The McMahon Hussein Agreement gave the land east of Damascus to Hussein of Mecca. The Sikes Picot Agreement divided it up between Britain and France, while, the Balfour Declaration gave Palestine to the Jews. The French and British solved their differences by the simple expedient of dividing up the territory by drawing borders, freehand, over the map of the Middle East.

The French created Syria and Lebanon. The British carved Iraq and Transjordan out of what had been Mesopotamia. But when it came to Palestine, the Arabs dug in their heels and demanded that as well. Arab hopes had been raised by McMahon's declaration of support for Arab independence, which the Arabs now claimed encompassed the whole Middle East. The lack of historical understanding on the part of the British and French diplomats involved is staggering. They drew boundary lines that artificially divided ancient tribal lands and divided tribes into nation states. The legacy of these "diplomats" to future generations was a Middle East in a perpetual state of war. The Balfour Declaration and the support it received in the British government greatly annoyed the Arabs.

Even Winston Churchill had spoken eloquently in favor of keeping Lord Balfour's commitment: "It is manifestly right that the Jews, who are scattered all over the world, should have a national home where some of them might be reunited." He went on to say: "it will be good for the world, good for the Jews, and good for Britain."

This was not good for the Arabs for they, as it so happens, have most of the proven oil reserves. In 1921, at the San Remo conference, the British said they had misspoken, and did not intend for the WHOLE of Palestine to become a Jewish State. They proposed instead to divide Palestine into two states, one Arab, and one Jewish. This was an outright lie and marked the beginning of constant concessions to the Arabs' increasing demands.

The British proposal to divide the area into two states was well received by the Jews. Chaim Weizmann who went on to be Israel's first president, enthusiastically discussed the plan with King Faisal Hussein of Iraq, who initially gave his blessing, then withdrew his support in 1929. If the Arabs had accepted the 1919 plan, the Jewish minority may well have been absorbed into an Arab Palestinian State. That was not God's plan for Israel.

The Peel Commission in 1937 offered a similar two nation one state proposal. Again, it was accepted by the Jews and rejected by the Arabs. The irony is, had the Arabs accepted it, they would have won the battle for land over which they are currently fighting. And, they would have won without firing a shot and with the enthusiastic support of the Jews. The Woodhead Report of 1938 proposed an even smaller region of Jewish autonomy. The Arabs rejected it; the Jews supported it, although somewhat more reluctantly.

The White Paper of 1939, offered by the British, was much more pro-Arab than any previous offer. At the time, the British were trying to win Arab sympathies away from the Nazi Party. The White Paper curtailed Jewish immigration, cut back Jewish settlements and was little more than a tacit recognition that Jews actually physically existed on the land. Amazingly, the Arabs rejected even this plan, which gives insight into what they really want. And what they really want is the total obliteration of any Jewish presence in what they continue to call Palestine.

In March 1939, the British government actually asked the Germans to discourage travel by Jews to the Holy Land. According to official documents, Sir Neville Henderson sent a cable to the Nazi Foreign Office. It stated that a large movement from Germany of Jewish refugees, who without visas or any arrangements for their reception, were attempting to land in any territory that presented the least possibility of accepting them.

The UN Partition Plan of 1947 offered by the UN gave a tiny portion of the land to Israel, the remainder to the Arabs, and declared Jerusalem an open city. This also, was rejected by the Arabs. The first time any partition plan ever offered by anyone was even looked at seriously by the Arab side was in 1968. That was after they had lost the West Bank and city of Jerusalem to Israel following their most recent attempt to wipe the Jewish State off the face of the earth.

This is bible prophecy coming alive and functioning before us, with the whole world as witnesses. A terrible catastrophe is about to fall on all the Muslim nations that have attacked Israel. The warning was clearly stated in the bible, but no one was listening.

The British immigration policy for Palestine underwent several modifications during the years between wars. As the Arabs objected to the influx of Jewish refugees fleeing Europe, Britain changed the rules to curtail Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Britain's need for Arab oil became more important than keeping its promise to the Jews. In 1930, the White Paper was passed through Parliament, effectively banning further Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Certain elements within the British Foreign Ministry became hostile toward the Jews, especially some of the personnel working in Palestine. Because of this attitude, many of Jews who might have escaped the Nazis perished in the SS extermination camps.

This kind of action not only sealed the fate of the Jews but of the British Empire. God warned the world 4,000 years ago of what He would do to the people or nation who harmed His people simply for being Israelites. This is significantly important when it comes to understanding the destiny of Manasseh, the son of Joseph.

God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob concerning their descendants, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse the one who curses you." The rise and fall of many great empires of history can be traced to how they blessed or mistreated the Israelites. The Jews suffered through the Holocaust where six million men, women and children marched to their deaths.

After WW2, the Empire "on whose flag the sun never set" found itself being progressively destroyed.

Today, the UK is only a shadow of what it was. The survivors emerged from the Nazis Holocaust a different people. The nations were shocked. For some, the shock quickly wore off and began to see them as "problem refugees." Everything they owned, homes, property and bank accounts, had been confiscated before the war. The new owners agreed it was a shame, but did nothing to right the wrong. Greed proved once again to be a universal human weakness.

The Jews of Europe became the Israelis of Palestine. Tough, disciplined and courageous in the face of overwhelming odds, they fought against British immigration restrictions to sneak themselves into Palestine by any means. They fought against a hostile Muslim population that was being flooded with new Muslim residents from all over the Muslim world. When the British disarmed them and heavily armed the Muslims, they smuggled weapons in with incredible cunning and audacity. They organized freedom fighting cell groups that gave the British more than they could handle.

On May 14, 1948 the British withdrew and Israel claimed the land of Palestine to be the Jewish homeland. They proclaimed a new State and providentially named it Israel. The next day, they were invaded on all sides by the combined might of the Muslim world. Humanly speaking, there is no way to explain how the Israelis defeated the well-trained, heavily armed Muslim army that outnumbered them 10 to 1. Twelve hours before Israel's declaration of Independence had to be signed and turned in, David Ben-Gurion heard the others in the next room arguing about what the name of their new nation would be.

He could hear them through the walls tossing around possible names for the new state. He unknowingly fulfilled many ancient prophecies by writing in the name "Israel" at the top of the document. Never in history has such a thing happened. From being scattered across the face of the earth for 2,000 years, they returned to the same piece of real estate from which they were driven. They brought with them their culture, preserved through the centuries, their religious laws, their dietary laws and their customs. They kept alive a sense of nationhood that somehow survived in their hearts. The empires of the Assyrians and the Babylonians all rose and fell. Israel alone, scattered without friend, land or flag, has endured to become a nation again. There are no Babylonians, Medes, Amalekites, Canaanites or Philistines left in the world, but Israel exists, as it did before Nebuchadnezzar.

The cold war enabled the USSR to build the most formidable arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in history. That arsenal is now equipping the Muslim confederacy for their predicted war with Israel, just as Ezekiel predicted. On May 15, 1948, five well-equipped Muslim armies attacked the tiny new State of Israel from all sides. The British trained and equipped Arab Legion of Jordan attacked and captured the power station at Naharayim. An Iraqi expeditionary force tried to ford the Jordan River in the area of Gesher. The poorly armed settlers of Gesher held them back for a full week. The Iraqis finally withdrew, choosing to cross the river at a ford held by the Jordanians. The Syrians actually began their attack on the night of May 14. They unleashed a devastating barrage of heavy artillery against the poorly armed settlements south of the Sea of Galilee.

Arab radios announced with euphoric glee that the "War of Annihilation" had begun. The Arab Legions numbered more than 650,000 men. British mercenary officers of great renown led some of the Arab armies. All Arab armies were armed with the most modern of weapons and air power of the time. The Jews, on the other hand, had only 45,000 troops, most of whom were guerrilla fighters from the Haganah, Palmach or members of the Irgun and Stern groups. Under the British mandate, it was a crime punishable by death for a Jew to carry a firearm, although Arabs carried weapons openly. The new Jewish army had very little with which to defend itself. Chaim Herzog, the Jewish historian, estimates the Jews only had sufficient ammunition for 3 days' fighting. The Palmach, the "Israeli Army," for want of a more descriptive term, was able to arm only 2 out of 3 of its fighters. Against the Arab Legion's modern jet air force, Israel had 20 unarmed Piper Cubs. The Arabs also controlled the only landing stripes in Palestine. They fought a very different Jew than those who went meekly into Hitler's death camps, or lined up naked in front of ditches to be machine gunned by members of the SS Einsatzgruppen. Outnumbered by more than 100 to 1, and hopelessly outgunned, these survivors of the death camps, of countless persecutions in the Muslim countries, and of the hardships that life in Palestine had to offer shocked not just the Arab armies, but also the entire world. Many Israelis charged into battle without a weapon to take one from the dead body of a fallen enemy. A few Jews from outside the country flew in on a wing and a prayer with obsolete German Messerschmitt fighters purchased from Czechoslovakia. With these planes and some cavalier volunteer pilots, they cleared the skies of enemy planes and turned back an Egyptian armored corps in the Southern

Gaza Strip. With a determination rarely seen in any war before or since, the Jews met every onslaught.

Ten percent of the total population of the new Israeli State fell in battle. But when the dust cleared, the Israelis controlled all the land set aside for them by the original Mandate plus half the city of Jerusalem. On June 11, 1949, the Arabs withdrew, and the Israeli State became a fact. At the beginning, it looked hopeless for the outnumbered and outgunned Jews. The Arabs were justified in their conviction of an easy victory. But some of the rabbis proclaimed God's promises from the Torah to the beleaguered men, "Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword" -Leviticus 26: 8 The land of Israel became the land of the Jews, by miracle if you please. Their victory is inexplicable apart from the unseen intervention of the hand of God. God's plan is in place. A restored land of Israel, homeland to the Jewish people, is the key element in His plan, and the very existence of Israel bears testimony to it. The old rabbis remembered the words of the prophet Isaiah in -Isaiah 46: 8-10 "Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure" God wants the world to know that his promises concerning his chosen people are his promises, not merely legends in an old book. By their very survival, the Jews prove God is exactly who he says he is, and his counsel shall indeed stand. He will do all his pleasure. The birth of Israel sets a pattern that is drawing us toward the end of days and the Day of God. Israel fought 5 wars in its short 50 years: The War of Independence, the

Sinai Wars, the 1956 Suez Crisis, the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. In each war, Israel ended up with just a little more of the territory that God promised to Abraham's seed forever.

### **Jerusalem is a Burdensome Stone**

Zechariah the prophet wrote concerning the time of the end, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. -Zachariah 12: 2-3

One of the biggest problems for the planners of the coming one world order is what to do with Palestine. The Jews there are not about to surrender their sovereignty to the UN, the US or anyone else. They have made their last move. To this day that is more than apparent. The significance of Jerusalem's end time prominence is clear that the Holy City will be in the center of world events in the end time. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians Arabs will focus more and more attention on Jerusalem.

The total world situation may be expected more and more to be cast into the mold that prophecy indicates the stage is set and the actors are ready for the final drama in which Jerusalem will be the key.

Many prophecies are unfolding before our eyes but they could not be fulfilled until Israel was back in her land as she is today. Here is an example of one of the many promises regarding the re-gathering of Israel. God showed the

prophet Ezekiel the bones of the Hebrew nation and asked him if they could live. The godly prophet wisely replied, "O Lord God, You Know" -Ezekiel 37: 3 Ezekiel then wrote: "So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He said to me, Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, thus says the Lord God; come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim (America), and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. Say unto them surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people and I will be their God" -Ezekiel 37: 7-11, 17, 21-23

## **How it came about**

The growth of Israel from a scattered skeleton to a stored body is starting. As prophecy indicates: "There was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone" Ezekiel 37: 7 Next, "the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them." -Ezekiel 37: 8

From the sound of an earthshaking event (World War 1) the seeming dead nation of Israel was to gradually formulate a body, after which the spirit would be breathed into it. History records the birth Israel beginning in 1917.

Here are the amazing events, which took place. In 1916 the war was going adversely for England. German machine guns and other advanced weaponry was cutting down their soldiers. Desperate to find a rapid method of manufacturing TNT and a smokeless gun powder, they turned to a brilliant Jew named Chaim Weizmann who invented a formula that made possible the rapid production of those vital materials thus changing the course of the war. In return, David Lloyd George, representing the British government, told Dr. Weizmann to name his price. He requested that Palestine be declared the homeland for the Jewish people. The Balfour Declaration was drawn up and signed on Nov. 2, 1917.

Gradually the Jews began to gather (bone to his bone) and in 1917, it is estimated that less than 25,000 Jews lived in that land. By 2002 there were over 6 million and growing. While God blessed Israel, Britain reneged on her 1917 treaty. In 1939, after much deliberation over the growing conflicts between the Arabs and Jews, Britain withdrew from Palestine.

Shortly thereafter the National Council and the General Zionist Council proclaimed from Tel Aviv the establishment of the sovereign state of Israel. The date was May 14, 1948. David Ben-Gurion was appointed Prime Minister. The US and Russia recognized the new nation which, after much debate, was accepted as a member nation of the UN by a vote of 37 to 12. In 1967 for the first time since the Babylonian captivity, Jews took charge of Jerusalem.

That has to be the most impressive fulfillment of Bible prophecy in 20 centuries. After planting the Israeli flag on the Dome of the Rock, Moshe Dayan did a strange thing, he decided to be conciliatory toward his Muslim captives and instead of keeping the site he returned control back over to the Muslims.

Some religious Jews still have not forgiven Dayan for his actions.

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### **Only A Breath Away**

All that is left for Ezekiel's vision to be fulfilled relates to "but there was no breath in them" -Ezekiel 37: 8 That expression is not difficult for Bible students to decipher, since "breath" or "wind" often refers to spirit. This agrees with many passages that predict a great spiritual awakening when the blindness is lifted as recorded in Paul's letter to the Romans.

"For I don't want you, brothers, to be ignorant concerning this mystery, lest you should become wise in your own eyes, that a blindness in part has come upon Israel until the

fullness of the gentiles has been brought in.” -Romans 11  
According to the apostle Paul, “the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith.” -Galatians 3: 24 It is also written: “no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.” -Galatians 3: 11

With the death and resurrection of the Son of God, Israel was no longer under the old covenant. Jesus was the final Passover lamb. The second covenant was now established in his blood. Unfortunately not all Israel have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. “For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” -Romans 10: 3 (The way of Cain)

Almost 20 years had passed since Paul's conversion when he went to Jerusalem and shared his experiences with those who were charged with the gospel of the circumcision. It was at this meeting that God showed Paul that the church in Jerusalem had already fallen to corruption. He writes the record in the book of Acts: “And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law.” -Acts 21: 17-20

The apostles who were called to the gospel had turned their hearts back to the law. Again we see the truth “Howbeit that

was NOT first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.” -1 Corinthians 15: 46

The first century church had turned back to the way of Cain. God gave the first apostles every opportunity to believe the truth. Paul traveled to Jerusalem several times and even wrote to the leaders but their hearts were still tied to the first covenant. It was not until the end of the Acts era that the salvation of God is sent directly to the nations.

“For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.” -Acts 28: 27-28

The latter half of the second chapter of Ephesians is an elaborate statement showing that, in the present administration of God’s grace, the nations are no longer in the inferior position accorded them in Paul’s earlier ministry. Paul was called to preach the gospel of the uncircumcision. His epistles are written to the nations, the gentiles called by grace. The truth today lies in the letters written by Paul.

All division is due to the wrong dividing of that which is written to Israel by the first apostles with that written to the gentiles by Paul. If you removed the writings of Paul, you would have the complete Gospel of grace. “Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation (administration) of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil (complete) the word of God” -Colossians 1: 25

After the first century church fell and Israel was dispersed among the gentile nations. Christianity became increasingly corrupt as pagan rituals; fables and doctrines of men replaced the truth.

The world entered an age of darkness and not until 1517 would the light of truth begin to shine when Martin Luther released his 95 theses highlighting the heresy of the church. The era of reformation had begun and continues today.

The year 2017 represents the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's decision to trust in the written revealed word of God. It is also the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and the rebirth of the nation of Israel. There is a day coming when all Israel shall be saved. "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." -Romans 11: 26

This has been God's plan from the beginning. There has been no event that has transpired that has not been set in motion by the sovereign creator. All the works and plans of God have been set in motion with a view to the final reconciliation of all.

The final scenes are about to begin. The fourth beast of Daniel is now at work preparing the advent of the great man of "sin" who will change the social structure of the world, opening the door to the greatest delusion of all times. The Son of Perdition will be the harbinger of the false prophet and the false Christ who shall be worshipped by the whole world whom he has deceived.

## **The Son Of Perdition**

-Daniel 11: 36-39 “The king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the god of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.” He will have the backing of the religious nations and tied to Israel.

Paul wrote that he would come with every seduction. White washed on the outside but full of dead bones on the inside. Israel is blinded right now. Israel and Islam are descendants of the son of promise (Isaac) and the son of the flesh (Ishmael). From the son of promise came the 12 tribes.

The Northern tribes of Israel began their westward move shortly after the first century. The Jewish historian Josephus confirmed that many deported Israelites were settling west of the Euphrates. Josephus wrote that, in his day, “the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers” (Antiquities of the Jews, Book XI).

The apostle James also plainly confirms that the missing tribes hadn't been reunited with the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Palestine. He addresses his epistle "to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad." -James 1:1 God had promised that all of the lost 10 tribes of Israel would continue to exist. He also promised to "sift them among the nations." -Amos 9: 9

The major westward migration began about 200 B.C. and continued into the fifth century A.D. The families from many tribes converged on Europe and most of those that finally settled in Northwest Europe were related and shared a culture.

Many historians have acknowledged that the Anglo-Saxon peoples provided the racial stock that founded several modern Western nations, including Great Britain and the United States. God was about to fulfill His promises to the descendants of Israel as they migrated to northwestern Europe and the British Isles and then to America and the other British colonies around the world.

God revealed to Jacob the destiny of his descendants in the end times. "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." -Genesis 49: 1 Joseph's descendants are the easiest to identify of all the lost tribes of Israel because the specific blessings they were to receive stand out so distinctly from those of the other tribes. Jacob prophesied that Joseph's descendants through his sons Ephraim and Manasseh, would be blessed with greatness and overflowing prosperity. There is no nation on Earth more blessed than the USA.

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: (this can be translated ocean). The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;” Genesis 49: 22-24



### **The Most Blessed Nation On Earth – The USA**

Joseph’s descendants were blessed like a fruitful vine with a never-ending supply of water, insuring their constant growth. Their populations would multiply rapidly. They would expand to lands beyond their original borders, grow militarily strong and reap the choicest physical blessings of the earth. They would produce and prosper.

It is written: "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's." -1 Chronicles 5: 1, 2

When we understand that the modern descendants of Joseph are the people of the United States and Britain, we see that over the past three centuries God has been true to His promises. He has granted the physical birthright blessings of Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, to their modern descendants, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people of Britain and the United States. The Anglo-Saxon and Celtic descendants have been the primary founders and shapers of British and American culture.

Genesis records when Jacob was old, his son Joseph brought Manasseh and Ephraim to him so he might give them his blessing before he died. "And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn, and he

blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his

father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.” - Genesis 48: 13-19

Historians have tried to teach that it was Manasseh and Joseph who were the foundation of the Americas yet as you can see from the blessings of Jacob, Manasseh would be the father of a great nation while Ephraim would be the father of a multitude of nations. America is the only nation that is referred to as a nation of nations. Only in America does a citizen refer to himself or herself as “African American”, “Mexican American” or “Italian American.” America is truly a nation of nations. But she has defiled herself and has turned her heart from God who has blessed her greater than all the nations of the earth. America is the new Samaria the former capital of the northern tribes, the enemies of Judea. It is from her, the son of perdition will appear and together with the false prophet they will set the stage for the appearing of the Antichrist. This is why Ephraim is not listed in the genealogy list of Revelation chapter 7.

America’s foundation was built upon biblical principals but it has corrupted itself from within and become a pagan nation without shame.

### **Modern Christianity**

In Revelation 2 and 3, we have seven Epistles addressed to the seven churches in Asia. These Epistles—in keeping with the nature of the book in which they are found—are

prophetic in their scope. They record the sentences of the Divine Judge who appears in the midst of these churches inspecting and passing decisions. They contain a panorama of the church's history. They give us a complete outline of the entire course of the Christian profession in this Age. That course is one of failure, decadence, of going from bad to worse, until at the end a condition is reached which compels the Lord to utterly repudiate that which bears His name.

These Epistles to the seven churches in Asia were addressed to churches, which were in existence when John wrote the revelation and therefore their local application was to these historic assemblies. That these Epistles have a wider and prophetic application and signification is clear from several considerations. In the first place the number of the churches here addressed seven is significant (seven signifies Spiritual perfection).

There were other churches in Asia besides those addressed, but they are here ignored. The fact that Christ addressed Himself to seven seems to argue that, in harmony with the uniform significance of this numeral, a complete outline of something is here presented. In the second place, there is some "mystery" connected with these seven Epistles as is clear from our Lord's words. This is further borne out by the call that is sounded in each Epistle—"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The word of God here declares that they contain a special message heard only by those who are attuned to the Spirit. In the third place, the Order of these Epistles also corresponds exactly with the history of the professing church and this agreement cannot be a mere coincidence, but must be due to Divine design.

The first of these Epistles is addressed to the church at Ephesus. In it we have viewed the originating cause of the decadence that began in the apostolic age. "Thou hast left thy first love" the cooling of the church's affection for Christ was the source of all the evil that followed. There was much outward zeal, but the heart was not right, and where love declines evil practices soon follow. At Ephesus we learn there were "false apostles" and "Nicolaitanes" whose deeds were 'hateful' to Christ and the Ephesians themselves. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent" shows the beginning of the downward path. - Revelation 2:1-7

In the second Epistle addressed to the church in Smyrna (verses 8-11), we have a prophetic picture that describes the conditions that prevailed from John's time till the beginning of the fourth century, a period of persecution and martyrdom. Here we are shown a Judaizing Christianity spreading within the church, and mention is made of the "synagogue of Satan."

The Epistle to the third church, Pergamos (verses 12-17) finds the progress in evil is still more marked. The prophetic application of this Epistle carries us on to the days of Constantine when the church and the world joined hands. This unholy alliance was foreshadowed by the name of the church addressed, for Pergamos signifies a "marriage." Here we read of "Satan's seat" (v.13) -Greek "Satan's throne". Here, too, mention is again made of the Nicolaitanes, but whereas in Ephesus it was the "deeds of the Nicolaitanes" (v.6) that were mentioned; here it is the "doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" (v.15) where false practices had now become articles of faith.

Observe that at first the church "hated their deeds (v.6), but here their evil beliefs were tolerated and cherished.

In the fourth Epistle to Thyatira -Rev. 2:18-29 we have disclosed a yet fouler condition of ecclesiastical corruption and are carried forward to the rise of Roman Catholicism, which is here termed "Jezebel." "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not." (20, 21)

That "space" began at the Reformation period and has lasted till now, but the Papacy is still unchanged. In the fifth Epistle to the church in Sardis (verses 1-6) we are brought down to the days of Martin Luther and his contemporaries, when many of God's people were delivered from Popery. Observe here "Thou hast a name" (v.1)

That name was "Protestantism" which defined both their claim and testimony. But note further, "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." Protestantism is now nothing more than a "name," its vitality has long since departed. How this latter-day condition was anticipated by the very terms of this Epistle may be seen by the language "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." His admonition passed unheeded. But, are all within the circle of Protestantism now spiritually dead? No; and mark the prophetic accuracy of this Epistle "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments." (verse 4)

In the sixth Epistle addressed to the church in Philadelphia (verses 7-13) we are brought down to the last century.

Three things are to be noted here. First, Philadelphia signifies "brotherly love" and it was during the last two centuries particularly that Grace was acknowledged and displayed. Not until the nineteenth century was the truth of the Unity and common brotherhood of the church recovered. Second, the Lord sets before this church an "open door" (v.8), a door, which He had opened Himself. This was the "door" which led to the Foreign Missions, and it was not until last century that age-long barriers were removed by God and worldwide evangelism made practically easy.

Third, "Thou hast a little strength" (v.8) accurately describes the condition of the church these last two hundred years.

We turn now to the seventh Epistle, addressed to the church of the Laodiceans. -Rev. 3:14-22 This Epistle portrays the last state of the professing church, a state characterized by high pretensions and self-sufficiency, but so utterly nauseous to Christ that He declares (v15, 16) "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Laodicea means "the rule of the laity or people." It is the people's church, not Christ's, for notice He is outside (v. 20), standing and knocking for admission. Its condition is described as "lukewarm:" it is neither one thing nor the other, partly hot and partly cold.

The Christian church of today is mixed up with the world, claiming to be heavenly and yet clinging to everything below; bearing the name of Christ and yet misrepresenting

him and putting him to an open shame. There is a lot of religion but only a little life, a lot of activity but only a little vitality, a lot of doing but only a little accomplished. Neither hot nor cold: neither out and out for God, nor out and out for the Devil. "Lukewarm," as though hot and cold water had been poured into the same vessel. This is exactly what we have in the churches today—intense worldliness and wickedness veneered over with humanitarian and religious pretenses.

Another characteristic of Laodicea is the spirit of boasting—"Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." (v. 17) Loud and lofty are the pretensions of the professing church, but how shallow they really are! There is much ostentatious parading of resources, but it is an empty profession.

There is self-conceit, showy attainments, architectural display, intellectual acquirements, influential numbers, but Christ is excluded. In this church unlike all the previous ones, there is nothing whatever in it that Christ commends—sad commentary upon its true condition. There is much in it that He condemns—"and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." (v. 17) The church is utterly ignorant of its actual and deplorable state. Its leaders are crying "Peace and safety" when "sudden destruction" is upon them. 1 Thess. 5:3 Wherever there is recognition of our condition and our need, there is hope, for recognition and acknowledgement of weakness is the secret of strength 2 Cor. 12:9. But self-complacency is fatal. For self-righteousness there is no remedy. Though self-sufficient and self-righteous the professing church will shortly be "spued out" by the One whose name it bears.

Now observe particularly that this "Laodicean" Epistle is the final one of the series. It sets before us the last state of the professing church on earth. In keeping with this, note the time-mark. The Lord speaks of "supping" (v. 20). It is even time. It is the closing meal of the day! The end is at hand. The church is feasting inside and the Savior is standing outside. Such was what was predicted over nineteen centuries ago, and such is what we now witness in Christendom today. Christ is now outside the professing church undesired, unheard, unknown. And, I repeat, this Epistle is the final one of the series; there is no eighth that follow it. The Laodicean condition is the last phase of unbelieving Christendom. Nothing remains but its spewing out. We are living in the days when the times of the gentiles are coming to a close. Jacob's trouble is about to begin.

## Chapter 7 - THE RAPTURE



It is a common belief today that all Christians will be gathered together in the rapture to meet the lord in the air and spend eternity with him in heaven. We're going to look at this common belief by examining the terms Faith and Grace. We're going to get a better understanding of the rapture as we look at "to whom" the writings of Paul are addressed and "to whom" the letters of Peter, James and John are addressed.

The writings of Peter James and John are written to Christians, Israel of the flesh (Jews). With the death of Jesus, all the seed of promise were now dead. This is why it is written that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. There can be no resurrection unless all (with distinction) are dead. Those who remained who were of Israel were the seed of Abraham, the seed of the flesh but they were not of the seed of promise. There are no Jews today who are from the seed of promise. Their only hope is Romans 10: 9-10.

It is written, “they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, they, which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.” -Romans 9: 6-8 At the time of the resurrection of Jesus, all the promised seed of Israel had died. The rest of the seed of Abraham who were not of seed of promise were still alive and when they heard of the resurrection, they were furious and denied it was possible. The same is true for the resurrection of the just when the Lord returns with his body to assume the throne in Israel. All believers will be dead including the remainder of Israel who’ve believed the gospel of faith. Paul wrote: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, but every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.” -1 Corinthians 15: 22,23

The first fruits include his body. “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.” -Colossians 2: 12 This is why the rapture is not a resurrection. When the Lord returns with his body, he is coming to claim his throne and he will end the reign of terror of the antichrist. “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”

This is when the Millennium begins. -Revelation 20: 4,5

Most people have been looking for a man to rise up who will be the antichrist but when we see the simplicity of God's word on this subject there can be no doubt that he is the devil himself who in the latter days will be cast upon the earth with his angels. When God addressed Lucifer in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve had eaten of the tree of knowledge, he told him that the seed of the woman would bruise his head and not some superman called the antichrist.

The day is approaching when the false prophet will authenticate the greatest deception ever perpetrated upon man. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." -Revelation 12: 9 We do not know the day or hour when this will occur but we do know that this is the time when the body of Christ will be gathered together in the air, in the midst of the adversary's kingdom. The prince of the power of the air, -Ephesians 2: 2 "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." -Revelation 12: 12

The gathering together (rapture) is when the restoration of the heavens will be completed. "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." This is written to those called by grace. Only the body of Christ is immediately seated in the heavenlies. -1 Corinthians 15: 40, 49

The lord and his body will replace the celestials, the devil and his angels. They will then return and restore the earth and complete the plan of God. “And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” -1 Corinthians 15:28 In the end, all of humanity will enjoy the fruits of the finished work of Calvary.

### **So why are there 2 Gospels?**

“But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.” -Gal 2: 7, 9

The Gospel of the circumcision is written to those called from the seed of Adam who confess with their mouth Jesus as Lord and believes in their heart that God hath raised him from the dead. This is why Peter wrote, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you - (when) - at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” -1 Peter 1: 13

Paul then wrote to Israel saying, “For with the mouth confession is made unto salvation and with the heart man believes unto righteousness.” -Romans 10:10

The “unto” refers to when The Lord returns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Their inheritance is terrestrial (earthly). This is the restoration of the earth as it is written – “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.” -Genesis 1:28

Israel and the followers of Jesus Christ rejected the Gospel of the circumcision in the first century when they returned to the law. The Gospel was now offered to the gentiles. Remember earlier where I shared the truth of that which is first is not that which is spiritual but that which is second. The disciples in Israel had turned their back on the gospel of the circumcision and were once again governed by the way of Cain. And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: -Acts 21: 20

The Judea Christian gospel today is mixed with pagan ritualism and witchcraft. The Greek word for witchcraft is "Pharmakia" where we get the English word "Pharmacy." Religious evangelism and increased drug addiction have risen together in the last 100 years. It is written and chronicled in Acts the day when Israel rejected the Gospel.

"And some believed the things that were spoken, and some believed not. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves." -Acts 28: 24-29

The ministry of the apostles in the first century mirrored the times of King Saul. He was called to be the first king over God's people but he did not follow the will of God. He succumbed to the will of the people. "Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." -1 Samuel 15: 24

James, Peter and John also denied the truth of God's word as they openly rejoiced that the people were zealous of the law. -Acts 21: 20

The Gospel of God was now taken from the disciples in Jerusalem and God anointed Paul the second apostle. It was to the Apostle Paul that God would reveal grace, the mystery and the body of Christ.

The body of Christ is the church chosen by grace, from among the gentiles to replace the celestials who rebelled in the heavens with Lucifer. The body of Christ was called long before Adam and Eve.

Israel was called in Jacob.

The church in Israel eventually expanded worldwide through Roman Catholicism. The world would become a haven of devils and in the end evil will be called good and good called evil and the whole world will be deceived. At that point, the world will be open to welcome the antichrist, aka the devil (he who comes instead of Christ).

James, Peter and John changed as they grew older and were able to write their letters to those called to the gospel of the circumcision but there is a distinct difference in the

revelation. Peter refers to Paul's writings in his letter. "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood" -2 Peter 3: 15, 16a

Peter and the apostles never once spoke of the mystery or the body of Christ. They preached the Gospel of the circumcision. They separated themselves from Paul stating that God had committed unto him the gospel of the uncircumcision while they were the keepers of the gospel of the circumcision. They did this in compromise because they did not understand grace or the mystery. Paul was the "second" apostle; the twelve were the "first." Twelve forms a perfect natural governmental foundation. One is indicative of unity, beginnings and God.

The twelve apostles were chosen first, Paul was second. The twelve were born again, they spoke in tongues, prophesied, preached faith and performed miracles but they eventually allowed the law and other pagan beliefs to infiltrate the tree.

Paul revealed the mystery, the manifestations and preached the gospel of grace. "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual." -1 Corinthians 15: 46

Throughout the bible this principle has followed the pattern of natural first and spiritual second. First Canaan then Israel. Ishmael then Isaac. Saul then David. There's the first birth and then the second. The first baptism was water, then spirit, the twelve apostles were first and Paul second. Jesus

sent the twelve then he sent out seventy others. Let's look at the response from each group as they returned.

“Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

John said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.” -Luke 9:1-2 & Mark 9: 38

“After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.” -Luke 10: 1, 17

John's response was natural. They forbad anyone from speaking because they were not followers of their church. They did not have the extensive training and knowledge and they did not live with the master.

The same continues today in all organized religions. If you are not ordained by so and so, if you do not have the education, if you are not a member of this organization, then you are not in our league. It is written: “But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these” -Job 12: 3 Paul faithfully taught the gospel of grace. “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” -1 Corinthians 1: 11

Paul's followers eventually walked away from him. Timothy was charged with the responsibility to continue in

the walk of grace and find others who were faithful and apt to teach. This was the charge of the ministry. It has never been the will of God to build massive religious organizations. They are run by humans and will always fall prey to the mustard tree virus spoken by Jesus. -Matthew 13: 32

The church eventually fell to the virus. It is appealing to men yet appalling and putrid to the Lord as it is written, "I will spew thee out of my mouth." -Revelation 3:16 Jude delivered a grave warning to the church: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core." -Jude 1: 3, 11

In 1942, God opened the doors once again for those called to hear his word rightly divided before the times of the gentiles are fulfilled. God chose a man and promised him he would teach him the word like it had not been known since the first century church, if he would teach others. The ministry grew and reached out to the whole world.

Forty years later, God appointed and anointed the \*second man to continue the work of the ministry. The virus once again infiltrated the tree. I believe someday this man will fulfill his calling as God works in him. Most people are unaware of what really happened or why, but God knows.

Everything happens for a reason and the truth regarding the mustard tree virus and the leaven will help you to understand the events that took place and how it continues to work its poison today.

Satan succeeds by getting people to look at their flesh and the flesh of others. As long as people believe they can direct their own steps by freewill, they will forever be caught up in the snare of the devil. It is written: "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." -Jeremiah 10: 23 The doctrine of freewill has destroyed the lives and ministries of many called by God.

Jesus cried out: "not my will but thine be done." He made the decision to believe what was written. He trusted his father. The LOVE of the TRUTH trusts God's ability to fulfil his word in your life.

You do not have the ability to direct your life. Jesus said: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." -Matthew 10:39

Those who do not believe that God loves them enough to fulfill his word will always trust in their flesh. This is the same temptation Satan presented in the Garden of Eden. Paul said: "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. -Romans 7: 20

Paul wrote about the strong delusion that has deceived the whole world, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not **the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" -2 Thessalonians 2: 10, 11

A minister once wrote: "Success is peace of mind that comes with the self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you were capable of becoming."

This is the mindset of someone who believes in freewill. It is a belief in the law of attraction that teaches you are capable of anything you set your mind upon. You can be just like God. You have the power to determine your destiny. Jesus said the opposite. He that lets go of his ego/self will find life. God has a plan for your life. The only freewill decision you have in life is to hold onto your ego/self or let it go and let God. If you choose to hold onto your life, you then MUST walk by freewill because you are subject to the tree of knowledge of good and evil. You will succeed or fail in life depending on the law of believing. What you confess in your life will become manifested in your life.

Once you see the lie of freewill, you will experience true freedom. This is my prayer for you. “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.” - Ephesians 1: 18

Paul’s letter to the Romans, Corinthians and Galatians speak of the terrestrial race from the time of Adam and addresses the solution to the question of human destiny.

Ephesians, Philippians and Thessalonians contain a digest of universal history, a compendium of the ways of God with men and angels. His epistles complete or fulfill the bible and contain the solution to the problem of universal destiny.

“Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God.” -Colossians 1: 25

## Chapter 8 – WHO ARE THE FAITHFUL



Adam and Eve fell for the same deceptive lie that you and I face today. “You can choose your path in life by simply believing for what you want.” God’s word tells us, “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” -Jeremiah 10: 23

The serpent said to Eve, “You don’t have to do the will of God. He knows the day you eat of the tree, your eyes will be opened and you shall be like God knowing good and evil. You shall not die. He gave you freewill.” Satan tempted her first with the lust of the eyes. It looked good to eat, to make one wise. She did not trust in God’s provision. He then tempted her with the lust of the flesh. You shall not die. She did not trust in God’s protection. She chose the LIE.

So here we have the three points with which all mankind is tempted. Men and women will always be tempted with the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Today it is more properly termed the fear of God’s provision, the fear of God’s protection and the fear of God’s providence. The Lord Jesus was tempted in all these points yet he did not succumb to the LIE.

Satan asked him to turn the stones into bread after he had not eaten anything for forty days trying to get him to not trust in God's provision. He then proceeded to ask him to jump off the high point trying to get him to question God's protection. He finally offered him all the kingdoms of time intimating he had the ability to determine his own destiny and providence. His response to all was, "It is written." We were all born with the will to choose God's direction in our lives or to accept the lie that we have the "ability" to walk in our own way.

We do not have the ability to walk or direct our own steps. We are either surrender to the direction of God or we automatically subject ourselves to the direction of the spirit of the world. In choosing freewill, you are ruled by your ego, which is subject to the spirit of the world. Life follows the rule of inspiration by thought, which emanates outside of the self and influenced by spirit. Man then filters all thoughts in the mind wherein the soul resides and then confesses his belief whether it is good or evil resulting in the receipt of his confession. This natural progression is called the law of attraction. Here the natural man can operate "freewill" to choose good or evil but the end result will always be death in the long run. This is why some prosper in the world with material wealth and others live in poverty or mediocrity. God's word will always lead you to health, prosperity and life. Before his crucifixion, the Lord proclaimed it was not his will but the will of his father that would lead him to victory over the world. Man has been deceived with the strong delusion that he can walk in his own will and still please the Lord yet it is written, "In that day when they call me Lord, I will profess unto them, I never knew you." -Mathew 7: 23

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your understanding but in ALL your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths” -Proverbs 3: 5, 6 The Faithful are those who trust.

There are 2 roads ahead of you. One is the path that leads to life and the other leads to death.

“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that **loseth his life** for my sake shall find it.” -Matthew 10:39 Success is giving up the self and it’s ego to seek and know God.

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” -Deuteronomy 30: 19, 20

Many of you are now asking, how can we know what is truth? We have faithfully followed our church. We do our best to live a moral life. We fellowship with believers. We attend church regularly. Our pastor is well educated and works hard to deliver a faithful encouraging message each week. What more can we do as a member of our church?

We need to see the bible from God’s viewpoint and not from the teachings of men. If you read the previous paragraph again, you will see the subject is about you and your pastor and what you are doing. It’s about man living a right life.

There is nothing wrong with living right. The question is are we living within the framework of God's rightly divided word?

You and I have maybe 80 or 90 years in this life and then what? The whole story of the bible is about God and his work. Those who persecuted Jesus when he came the first time were men who lived righteous moral lives—as far as we know they did. They were the keepers of the covenants of promise and all Israel was subject to the Law of Moses. The bible says we were imprisoned or kept securely by the law. It was our schoolmaster.

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith. -Galatians 3: 24 The law was a curse. “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.” -Galatians 3: 10

God did not put man here to be tested or to live a life of misery. It was Adam and Eve who chose not to live in harmony with God and chose to believe the lie of freewill.

We need to face the harsh reality that all men and women are born into this world without life, subject to the nature of the spirit of the world (sin), governed by our self/ego and without God. We inherited the sin nature from Adam. You can live the most righteous life anybody has ever lived yet the truth is, you will still be dead in trespasses and sins. It's the nature of your birth. You were born subject to the tree of knowledge of good and evil. You will carve out for yourself the lifestyle you think about and confess into your life. This is called the law of attraction.

The law says that you are subject to your nature and all thoughts emanate from the air you breathe, the spirit of the world. You have the natural ability to accept the hand you are dealt at birth or filter your thinking to change what you are receiving. This is your freewill. You can think evil and receive evil or you can think good and attract good. You are the formulator of your own lifestyle. You are your own God. The problem is, you do not have life.

When you die, rich or poor, you return to the dust of the earth. Your soul ceases to exist and the spirit of the world returns to the prince of the power of the air. Jesus said: "I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more than abundantly." -John 10: 10b

Jesus was the plan of God from the beginning. God is the sovereign creator. Just as he guides the stars above us so does he direct the steps of humanity. You may think you have the freewill to direct your steps but as we have seen numerous times in this book, man does not have that ability. It's a lie and is the greatest delusion man has ever faced because man refuses to believe God.

The bible tells us that the law is a curse. Jesus is the only one who can redeem man from the curse. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" -Galatians 3: 13 God did not give Adam a manual to study so he could know and understand his father. He created Adam with a spiritual nature to know him.

Adam was a created spirit with a human body and soul. Adam's only freewill choice was to believe what God said and live in paradise or disobey and die.

This was a simple choice you'd think but they believed the lie. The same thing goes for you and I today. It's not about you and I and what we do to be righteous. We are righteous because of Jesus who sacrificed his life and redeemed us from the curse of the law. Religion puffs up man. It puts man in the position of God. Religion is judgmental and sees you less than how God sees you. People who are religious are guilty of identity theft. If you follow any man or woman to feel righteous then you are allowing them to steal your identity.

You are what the word says you are. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" -1 Corinthians 5: 7 The parable of leaven shares the meaning of the earlier parable of the mustard seed, namely the internal corruption and abnormal growth of the church in the first century from small beginnings. We are new creations. We are the children of God and he created us perfect. We're unleavened and do not need any foreign substance to improve upon what God has created. By the study of the scriptures, which are written to us, we can be perfected throughly unto good works. We do not need to fill our lives with any foreign substance. Religious dogma and the doctrines of men only contradict the truth of God's word, allowing the enemy to steal our identity in Christ.

The easiest way you are going to protect your identity is to first trust God to direct your steps. Start reading only those scriptures that were written to the body of Christ. Romans through Thessalonians will keep you guarded from the intrusion of foreign data, which will always contradict grace. The scriptures written by James, Peter and John cannot add to or take away from the words written by Paul.

Many leaders and pastors will instantly deny what I am sharing with you. The truth is, they feel comfortable positioning themselves as God in your life. They believe they are overseers of your faith. They have been brought up to believe this.

The proudest moment in a Christian's life is when they are ordained in a Christian ministry. When we look into the Bible, we find the word "reverend" refers *only to God Himself*, and not once is it applied to a man. The first time the word "Reverend" is used in recorded history was in the year 1608.

The lone instance of the word, in the King James Version, says: "He [God] sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: holy and *reverend* is His name." - Psalm 111:9

God alone has a name worthy of reverence. No man, including any minister, has a name worthy of such respect or worship. Like the Pharisees and Sadducees in Israel, they enjoy the prominence of the title. If they only knew or cared what God thought of their behavior, they would repent quickly.

Peter referred to Paul as a brother. "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; - 2 Peter 3:15

There are specific gift ministries given to the church.

Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. -Ephesians 4: 8

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” -Ephesians 4: 11, 12 He gave some (churches), a gift. The church is the body of believers in any given area. The gift is given to the church not to a man or woman. God knows whatever is needed to help the church in any area and he has planned the body of Christ perfectly. We are all Ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul’s letter to Timothy gives us the qualities of a faithful man or woman who has been given the privilege of serving the body of Christ as well as our faithfulness as an ambassador.

### **What are the characteristics of a faithful ambassador?**

The business of a faithful ambassador is not to tickle ears, but to study and teach the rightly divided word of God. When the word of God is questioned and wrongly divided, a pattern begins to form and the birds of the air succeed in corrupting the trunk, limbs, branches and twigs of the tree. All man-made religions ultimately develop into the form of a tree. The way of Cain has continued to deceive the world. All men born of the blood of Adam must choose to believe and walk according to the truth of God’s revealed written word. Satan knows this and has been mastering his deception since the day he first asked Eve “Hath God said”?

Faithful ambassadors of God’s word exhibit seven distinct qualities and characteristics. This is the only place in the Bible where all seven characteristics of a faithful minister are put together in one chapter. As you look for these qualities, you’ll be able to determine whether the spirit of God or the spirit of the world is at work in the ministry of an individual.

**A faithful ambassador is:**

1. Strong in grace.
2. Strong in service.
3. A strong athlete.
4. A strong husbandman, a cultivator.
5. A strong workman.
6. A strong vessel.
7. A strong servant.

Those are the characteristics given by Paul, with an exhortation on each. Everything begins with grace. "Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." -2 Timothy 2:1

Timothy was not Paul's physical son, but it was Paul who had taught him the greatness of God's Word and led him to the Lord Jesus Christ and the great truths of God's Word. A literal of this verse is "Thou, therefore, my true son in the faith, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Grace is God's divine favor, perpendicular from God to man. It is unmerited and requires neither work nor believing to receive it.

The first requirement of faithfulness is to be strong in grace, divine favor, not to be strong in knowledge; that's all secondary. He remembers first to be strong in grace, divine favor. A true ambassador of God is never critical in a negative sense. A true son is one who remembers that it's by grace that he is an ambassador of the Word, and that he is to

be strong in that grace. Paul also taught Timothy, "The things that thou hast heard of me (Paul) among many witnesses," -other people heard the same thing. A true follower and faithful ambassador, is concerned about committing to faithful men that same truth – "who shall be able to teach others also."

The second is to be strong in service. The King James reads, "Thou, therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." It should be translated and read, "Thou, therefore, endure training, mental pressure, as a good server of Jesus Christ." -2 Timothy 2: 3

We are not warring soldiers that go out to kill and to destroy, but we are athletes running in the spiritual race of life. "Thou, therefore, endure training as a good server of Jesus Christ." The second great truth regarding the characteristic of a faithful ambassador: they are strong in service. They endure training. "No one that warreth - the word "warreth" is a deliberate forgery in the King James. The word is serveth or serves. No one who serves entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier -worker, a server."

The third is to be a strong athlete and that is in verse five: "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." -2 Timothy 2: 5 The word strive in this verse is the Greek word athleo, from which we get our word "athlete." Literally, this verse accurately reads, "And contending in the games, the athlete will strive to be the best but he is not crowned except he strive lawfully -stay within the bounds of that athletic competition as he contends in the games." He was talking about the Roman games. So he is a strong athlete who develops himself to be absolutely the best it is possible for him to be.

He is not rewarded or laced with the floral tributes, except he contend in the games according to the rules.

The fourth characteristic is -“The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.” -2 Timothy 2:6 The husbandman is the cultivator, the one who cultivates the land, biblically speaking. Today we would call him a farmer. He is to cultivate people properly. He is to work with them properly like you would prepare the ground properly to receive the seed like a farmer would. That's why he says he must be first partaker of the fruits.

You must be a partaker in cultivating and seeing this fruit develop if you're going to be a faithful minister. You have to work with people and prepare them to receive the Word of God. There are quite a few verses here that set this great truth, because it's such an important phase of a faithful ambassador's responsibility. It then continues with "Consider what I say..." These words, "Consider what I say" are the translation of the word "Selah." "Selah" in the Old Testament always means, "consider what I say." “And the Lord give thee understanding in all things.” The Lord give thee understanding. The reason he says that is because it is human nature to always go back to what men say, or read what the world calls the most up-to-date periodicals, things that people talk about. The word of God says that a faithful ambassador is to go back primarily to the Lord, for it's the Lord that's going to give him understanding. It's always a temptation to go to the world and then to quote what the world says. It's wonderful to quote what the world says if it agrees with the word, but the word teaches that a faithful ambassador has to rely upon the Lord, not man, to give him understanding in all things.

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel” -2 Timothy 2:8  
The reason it was his gospel is because God revealed it to him and Paul declared it. “Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.” -2 Timothy 2:9

Faithful ambassadors refuse to succumb to the spirit of the world that attempts to put a price tag on the grace of God.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” -1 Corinthians 2: 12

A faithful ambassador is a strong cultivator of those people whom God has placed in their path. “Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” -2 Timothy 2:10  
Here's a cool literal -"Faithful is the saying: for if we are dead with him, we shall live with him and if we suffered with him we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, we are simply false ambassadors" -2 Timothy 2:10 “If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful” -2 Timothy 2:13 God cannot deny himself.

Paul wrote “Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting or the disrupting of the hearers.” 2 Timothy 2: 14 Faithful ambassadors do not argue with those who choose to believe in freewill. God says they are natural men and “the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” -1 Corinthians 2: 14

The fifth is to be a strong workman. Religion preaches the key to God's approval is to "study and interpret the scriptures correctly." "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." -2 Timothy 2:15

Counterfeits teach the only way one can stand approved before God, is by working and rightly dividing the Word of truth. Paul makes mention of these false ambassadors: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" -2 Timothy 3:7 The concordant version of reads: "Endeavor to present yourself to God qualified, an unashamed worker, correctly cutting the word of truth."

To stand "qualified" is to "to point away from one's self." A faithful ambassador always calls attention to God and his word, not to himself. In the book of acts it is written "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" -Acts 2: 22

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." -2 Cor 5:19

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." -Romans 14: 17-19

Jesus was a man approved of God as he chose to wash the feet of the apostles and commanded them to do the same. Today we see the opposite in religious institutions. “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men” -Phil 2: 3-7

A faithful ambassador studies and teaches that which is written to the body. A faithful ambassador is a reflection of the righteousness of God, not himself or the institution he represents.

Next we see the sixth characteristic of a faithful ambassador. “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

If a man therefore purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” -2 Timothy 3: 20

He is “a strong vessel unto honor.” He does not live extravagantly. This does not mean he must lack good things in life. The scriptures do teach that a man who is an ambassador for God is worthy of honor, but it is God who provides. Would you rather have a lot of money or no need? Ambassadors are not building huge monuments of worship. “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” -Acts 17:24

False ambassadors teach people to look at themselves and the power of human thought. A faithful ambassador teaches the key to success is looking away from the self. The key to victory in life is to surrender the self. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” -Proverbs 3: 5, 6

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure.” -Philippians 2: 13

You are not going to transform your life by “freewill” or by “positive believing” or by the “law of attraction.” The key to victory is to surrender. Surrender your ego. Surrender your will. Decide that it is God’s will, nothing more, nothing less, because he is doing what he has planned for your life from before the foundation of the world. Let go of the stress of trying to be right.

The seventh characteristic is a strong servant “And the servant of the Lord must not strive” -2 Timothy 2:24

A faithful servant has the brand of God on him. As a servant of the Lord, he must not strive. Strive is the word battle or fight and a faithful servant does not argue with people but is gentle. That’s the second great exhortation here. Be gentle. People through the years have violently disagreed with the simple truth of God’s word because they have been so stuffed with religion.

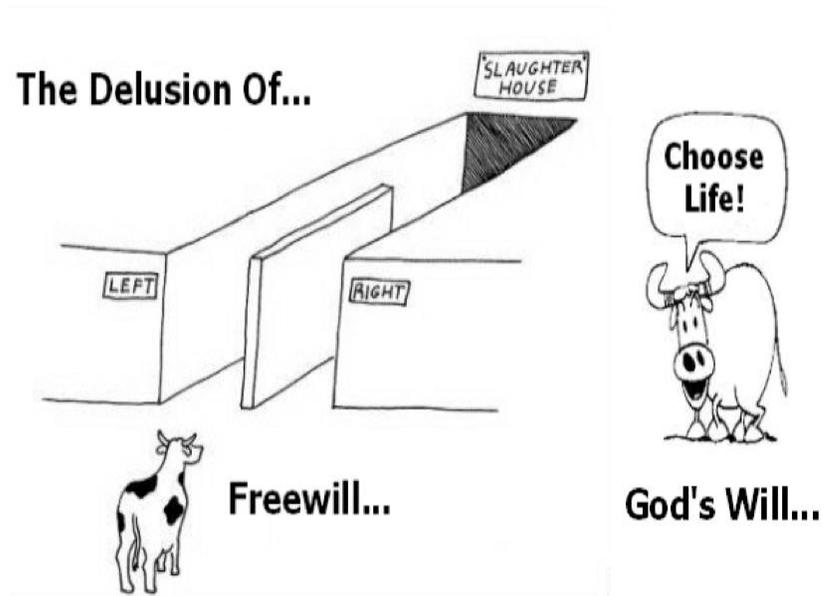
A faithful servant teaches. He must be apt to teach and be patient. A farmer plants a field; he doesn't see the wheat crop immediately. He has patience. A faithful servant does not criticize or find fault, they just teach and are patient. It is then written “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; -2 Timothy 2:25

The reason a faithful servant teaches in meekness is because they are strong in grace. When false ministers forget God's grace, they become critical and judgmental. They begin pointing fingers. Faithful ministers are thankful for what God forgave them for and have no problem forgiving others. Paul continues by saying: "that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil." -2 Timothy 2:26

You can't recover anyone. God recovers the lost by way of his healing word. It's the word that is spirit and is life. It will accomplish God's will wherever he sends it. Paul's exhortation to Timothy before he died was to find faithful ambassadors, who shall be able to teach others the gospel of God.

## EPILOGUE

“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” -Jeremiah 10:23



If God tells us it is not in man’s DNA to direct his steps then an outside force must direct life. From the time of Adam, God has given his word to guide man, yet man always seeks the way of Cain and the spirit of the world. The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life motivate the heart of all natural men. “And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.” -Ezekiel 33:31

The heart of man devises his own way based on that which he believes to be right in his own eyes.

The foundation of all truth states: “declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” -Isaiah 46: 10 Man may think “his will” can change the course of his life but God’s word says differently. When tempted by Lucifer, Jesus responded, “It is written.” When he prayed for his Father to remove the burden of his upcoming execution, he cried out, “not my will but thine be done.”

The following passage of scripture gives insight into the truth that God has planned and executed his will throughout history and will continue to do so until the last day. Neither man nor Satan will ever be successful in thwarting the plans of God. “The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, **even the wicked** for the day of evil. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” -Proverbs 16:1-9 God has been directing mankind from the days of Eden. With the new birth, God places a new

heart and spirit in man giving him new life. “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.” -Ezekiel 36:26

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In **all thy ways** acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” -Proverbs 3: 5, 6

There have been many inventions over the years that have simplified how we do things in life. My favorite is the Global Positioning System. You can find you way anywhere in the country and it'll warn you of traffic backups and guide you around the delays with pinpoint accuracy. For those of you who have used a GPS system, you know how useful it can be as well as annoying when we make a wrong turn or decide to follow our own direction thinking we can get to our destination faster on our own. God has given each human being the opportunity to download his GPS system. The bible calls it the “mind of Christ.” God’s Positioning System is the gift of the spirit from God. We are no longer forced to follow the spirit of the world. God has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of his son. This is the ultimate upgrade, and it comes with an easy to read user’s manual.

The letters of Paul is the user manual written to the body. All other writings in the bible refer to Israel past, present and future. The gospel of the circumcision was crippled and fell into ruin in the first century and will be revived after the gathering together of the body. When Cain killed Abel, Satan jumped for joy thinking he had stopped the bloodline yet the seed of the messiah came from Seth. This can be compared to the first century church. Satan infiltrated those who believed, as explained in the section on the parable of

the mustard seed, but God had a secret, which was hidden from before the overthrow of the world in Genesis. The Body of Christ would rise up from the Apostle Paul.

“And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It.” -Matthew 16:18

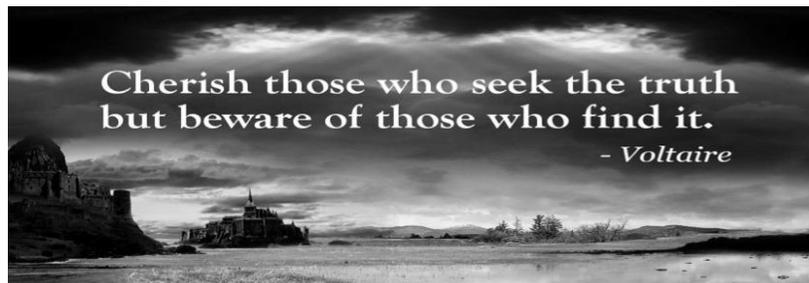
The foundation of the church was not built upon Peter but upon Christ. The key to understanding this is the word “rock.” Jesus looked at Peter and said, “Thou art Peter” (Petros). The Greek word Petros means “a speck of sand.” The minute a gust of wind comes, it is blown about in all directions. Jesus then pointed to himself and said, “Upon this rock (Petra) I will build my church.” The word Petra means a boulder or unmovable rock. Jesus never told the crowd he was leaving the building of the greatest thing in history in the hands of Peter. He was a vacillating disciple. He was willing to fight for the Lord one minute and denying him the next. “Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.” -John 13:37-38

Paul confronted Peter in his mishandling of the church in Jerusalem. “When Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the

faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” -Gal 2: 11, 14, 16

When we focus on the ministry of man, we open ourselves up to Satan’s delusions. God is at work in the body of Christ to bring his will to pass in this age. “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.” -Romans 1: 1 The gospel of God is about grace and your new life in Christ. It is written “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” - Galatians 5:1



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