

THE MYSTERY OF GOD

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PREFACE

There are two mysteries in *The Bible*. One is *The Mystery of God* (Colossians 1:27). The other is *The Mystery of Babylon – The Mother of Harlots and Abominations* (Revelation 17:5). The Mystery of God is biblically defined as, “*Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 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: Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus*” (Colossians 1:26-28). All this leads to a vital question. How does one obtain The Mystery of “*Christ – In You?*” That is the question.

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INTRODUCTION

Over the years, Science has made some amazing and wonderful discoveries. The world is no longer perceived as *flat* even though the universe might be. Cosmology has proposed many different shapes for this *elusive curtain* which God calls “*the universe.*” The words “*heaven*” and “*heavens*” are often used in *The Bible* to refer to the material and spiritual universe. Heaven is where God dwells in His *rest.*

However, there is much more. Some cosmologists (who study the universe) believe they have found another universe. This new universe *appears* to be a duplicate of the one you live in. They have discovered God’s “*third heaven*” where He dwells (II Corinthians 12:2).

Everyone is familiar with the movie *Star Wars* and its sequels. In this series of films, as well as with the *Star Trek* series, the spaceships travel at *warp speed.* *Warp speed* occurs when a space vehicle is caught in one of *the holes* or dips in the flat garment of the universe. As a space vehicle plunges into one of these holes, the downward pull creates *gravity.* This gravity becomes so intense it *warps* the unraveled cloth of space. Thus, a force or a light cannot escape this powerful downward pull. Science calls such distortions in the universe “*black holes.*”

The Event Horizon

At the entrance of a *black hole* is a rim. From its rim, this hole proceeds downward just like looking into a cup. *The rim* is known as “*an event horizon.*” In *this*

event horizon, other objects are caught and absorbed. They are pulled inward with increasing force. They achieve *warp speed* when they cannot overcome this gravity and escape. In short, *matter* cannot escape a *black hole*. Stars disappear when they are trapped in this intense energy field and they are gone for good. They have been fully absorbed and are virtually dematerialized.

Now, consider another aspect of these amazing facts and factors. Some scientific findings present the notion of the reverse situation. Some cosmologists believe there are, also, *white holes*. Instead of absorbing *light*, these strange holes give off *light* at their *event horizons*. Consequently, they catapult light and material outward at an intense *warp speed*. In some cases, the speed is faster than *the speed of light*. In other words, the flow of energy is in the exact opposite direction when compared to a black hole. Science calls this The Big Bang Theory.

In The Beginning

With this information in mind, it is time to consider it in the context of biblical literature. In *The Book of Genesis*, God's Spirit looked out upon a *new earth* filled with *water* and *darkness*. As this Spirit moved over *the darkness*, "*God said, Let there be light and there was light*" (Genesis 1:3). What was once darkness now has a light cast upon it. Regardless of the technical terminology, God's *very word* (which became Christ) was able to give *light* to this new earth (John 1:1-5). Whatever way it occurred, God was behind it. God was making it all happen, "*And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the*

darkness” (Genesis 1:4). *A division* was made between *the light* and *the darkness*, “*And God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day*” (Genesis 1:5). Now you know why God starts His day *at night* rather than at dawn with the first light. It pertains to the new earth. The new earth started in darkness and, then, light (or day) followed. God called *the light* (or day) “*good*” and, in turn, made the night “*dark*” (which is the absence of good). God views this as earthly time.

The New Earth started in *darkness* but will end *in light*. God created the earth (originally in *darkness*) and it was full of *life*. Life needs *light* to exist. So, *life* is connected to *light* and *death* is connected to *darkness*. All this is logical and reasonable. God didn’t create the other *stars* (suns) and *planets* until *The Fourth Day* (Genesis 1:14-19).

In an overall sense, these two great *lights* (*the sun* and *the moon*) were designed to rule over the earth. It was the day or *the light* of day which was *good* (according to God). *The moon*, itself, giving off some *light* during the night, is part of *The Mystery of God*. God declares, “*For the invisible [spiritual] things of him [God] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*” (Romans 1:20). In this text, God gives you *the answer* to *The Mystery of God*. It is revealed by *observing* His *creation* – *the entire universe*.

Spiritual Revelation

The Word of God and *The Power* of God’s Holy Spirit

enable you to resolve the question about what is good and what is *evil*. God said “*goodness is light*” while *darkness is the absence of good*. Light is Holy and sin is *darkness*. Light is *life* and death is *darkness*. The world began in darkness and sin, but it ends in goodness (God’s goodness or righteousness). This Holiness (achieved through God’s Holy Spirit) reveals The Light of The Truth, “*And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him: for he dwells with you and shall be in you*” (John 14:16-17).

God’s *Holy Spirit* brings *truth* to *light* just as God’s *word* created *the light* (through this Spirit). Until *the light* came, which was *good*, the earth was in darkness. The earth, without God, was much like *a black hole*. *This perfect beginning* in The Garden of Eden was *the first earthly house* where God dwelt. God said everything was very good (Genesis 1:31). Everything in The Garden had God’s Holiness or goodness throughout. This *goodness* was offered as Eternal Life through The Tree of Life. Adam and Eve had free choice to eat from The Tree of Life and to live forever in God’s *rest*. But, they chose *The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil*. Since *day* is light and *night* is darkness (with *the moon* giving some reduced *light*), they could either be *good* or *evil*. *The sun* is *light* and, therefore, it is *goodness*. *The darkness*, at night, is *the absence of good* (or evil). *The moon* gives some *light* and can be perceived as both *good* and *evil*.

Through God’s creation, He is manifesting *the goodness* and *the light*. Alternately, through *the moon*, God

is giving some *light* or *goodness* (which can be a combination of good or evil). God's goodness has been declared from the beginning. *The Psalms of David* sing His praises. Through a song, the praises of God reveal *The Gospel* of God's creation (Psalm 19:1-4). The sun is the light. The moon reflects some light from the sun at night. This allows you to learn to discern both good and evil. It is critical for you to realize how these *two mysteries* were known from the beginning.

Adam and Eve chose The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. By doing so, they rejected God's goodness – The Tree of Life. You are now ready to read "*prophecy*" which "*is history – written in advance.*" This is necessary in order to resolve *these two mysteries* (one of God and the other of Satan).

Chapter 1

TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

In the daytime, when light is present, it is considered *to be good*. One can see and understand in the light. This is because you can see what you are doing and where you are going. *Darkness or night is the absence of good*. If the moon is shining with partial light, it can be good, evil or a combination of both. This truth was known by those in The Garden. That is why God made The Seventh Day *Holy*. It was a sign of God's *rest* when everything was very good.

Everything was Holy or perfect. How did they know this? Adam and Eve lived in God's Paradise and knew they could stay there, forever, if they ate from The Tree of Life. Then, Satan explained to them, partially, what God knew (Genesis 3:5).

Satan's Con

Satan asked Eve if she could eat from *all of the trees* in The Garden. This question was intended to raise suspicion in her. Consequently, Eve said she could not eat from *The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. Satan explained how God knew what would happen when they ate from *the trees* of The Garden (specifi-

cally The Tree of Life). They believed they would become eternal and be like God, knowing *good* and *evil*. In short, they would be God's children, His Sons. *The True Gospel* was known from the beginning when the first couple lived with God. What happened after that?

Cain's Lie

When Cain killed Abel and was ostracized from Eden, he went to The Land of Nod (a place of wandering in the wilderness away from God's property). God simply wasn't there. There is no way to know the ages of Cain or Abel (when Abel was killed). Adam and Eve could have had many children after Cain and Abel. God does not reveal this fact to you. However, you are told about the birth of Seth, one of their other children. The True Gospel of God's *rest* was known as The Kingdom of God. This is where God dwelt and rested in The Garden. The Garden offered Eternal Life.

Adam and Eve's children left home when they decided to be on their own. Upon leaving, they decided for themselves when to do *good* and when to do *evil*. Cain was afraid that his other kin would kill him because he had murdered a relative. That is why Lamech, who killed two individuals, felt that since Cain was forgiven, he should be forgiven, also. Lamech believed he should be forgiven 70 x 7. This was because he claimed the crime was in *self-defense*. East of Eden was The Land of Shinar where The Sumerians lived. Sumeria was the earliest known civilized empire.

(Read the book, *Satan's Image*). Shinar, on The Mesopotamian Estuary, was near The Arabian Gulf. This is where The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers emptied. It was a marshy swamp area filled with low-lying land. Hunting provided the main source of food. In addition, many ravenous creatures (lions) lived there. It truly was a wilderness.

Cain moved from God's delightful property to live in Shinar. Cain was a liar and a murderer from the beginning just like Satan (Eve and even Adam followed Satan) (John 8:44). Satan speaks about his own unrighteousness and his followers and this pointed to Cain because he was very much like Satan. "*Cain said to the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear*" (Genesis 4:13). He believed he was a victim and blamed God for his sad state. He saw God as cruel and unforgiving.

Cain spent the rest of his life as *a human god* who fell from Paradise (Eden). This was when *the human gods* fought and, when victorious, had to be appeased. Cain was, therefore, accepted as *a god* and *a king* who was very powerful. He spent his whole life looking for *The Fountain of Life* in the wilderness. But, he failed and his life ended in death. (Read, *The Epic of Gilgamesh* for more information). This was the state of affairs at the time of The Tower of Babel.

Mystery Babylon

Why is "*Babylon*" defined as "*a great mystery*?" Whatever the reason, it is vital to realize why Jesus tells

you to, “*Come out of her, my people*” (Revelation 18:4). Obviously, He is talking to The Seven Churches and The 144,000 Israelites with the angels. *The Book of Revelation* is written to *The Seven Churches* (Revelation 1:4). This Babylon is a great city which has made all the nations drunk with the wine of her fornication (Revelation 18:3). Why has this city made everyone *drunk*? To find the answers, you need to go back to *the original City of Babylon*. This “*City of Babylon*” is called “*Babel*” in *The Bible* and has been coined “*Babylon*.”

Why did God confuse the languages of those at The Tower of Babel and, then, separate them into different parts of the world? Babylon is defined as, “*And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let’s go down and there confound [confuse] their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech*” (Genesis 11:6-7).

This is your scriptural definition of how Babylon makes the inhabitants of the earth *drunk*. This is the end result when humans are left to themselves to decide *good* and *evil*. Babylon or human nature can affect not only individuals but entire cities. Babylon can be more than one city depending upon the area and the number of inhabitants as well as the period of time.

Babylon, The Great Whore, causes the world to be in chaos and becomes intoxicated. This is the end result

when mankind is left on its own without God. Only God knows what is *good* because He created everything. How did Babylon originate? Adam and Eve were *the genesis* of Babylon when they decided, for themselves, what was good and evil. How did this effect The Gentiles? “*Goy*” in Hebrew means “*a Gentile*” or “*without God.*”

Held In Unrighteousness

Many believe Satan runs around *to and fro* trying to make you sin. Satan does not have that power. Satan is far more deceptive than that. He is *a deceiver* and he does it well. He cons people. That is his main job. It is his method of operation (*modus operandi*). How does Satan deceive humanity? He deceives you just as he deceived Eve. Satan could not do anything to Eve. All he did was take the truth and deceive her by using her own desires as bait. When Satan talked to her about *the trees* in The Garden, he didn't mention The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. He was telling her what God knew. It was Eve's *wants* and *desires* that caused her to sin.

At The Tower of Babel, you find the people were doing the same thing. Paul said, “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, The just shall live by faith*” (Romans 1:17). When God speaks His *word*, you should do what He asks of you. You never take away or add to The Word of God. In *faith*, you obey God. So, how do you end up in Babylon and sinning? “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness*

of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18). “*The faithful,*” like Abraham, do exactly what God tells them to do. You do not modify what He wants you to perform. God hates it when humans take His truth and use it in an unrighteous or unjust way. They hold The Truth of God in *unrighteousness* when they decide what is *good* or *evil*. God is love (not hatred). When you use God’s truth unjustly (by doing harm), you misuse His *truth*. God will be furious. It hurts Him. *The faithful* do not misuse God’s *word* according to their own desires, as Eve did.

At The Tower of Babel, God saw those who were unfaithful. They would invent as many ways to worship God as their human imaginations could conceive. Nothing seemed to be restrained because they could devise almost anything and make it a reality. All their human desires were justified just like Cain’s. Paul said, “*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient*” (Romans 1:28). “*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened*” (Romans 1:21). God refused to *teach* them and, then, Adam and Eve had to do *the work* themselves.

They refused to follow God’s *truth*, which they knew and understood. Consequently, they lost His *glorified light* so their hearts and minds remained in darkness. Wow! How was this done? They completely bypassed God and His *word*, even though they knew The One

True God Almighty was The Creator of all things. Instead, they did the following, “*And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man and to birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things*” (Romans 1:23). The Sumerians called God “*The SkyGod*” and, because God was in the heavens, they worshipped *the stars*. This is how *astrology was born*.

They made *the sun* into a god so they could worship it. Humans turned animals, trees and mountains into heroes. They were worshipped as *gods*. Everything in The Garden became a *god* (the trees, plants, animals), including Adam and Eve. Later, Satan, Cain and Abel were added to their list of *gods*. They virtually took The Truth of God and made it into all types of *unrighteousness*. This was the original Babylon (The Great Whore). The world has been drunk with The Whore’s *cup of wine* ever since. Throughout history, she has caused new heads to pop up with additional harlots. There are as many concepts of religion and versions of *the truth*, as there are human minds and thoughts. The world has become drunk by worshipping so many *gods*. This includes men and women of power and fame. It seems everyone and everything but The One True God is worshipped.

The world knows God and His truth, but they hold *the truth in the bonds of unrighteousness*. Too many are truly falling from the light to see and accept truth. They are in the abyss of darkness where there is no truth.

CHAPTER 2

GOD'S WORD – A MYSTERY

Why would a loving father make His *word a mystery*? *The Bible* is written in parables and uses numerous symbols that can cause confusion. Much of this stems from the fact that God allows Satan to deceive not only His people, but the whole world. This is truly a dichotomy, or is it?

Sin – Another Enemy

“*Two down – one to go*” is an old saying which can be used as a good example. God's *word is a mystery*. Satan is a deceiver and the final enemy is *the flesh* of every human being. God, at The Tower of Babel, declared human nature is the enemy of the world (Genesis 11:6-7). Individuals do not know *right* from *wrong* because there is no end to their imagination as to what is *good* or *evil*. With so many humans, the number of ideas are innumerable. That is the reason God had to confuse their languages and divide them. Each individual is *a subtle form of Babylon*. Every Christian must do all they can to seek *righteousness*. Who can say they know right from wrong? Babylon is a condition from which everyone must flee. God permits you to be troubled by these enemies. First, God allowed *The Bible* to be *a mystery*. Secondly, you must contend with Satan, The Deceiver. Thirdly and finally, you

must contend with your own flesh. Why would a *loving Father do this* and cause all these pitfalls?

Blindness For Your Good

Let's use the following example. A caring Father might tell his child that they are too young to drive a car. The child might be physically mature enough to drive the family car. However, until a young person gets experience and is well trained, they should not drive a car. Because they don't have enough experience, they can kill or injure themselves and others. Amazingly, God always thinks, first and foremost, about your good (Hebrews 12:10-11). What did Christ say to The Pharisees concerning sin? Jesus said to them, "*If you were blind, you should have no sin: but now you say, We see; therefore your sin remains*" (John 9:41). This was God's answer. God makes His *word a mystery* and allows Satan to deceive you. You are not held responsible for your sins because of your *Babylonian* human nature. What a loving God!

The Sun, Moon And Stars

Why did those at The Tower of Babel turn to Polytheism and forget The Creator, God Almighty? "*They were men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness*" (Romans 1:18). They desecrated *the truth* that they received. They gave their own interpretation about how *the gods* should be worshipped. *The Book of Revelation* explains how this way of worshipping God began. He, also, explained how other *human mini-gods* began. In the middle of *The Book of Revelation*, the

angel told John to seal the rest of the book (Revelation 10:4). “*And he [the angel] said to me, You must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings*” (Revelation 10:11). Then, God describes *the temple* and its measurements (Revelation 11). The court built for The Nation of Israel had specific dimensions which meant it only held a certain number of Israelites. The other court was made for all other nations (The Gentiles) and was left unmeasured. This is where future growth is explained (Revelation 11:1-2). This applies to a future *time-period of 42 months*.

The rest of Revelation 11 explains *The Two Witnesses of God* who will prophesy during these 3¹/₂ years. They will be martyred and resurrected after 3¹/₂ days and meet Christ upon His *return*. This is what *The Book of Revelation* is telling you. It begins with a story about a woman (Revelation 12:1). “*A woman*” in *The Book of Revelation* symbolizes “*a bride*” or “*a wife*.” The word “*Apocalypse*” in Greek means “*revelation*” or “*an unveiling*.” This unveiling is for *a bride* and a *future wedding feast* takes place when she is ready to become *The Wife of The Lamb* (Revelation 19:7-8). Besides this particular woman, there is another woman who is *a whore* (not a virgin). She is called, “*MYS-TERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH*” (Revelation 17:5). This woman proclaimed *the truth* and held it in *unrighteousness*. She is *full of abominations* because she martyrs all *The True Saints of Christ*. This woman originated at The Tower of Babel (*the original Babylon*). This adulterous woman wants to be *The Queen of Heaven* (Zechariah 5). The world

was *cursed* because of its wickedness. The Queen of Heaven (created by God) is the Mother of *all living*, The Queen Bee. This is a comparison to a Queen Bee in the hive. She is the mother of everyone in the hive. Eve is like The Queen Bee for homo sapiens.

You need to understand *exactly what truth* was known in The Garden of Eden. Enoch, representing *The Seventh Prophet* from Adam, preached about The Second Coming of Christ (Jude 14). Wow! *The Truth of The Gospel*, Jesus and His coming back to earth for His *bride*, was known from the beginning. The bride is the virgin as opposed to the whore who claims she will never be a widow or without a husband (Revelation 18:7). Of course not. She wasn't the legal wife because she was a whore (Revelation 18:7). "*And there appeared a great wonder [sign] in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown [tiara] of twelve stars*" (Revelation 12:1). This is very symbolic. You must let *the scriptures* clearly define the meaning of these symbols and then you will have *the truth* (which became unrighteousness at The Tower of Babel "*Babylon*"). (This First Head of Babylon is defined in the book, *Satan's Image*. This book leads you to understand the workings of this great whore in a modern Babylon).

The Great Wonder

The "*wonder*" in heaven where this virgin woman appears is "*a sign*" in Greek. *This sign* is in the heavens of the solar system. You can see the stars when you gaze into the heavens. Specifically, this woman is di-

rectly involved with *the sun* and *the moon* (heavenly bodies like the stars). *The sun* and *other stars* are all *suns*, gloriously blazing in the farther heavens. The moons around the stars are probably offshoots of the sun, like the planets. These moons near *the stars* are held in *the orbit* (of the sun) by gravity. Any light on these moons comes from the sun. The moon is half light and half dark. It is similar to when God made the day, which is determined by light and darkness. In this context, you can learn the true definitions of the biblical meanings of Revelation 12:1.

The Meaning Of The Stars

Who is this woman with the light from her garment shining like *the sun* above her head and *the moon* under her feet? *The crown* placed on her head has *twelve stars*. This woman is about to give birth to a child. But there is a serious problem. There is *a dragon with seven heads, ten horns and seven crowns upon his heads* (Revelation 12:1-3). This dragon is ready to kill her child. This is exactly what occurred to Mary, at the birth of Jesus, when she and Joseph had to flee from Herod to Egypt for safety (Matthew 2). King Herod plotted to kill all the baby boys aged two years and under. *This woman* was Mary giving birth to her son, Jesus.

In the beginning, Eve was *the mother of all creation*. When Satan deceived Eve, he became an enemy to her children. Eve was The Queen of Heaven. Her progeny in the future will be Christ, The Promised Seed (Genesis 3:15). All of these symbols appeared in the

stars. Revelation 12 tells you that human beings (like the angels) were manifested in the stars (astronomy). *The invisible things* of God were seen and known by *the creation* (Romans 1:20). This began astronomy – *the study of the heavenly signs*. It was *The Gospel* being preached (witnessed) in the darkness of the night sky. In Moses' day, before *The Bible* was written, *The Gospel* was preached by The Prophets. The Prophets, such as Enoch, understood the heavenly signs. The known world always looked to the sky to tell the stories of their ancestors. The Tower of Babel was built to study the stars. They created a zodiac as a heavenly outline. You will learn why and how astrology came from astronomy. What about *this sun* who clothed Mary, The Mother of Jesus? Jesus declares He is *the root* of the genealogy of King David. He is also *The Bright and Morning Star* (Revelation 22:16). What "*morning star*" is this?

Malachi 4:2 gives a prophecy about The Messiah who is none other than *the sun of righteousness*. *This sun* will allow Israel to grow to maturity. *The sun* symbolizes God, The Light Giver and His Son, Jesus. "*The sun*" is "*Christ*." This represents The Birth of Jesus by Mary, which was a miracle from God's Holy Spirit through *The Word of God*. The Word of God created all things in the beginning through God saying, "*Let there be light: and there was light...that it [light] was good*" (Genesis 1:3-4). *This Word became Christ in the flesh* (John 1:14). Mary was clothed by "*the sun*" when Christ was *The Word or God Almighty, Himself*.

Once Mary gave birth to Jesus, He became The Word

of God. Jesus was only a human being in the flesh. Notice, Jesus was The Son of Man and The Word of God. He was predestined to be a King and a Bridegroom. The sun and all the heavens declared God's plan. They were the handiwork, like a Bridegroom coming out of His chamber (heaven) to complete His purpose (Psalm 19:1-5). Wow! Christ comes out of The East, like *the rising of the sun*, for His Bride. He comes when The Bride is ready to become His Wife. He is The Bright and Morning (First) Star (Malachi 4:2). The woman is Mary at The Birth of Jesus. "*The sun*" is "*God, The Father.*" This was before Jesus (being flesh) was The Word of God who created everything. The Word of God (with the sun shining from The Father) comes out of His chamber (house) to marry His Royal Bride. Who is this bride?

The stars, themselves, preached *The Gospel* of Christ's birth as well as His Second Coming as *the groom*. "*The stars*" are "*the angels*" over each of God's Seven Churches (Revelation 1:20). Before Christ's First coming and death, His Bride was to be Israel (The Twelve Tribes). When Jesus came for His Bride, she (Israel) rejected Him (Revelation 2:21). Christ, then, turned to a nation more worthy than The Twelve Tribes of Israel to become His Bride (Matthew 21:43).

After Jesus died, the angels were responsible to care for The Twelve Tribes of Israel. *The angels* (the heavenly stars) watched over *The Seven Churches*. Angels were created to help God's people. As Christians climb the ladder to reach The Stature of Christ, the angels are there to help. This climb represents Ja-

cob's ladder (Genesis 28:11-22). Later, The New Bride included The Gentiles who were *grafted* into the olive tree (Christianity) (Romans 11). After the resurrection of Jesus, the angels symbolized Jacob's *ladder* (John 1:51). Now, The Gentiles are included as part of *The Seven Churches* along with The 144,000 Israelites as Christ's Bride and witnesses (Revelation 7 and Revelation 11). Mary will wear a crown because she is Royalty. Her lineage goes back to The High Priest, Aaron, of The Tribe of Levi. Historically, she was, also, from The House of David. Remember, her cousin Elizabeth was the wife of Zacharias, a priest. The entire family was from The Priesthood (Luke 1). Jesus, as The Word of God, began The House of David as *the root* long before David was born (Revelation 22:16). This woman was Mary, "*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman [Mary] clothed with the sun [God, The Father and The Word filled Mary through The Holy Spirit, who became The Bridegroom in the flesh] and the moon [represents The Church who receives its light from the sun (Son)] under her feet and upon her head [Mary] a crown [royalty] of twelve stars [the twelve angels are over The Twelve Tribes of Israel and The Twelve Apostles]*" (Revelation 12:1).

Now, it is vital to define *the moon*. A moon has a brilliant light, but it is not a star. *The moon* is "a dead, undeveloped planet." The moon came from *the sun* which represents God. The moon circles the earth, which in turn circles the sun. It receives its light from the sun but only on one side. The other half is in darkness. The moon is half light and half darkness. God keeps repeating "*the light is good.*" Darkness is the

absence of good. Humans, in the flesh, are half good and half evil. The moon is in the earth's (orbit) gravity, but it is not actually of the earth. Jesus said, "*I pray not that you should take them out of the world* [symbolically, the moon is not part of the world but is attached to the world by gravity – not in it], *but that you should keep them from the evil* [the earth's gravity is pulling the moon and is attached to the earth by that gravity]. *They are not of the world* [they don't belong in the world], *even as I am not of the world* [but keep them as a separate entity]" (John 17:15-16). Jesus prayed to The Father for The Christians who are in the world and should not be a part of its *evilness* or *darkness*. This will be scripturally proven in a later chapter.

"*The moon*" is "*the church*" receiving its lighted part from the sun which represents God. The Word of God became Christ. God, from *the beginning*, is The Alpha and includes Christ. *The gospel* was preached by The Prophets (like Enoch). It was, also, revealed in the stars of heaven as a great wonder known as the signs of prophecy. That is why it states, "*the testimony* [witness] *of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*" (Revelation 19:10). Before Jesus, God's witnesses were The Prophets and the stars in heaven, along with the sun and the moon. God is too marvelous for words! He never leaves those who wonder, desire or want to know The Truth of God. God will always nourish you with *the truth*. After Jesus was resurrected, He, through God's Holy Spirit, tells you how prophecy was foretold by *the truth* (John 1:17). "*The truth*" is "*God's Word.*"

CHAPTER 3

THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON

God created all things by His *word*. *The Word of God* became *human* in the flesh. Symbolically, He is like *the sun* who gives *light to the moon and the earth*. Jesus was born as The Son of God and, also, as The Son of Man through Mary. Christ is compared to *the sun* because He is The Light of The World for all mankind. He is, also, The Morning Star from the genealogy of King David (John 1:4-5 and 9). God has many names and titles. Jesus, also, has many names and titles. Jesus, as *the sun* (Son), is to be a Bridegroom and bring Light to The World. Jesus came to this earth for His Bride (Israel) 2,000 years ago. Then, Satan tried to kill Him through the evilness of King Herod.

Dragon Of The Sea

Christ was born, grew to manhood, was crucified and is now The High Priest after The Order of Melchizedek. He sits at the right hand of God (Psalm 110:1 and Revelation 12:5). *The woman* who becomes *The Church of God* (*The Gentiles*) will be included as Christ's Bride because Israel rejected *the groom*. When The Twelve Tribes rejected Him, The Gentiles had their chance

to become **The Bride** (Matthew 21:43 and Romans 11). **She** (The Bride) is symbolized by *the moon*. **Suddenly, a Great Dragon appeared out of The Sea** (The Mediterranean). **He chased *the woman*** (part of The Church) who was protected by God while living in the wilderness (world). **As The Church grows spiritually, they are led by God's Holy Spirit. The rest of *The Church*, who remained faithful but only kept *The Ten Commandments* in The Letter, must go through Satan's persecution (being martyred) (Revelation 12:6-17).**

Satan Cast Out

Satan, along with one-third of the angels, battled against God and His angels. But Satan lost this war. Satan was cast out of heaven by God. He was the one who always accused God's people, much like a District Attorney (as he did with Job). Satan, after losing his position in heaven, knew he had but a short time to accomplish His goals. He was furious to the point of insanity. He acts like a roaring lion devouring anything in his path (Revelation 12:9-12 and I Peter 5:8). He will no longer be the deceptive accuser before The Throne of God. Rather, he becomes "*Diabolo, The Devil, The Destroyer.*" Now Satan, The Devil, holds "*the truth in unrighteousness*" by trying to destroy God's people. He does this by dividing His *people* into thousands of different denominations with thousands of doctrines to add to their confusion (I Corinthians 3).

Satan is The Deceiver and "*the destroyer of the truth.*" He tries to get The Churches of God to persecute and martyr each other over *doctrinal differences.* "*Divide*

and conquer” is Satan’s plan. From the time of his outcast from heaven, this was his method and will be till the very end. Satan does his job very well by tricking foolish or gullible people. *The Bible* calls them “*the unlearned*” (II Peter 3:16).

To accomplish this diabolical destructive purpose, Satan rides upon a great beast which comes *out of The Mediterranean Sea*. This Great Beast has a number “666,” which is The Number of a Man (Revelation 13:18). Three kingdoms have risen out of this sea: 1) Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar, 2) Media-Persia, headed by Cyrus and 3) The Macedonia Empire ruled by Alexander, The Great. Each is depicted as a man (number 6 is depicted because man was created on The Sixth Day along with the animals). Each of these men, Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus and Alexander, The Great, were part of *the animal kingdom*. *The Bible* depicts them as a lion, bear and leopard (666). A fourth beast comes out of this sea and is referred to as The Roman Government. It is different from the previous three beasts. This beast is a combination of all three: a lion, a bear and a leopard. It is the most ferocious of all and lasts as *an image* until Christ returns to restore The Kingdom of God. (Read, *Satan’s Image*).

These four governments denote The Great Image and represent The Idol of The World. The world worships This Great Image (Daniel 2). Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar, was “*the head of gold*.” Nebuchadnezzar was the only one who recognized God as The Almighty God. The governments that followed did not begin to deteriorate until the arrival of The Fourth Beast. The

Roman Empire and The Caesars represented the harlots in place of God. The Roman government became the image (the idol of the world). They thought it was the best form of human government. This is exactly what seems to be transpiring today. The worship of this image of The Fourth Beast lasts to The End of Time. Everyone looks to this worldly system as The Savior or Messiah. They see it as the final human anti-Christ for their survival and it replaces God and The True Christ. (Read the book, *Satan's Image*).

This is Satan's plan! This Beast, as seen throughout history, has seven heads and ten horns. Upon these ten horns are ten crowns and upon the heads is the name "*blasphemy*" (Revelation 13:1). Another beast is a woman and is run by a religion. She rides this seven-headed beast which may look like a Lamb but blasphemes God (Revelation 12:3 and Revelation 13:11). This religious beast knows the truth but alters it with *unrighteousness*. Who is this beast? Christ will tell you as He gives His message to His *Seven Churches*.

The Nicolaitanes

The angel tells John that the first of *The Seven Churches* is The Ephesus Church. This group is a *dedicated faithful church* but they lost Christ as their first love. How is this? The Nicolaitanes, with their deeds and works, were infiltrating this church (Revelation 2:6). Jesus hated their deeds just as The Apostles did. Who were these Nicolaitanes? "*Nicolaitane*" breaks down into two words, "*nicol*" and "*laity*." "*Nicol*" in Greek means "*to bind*" or "*conquer*." "*Laity*" is a

word pertaining to “*the common members*” or “*the laity*” in a church. So The Nicolaitanes bind, conquer and try to control church people. They dictate what *the church followers* must believe. The real commission or responsibility of the preaching ministry is to help Christians become perfect like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15). Only Jesus, The Bridegroom was to be their first love as their Master or Husband. No human is to be your spiritual master. Truth is given through God’s Holy Spirit and not through any man. Christ warns you not to call any man Master or Father (Matthew 23:8-9). Only *a father* was to teach his children.

Paul warned against fighting or debating over every *wind of doctrine*. *Doctrine reveals a member’s personal spiritual understanding*. Picture a Christian climbing a ladder to reach The Stature of Christ. Doctrine shows how far up the ladder a Christian has climbed. That is why Paul wrote that believers should not judge another man’s servant (Romans 14:4). Christ is the only Master or Lord of The Churches of God. Through *scripture*, God (with His Holy Spirit) is able to help *the unlearned* (I John 2:27).

The phrase “*preaching ministry*” in Greek is “*diakonos*” meaning “*servants*.” That is why Jesus said, “*whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister* [the greatest servant]” (Mark 10:43). In order to be the greatest ruler, you have to be the greatest servant. They should be the ones doing the most for the people. The Ephesian Church was being attacked by The Nicolaitanes (Acts 20:28-30). The Apostle pleaded with *the church* to continue to walk *in the truth* (III John). Di-

otrephe was penetrating God's churches and forcing the people to follow him. If they didn't follow him, he kicked them out of The Church of Christ. *The Anchor Dictionary* defines the name "*Diotrephe*" in Greek as "*the friend of Zeus, The Master or Lord of all gods.*" Diotrephe belonged to The Nicolaitanes.

John talked about this when he came to that particular church. He was hopeful about straightening out this *Nicolaitane situation*. Who was this "*woman*" claiming to be a Christian but was really blaspheming God's church? This woman was *Babylon, The Great Whore* who is *The Mother of Harlots*. Every Christian "*religion*" claiming to be the only true church and mandating all believers to follow each and every doctrine (or they were kicked out) is a Nicolaitane (Revelation 2:6). This is quite clear! Debating, arguing, fighting, persecuting or even, in some cases, *killing* is not of God. *Competition* replaces love and is not God's way. God is *love* even to the death. *Baptism* is *the voluntary death of a person's flesh*. It is *an outward symbol of an inward change*. It is so simple and, yet, so profound!

When Christ returns to earth at The Seventh Trump, the battle between these two women (God's Church and Babylon, The Whore and her harlots) will continue (Revelation 13).

The Book of Revelation is sealed until The Seventh Trumpet sounds. Once *the trumpet* sounds, the battle between *light* and *dark* will end. The Truth of The Messiah will be established by *the light*. The darkness or *the mystery* will be removed. What takes place with

the sounding of *The Seventh Trumpet*? The answer begins with, “*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, The Mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets*” (Revelation 10:7). When the world is no longer blind, the completion of *The Book of Revelation* will be unsealed, “*And he said to me, You must prophesy again before many peoples, nations, tongues and kings*” (Revelation 10:11).

CHAPTER 4

THE ONLY SIGN

Jesus said, *“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonah: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”* (Matthew 12:39-40). What you need to remember is that this sign was only *for the unbelievers*. Only Jesus, The Messiah, would know what the three days and three nights were all about. This is *the message* to be investigated.

Days And Nights Defined

In both Hebrew and Greek, the word for *“day”* can mean *“one 24-hour day”* or *“1,000 years.”* Peter said, *“that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day”* (II Peter 3:8). Because of this truth, a day is not defined by hours but according to conditions. Christ is to come as *“a thief in the night”* (II Peter 3:10). Jesus returns during The End of Days (light) or when The World is in darkness. The Times of The Gentiles conclude with an impending World War. Now, you need to know when Christ died. That depends upon when the day began and when it ended. To discover the answer, you need to

know how God determines the day of The Messiah's death. Amazingly, Jesus gives you the answer, which will solve another part of the puzzle. Jesus describes a day and a night. When His friend, Lazarus, died, Christ told His Disciples He wanted to go to The Land of Judea first. They asked if He understood when He went there, He would be stoned. Jesus answered, "*Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbles not, because he sees the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbles, because there is no light in him*" (John 11:9-10). Jesus solves the prophecy of "*the sign*" by explaining He was The Messiah.

Calculating a day doesn't involve *counting the number of hours* but determining whether or not there is *light and darkness*. Christ's statement is both *physical and spiritual*. That is why Jesus concluded there is no light in a person who keeps himself in darkness. That is what God said concerning how a day is to be determined (Genesis 1:3-5). A day has nothing to do with hours, but is determined by *light and darkness*. The day is good because a Christian can see in the light of day. At night, there is darkness and *an absence of goodness*. Jesus said *the sun* is the light of the world which allows the people to see (John 1:4-5). Light is *goodness or truth*. The moon (as the church) only sees a part of *the truth* because it is in half light and half darkness.

The Churches of God will know, only, a part of *the truth* (I Corinthians 13:9). God reveals *the truth* through His Holy Spirit when He allows you to see. Each Christian

is told to work out his/her own Salvation (Philippians 2). For this reason, Peter said *The Prophets of Old* did not have a sure Word of Prophecy like The Apostles. This is because Christ, The Light-Bringer of Truth, gave them (The Apostles) a more *sure* Word of Prophecy (II Peter 1:16-21). Notice how Peter called Christ "*The Day Star*" or "*Sun*" who will arise (be resurrected) in your heart. This is beautiful! Hopefully, you are beginning to understand the sign which Christ left as proof that He was The Messiah. This is "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27).

The Twelve Hours

How can Jesus say there are twelve hours in a day when He told you day and night are not a matter of hours but whether it is light or dark? God's definition of "*day*" is "*the difference between light from the sun and its absence.*" That's it! So, why did He ask the question about twelve hours in the day? You are in for a wonderful surprise.

The Bible has chapters and verses because humans arranged it in that order. Originally, there were no chapters or verses in *The Bible*. There were no paragraphs or word divisions in the original version. They had to figure out the proper wording. In *The Old Testament*, they had to use pictures.

The Jews wanted to stone Jesus one winter at The Feast of Dedication when *the day* did not consist of twelve hours (John 10:22). Under Caesar, The Jews followed *Roman time*. The Roman days started *at dawn* in the

first hour. That is when the light *appeared*. The Roman day actually began at 12 midnight as it is today. Lazarus' death was only a week away and, at that time, the daylight lasted for twelve hours (John 11). Jesus said to His Disciples that this event occurred a long time ago when the days were short. Now, a new event would once again shorten the twelve-hour period (the hours before His death). This revelation stirred up The Rulers of The Jews.

Lazarus Resurrected

Jesus purposely waited until His friend Lazarus was dead for four days. This was so no one could deny his death. This event took place about five months after they wanted to stone Him. The days (light) lasted a lot longer than in the past winter. This was The Passover Season, which was about one week before Lazarus died. Daylight lasted for twelve hours (as Jesus told His Disciples). Christ knew this was the last chance for The Jews to either accept or reject Him as The Bridegroom. This is the reason Lazarus died, "*This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby*" (John 11:4). This was *prophecy* in action. Jesus was about to give *the sign* of His Messiahship. He had to give the sign to prove He was The Resurrection.

When Jesus went to Lazarus, He was told he was already dead and the *death aroma* had begun. Christ replied, "*Said I not to you, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God?*" (John 11:40). Jesus went into the place where Lazarus lay dead and said,

“Lazarus, come forth” and he was made alive (John 11:43). Christ reminded them earlier that He was **The Resurrection and The Life**. You will see how all this pointed to His Sign of **The Three Days and Three Nights** (His own resurrection). Read **John 10 and 11** thoroughly and pray about what you have read.

Once the people heard about Lazarus’ resurrection, word spread all over and the people believed Jesus, was **The Christ, The Messiah**. The Pharisees, when told about this, went to **The Chief Priest** and held a council meeting. What should they do? Here is what frightened them, **“If we let him alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation”** (John 11:48). His fate was sealed. He had to be killed. **“And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said to them...it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation perish not”** (John 11:49-50). From that time, Jesus took precaution and no longer walked openly (John 11:54).

The Rejection

With **The Passover** only six days away, a major prophetic event was about to take place. **Zechariah** gave a clear prophecy concerning **The Messiah’s coming** followed by the establishment of **God’s Rule**, **“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes to you: he is just and has salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass”** (Zechariah 9:9-10 and Matthew 21:4-5 have almost the exact wording). **Jesus was sup-**

posed to come once and install The Millennial Rule of God.

However, this could only take place if the people believed and accepted Christ and hailed Him as their King. Even His Disciples didn't grasp the meaning of this prophecy (John 12:16). The Romans certainly would have killed Him. Then, when Jesus was resurrected, He could have started The Kingdom of God. Even The High Priest and the rulers did not remember *this prophecy in The Book of Zechariah*. They plotted His death in spite of The Word of God. The Wedding Feast could have taken place, but Judah, as The 2^{1/2} Tribes, rejected Christ, The Groom (Matthew 22:8-9). They plotted to kill The Messiah. Jesus replied, "*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out*" (John 12:31).

A momentous event occurred. It is relevant to The Sign of Jonah which proves His Messiahship to the whole world, "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me*" (John 12:32). This refers to the whole world. Christ was announcing His coming death and resurrection to pay for the sins of the world. Moses' *serpent on the pole* was an example of healing for the whole world by paying for everyone's sins through the death of Jesus (Numbers 21:8). Christ was killed by the serpent (Satan) and then resurrected by God. (*The Bible has puzzle pieces of parables and a continuous array of metaphors*). Satan caused Christ's death, which made a resurrection possible.

Satan was thrown out of heaven when Jesus died (John

12:31). Satan became much more than just a Deceiver. Christ, The Messiah, The Savior of The World, paid for all the sins of the world. His return was guaranteed, as well as God's Kingdom Rule. Satan knew he failed to stop Christ and was prepared to make his last attempt during The Last Days after Jesus died. Satan became "*Diabolo,*" "*The Devil,*" "*The Destroyer,*" "*roaming the world as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour*" (I Peter 5:8).

With Satan's wrath and rule, the world was blinded into believing Satan was *the god of this world* (II Corinthians 4:4). Satan, in full fury, is going after The Church of God and trying to deceive them, "*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you*" (I Peter 4:12). Christians were persecuted to the point of martyrdom. You are about to discover how vital *the death* of Christ was to all mankind. With Satan as The Ruler of The World and Jesus dead, the world was left by itself to wander in the wilderness. The proof of The Sign of Jonah was at hand.

CHAPTER 5

THE LAST DAYS

The Book of Hebrews begins by informing you that God spoke through The Prophets (Hebrews 1:1). The next verse makes a startling announcement, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*” (Hebrews 1:1-3).

A Warning

Many think this bold statement is a mistake. How could *The Time of The Apostles*, also, be *The Last Days*? Some preachers say that The Apostles anticipated The Return of Christ in their day. This is not true. *The scripturally uninformed* have erroneously named dates for The Coming of The Messiah. How absurd is this? With God, a day can be a 1,000 years. The Hebrew and Greek languages define *a day* not by twelve hours, as Jesus warned, but by *light* and *dark* periods (John

11:9-10). **The Resurrection of The Bride when The Messiah comes is not determined by hours in a day. There is no specific date, only *light* and *darkness*. The biblical reason behind Lazarus being dead for three twelve-hour days and nights was not a sign stating a certain number of hours. Rather, it was a sign stating that Jesus was The Resurrection. He was The Light of The World! No man knows the hour or the day when The Son of Man will return (Matthew 24:36).**

You are about to learn something new. When Jesus comes back, it will not be determined by a certain time-period, but by *an event*. Wow! Before Jesus resurrected Lazarus, “*Jesus said to her [Martha], I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Believe you this?*” (John 11:25-26). This was declared right after Martha told Jesus that Lazarus would be resurrected in The Last Days. *The Book of Hebrews* tells how those were The Last Days (Hebrews 1:1-3). Then, Christ resurrected Lazarus by saying, “*Lazarus, come forth*” (John 11:43). Christ proved to Martha that He was The Resurrection. Truly, those days were *the beginning* of The Last Days.

What did Jesus do by *raising Lazarus*? This act points to The Return of Jesus as being a matter of faith. This is faith “*In Christ*” to believe and follow Him. When all this transpires, Jesus will return for His Bride (Revelation 19:7-9). The Groom *cannot return* until His Bride is ready to become His Wife. She must love Him as He loves her and prove she is willing to die for

Him. The Bride of Christ must be willing to die for Jesus. It is all a matter of *faith*. (Read the book, *Faith That Saves*). The Last Days must be explained to you so you can have a meaningful understanding.

Fasting And The Bridegroom

As usual, The Pharisees tried to catch Jesus in a technical discrepancy regarding The Works of *The Law*. They asked, “*Why eat [why do you keep company] your Master with publicans and sinners?*” Christ answered, “*They that be whole, need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go you and learn what that means, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance*” (Matthew 9:10-13).

Then, Christ was asked a perplexing question, “*Why do we and the Pharisees fast often but your disciples fast not?*” (Matthew 9:14). This was *the beginning* of The Last Days when Christ gave them this answer, “*Can the children of the bride-chamber mourn [repentant], as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them and then shall they fast [mourn]*” (Matthew 9:15). They will fast because The Bridegroom is gone.

This is about The Last Days of Christ on earth. Jesus said, “*No man puts a piece of new cloth to an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up takes from the garment and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break and the wine runs out and the bottles perish: but they*

put new wine into new bottles and both are preserved” (Matthew 9:16-17). You never patch old garments with new cloth and you never, ever, put new wine into old wineskins. Wine can make you drunk if you drink too much and then you are in Babylon. You must choose to come out of Babylon.

Christ was supposed to come only once, but when He was rejected, a change had to be made. Jesus did not come in those Last Days to receive sacrifices as demanded by *The Law of Moses*. He came to give *grace, mercy and forgiveness*. There was to be no mourning, fasting or sacrifices. Now, there was a new way, with new wine skins and new wine, which did not need human works. *The Law of Moses* did not give grace (mercy); rather, it gave curses for every sinner (Deuteronomy 28). Those who repented and were baptized were ready to meet their Bridegroom. These were The Last Days. If they had accepted Christ and followed Him, The Marriage could have taken place. However, they were hard-headed and rejected their Bridegroom.

The Millennium should have taken place right after The Romans killed Jesus. He would have been resurrected and then The Wedding Announcement would have been sent out. Instead, it was the very leaders of Judah, with the people following, who had their Bridegroom killed. They all rejected The Bridegroom even though He was The Light of The World. When The Bride rejected Christ and had Him killed, a curse followed. *The Curse of The World* was about to take place (Zechariah 5:1-3). The final rejection of Christ was The Sign of Jonah (Malachi 4:6). Christ told them

the only physical sign of His Messiahship was that He was to be in the grave for three days and three nights. Then, He would be resurrected. This sign was meant for an evil and adulterous generation.

The Resurrection

After Jesus was crucified and resurrected, *“It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and other women that were with them, which told these things [of Jesus resurrection] to the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales and they believed them not”* (Luke 24:10-11). Then, Peter ran to the sepulchre and saw that Jesus was gone. Even he didn’t believe The Sign of Jonah. He pondered and wondered what it was all about.

Later, during the first day of the week, two of Jesus’ followers were on their way to a town called Emmaus. It was about 7½ miles away. Unknown to them, Jesus met them on the way and asked what the commotion was all about. They did not recognize Jesus and asked if He was a stranger. This is what they said, *“And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said to him, Are you only a stranger in Jerusalem and has not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?”* (Luke 24:18). Then Christ asked, *“What things?”* (Luke 24:19). They told Him how Jesus was a Prophet, Mighty in Deed and Word before God and all the people. They told Him how He was delivered by The Rulers who had Him crucified. Then, they made a startling statement, *“But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and be-*

side all this, to day is the third day since these things were done” (Luke 24:21). What things happened by the time of this third day? They told Christ how a woman they knew surprised them early on the first day of the week when she went to the sepulchre and the angel said, “*He was alive.*” They looked and saw it was true (Luke 24:22-23). Then, Jesus revealed Himself and said they did not have faith and were slow to believe what they were told. He preached *the truth* of The Sign of Jonah (Luke 24:27). Even His Disciples and The Apostles didn’t have *the faith* to believe in His resurrection and grasp the significance of this sign. Wow! Going back through the three days, some thought Jesus died on Friday and was resurrected on Sunday. This being The Third Day, according to Roman time, means Friday to Sunday. A full three days and three nights (twelve hours) is Wednesday to Saturday afternoon.

Theologians have debated for centuries about the truth of Christ dying on a Friday. In Hebrew and Greek, the word “*day*” does not mean a twelve-hour day and night. The word “*days*” can mean “*parts of days* (time-wise).” How can three days and three nights start on Friday and end with a Sunday resurrection? Jesus clearly said The Sign of Jonah was three days and three nights. This was the only physical sign He left (Matthew 12:40). Therefore, it must be parts of three days and three nights. Friday night and Saturday night are only parts of two nights (not three days). To have a Friday death with a Sunday resurrection, the days had to have shorter periods of darkness and light – three days and three nights (at least in part).

***Days* are not determined by time but by darkness and light (Genesis 1:3-5). Daytime varies upon the earth going from the equator north or south. Even Jesus told about the winter when there are no hours of light in a day. Only in the spring does the amount of light and dark equalize. This is especially true in the area of Jerusalem. Finally, it is impossible, even with parts of days, to have three nights from Friday to Sunday morning at daybreak. Friday to Sunday are only two nights, no matter how masterful a mathematician you may be. Therefore, a Friday death is probably impossible. Christ had to die on a day other than Friday. Each step, scripturally, takes you closer to the proof of Christ's Messiahship. You will have more biblical proof as you continue to read.**

CHAPTER 6

A CHANGE OF TIME

During the third day, when these things were done, the people had very little to do with the issue of the three days and the three nights. The Jewish rulers had Jesus put to death and then on Sunday He was already gone. He was resurrected (Luke 24:20-21). That is the context of this event between *the resurrected* Jesus and the two travelers going to Emmaus. The third day on the road to Emmaus is Sunday, making his *death* on *Friday* possible. That isn't the point Christ taught.

Death And Life

The two travelers and Jesus discussed His death. Many witnessed Jesus being crucified and, then, found He had disappeared from the grave. There were serious questions about this. Did someone steal His body or was the angel telling the truth? The angel told the woman, "*He had risen from the dead*" (resurrected). As a result, Jesus was made known to the travelers as He preached about His *resurrection*.

He preached from *The Old Testament* texts beginning with The Prophets of Old, The Time of Moses and, eventually, The Prophets of His day. The travelers be-

lieved and, then, He departed (Luke 24:31). Remember, there were 500 *followers* who saw Him after He was resurrected (I Corinthians 15:6). So three days had passed since His death.

Many misunderstand this third day *statement* and believe He was crucified on Friday and resurrected on Sunday. However, this notion denies the critical factor of Him being in the heart of the earth for three nights (His death). If this were true, then Jesus would not have fulfilled the scriptures concerning the three days and three nights as a sign of His Messiahship. No matter how many parts of a day there were, there had to be three *light periods* and three *dark periods*. It does not matter whether they were full twelve-hour days and twelve-hour nights or not. Biblically, Christ had to die earlier than Friday in order to be your Messiah. *The truth* is no one knows. What is significant is that Christ is the light of the world which is greater than Jonah. Christ can give you Salvation. This is because the three days and three nights were *the only physical sign* He left as proof of His Messiahship. If this is not true, then all of The Gnostic *writings* that declare He never died and lived out His life could be true. How absurd can this be!

The scriptures have even greater meaning than three days and three nights. You are going to read about the factors regarding the day Christ died. Most of these factors concern how *time*, itself, was changed. This is additional evidence to prove He is your Savior. His death and resurrection must be precise and exact or else you might conclude that the sign He left

for you could not be true. Since Christ died on *a day* when *darkness* appeared at *noon* and lasted for the *next three hours*, we do not know.

The Day Christ Died

An amazing event transpired on *the day* Jesus died. Biblically, a day can be twelve hours, a little less or a little more. That is why Peter told about God's *day* which can be one 24-hour day or 1,000 years (II Peter 3:8). *A day*, to God, is determined by light or darkness and not by hours. This is a vital point for you to always remember. God does not measure time like humans measure time in terms of seconds, hours, days, weeks, months and years. Rather, the counting is done by dark and light periods. God's *basic time-table* is determined by *light* and *darkness*. When there is light, day is good (Genesis 1:4). Jesus cannot return until it is night (evening). This is when the world is in darkness. This is a day of The Lord, when he intervenes.

The sun is a biblical symbol because Jesus personified The Light of The World (John 1:4,5 and 9 and Malachi 4:2). As long as the light (Christ) shines, men can see. If they are not in The Light of Christ, then they are blind and in darkness. In short, The Sign of Christ's Messiahship rests upon Christ being in the earth for three days and three nights – regardless of the actual physical time involved. To count back three days from the first day would be Saturday, Friday then Thursday. Since Thursday is the third day from Sunday morning, then the night before starts that day (Wednesday). So, at what point on Wednesday did Jesus die?

The Passover Day had twelve hours of daylight at that time. So, it had to be Wednesday when Jesus was crucified. Or was it? At what time did this occur (John 11)? God, through a special sign, changed daylight that day. Read the event, “*And when the sixth hour [12:00 Noon] was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour [3:00 P.M.]. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying...My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?...And Jesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost [spirit]*” (Mark 15:33-37). That particular Wednesday had only nine hours of daylight. Wednesday ended at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. Jesus died at *that exact time*. He had died in the afternoon when all the earth was in darkness.

When Sunday came, the stone had already been removed (while it was still dark) (John 20:1). When daylight came, Christ was *gone*. Maybe Jesus was not resurrected Sunday at dawn, because *The Bible* revealed He was already resurrected when it was still dark. The three days and three nights from Wednesday at 3:00 P.M. brings you to Saturday, which is The Seventh Day Weekly Sabbath. This could be when Jesus was resurrected. Christ did not rise early Sunday morning because He was already gone. He had already risen when the women came to the tomb. It was still dark (John 20:1). Jesus did not rise early Sunday morning as many believe. This is for a very good reason. God changed time on that Wednesday, but the effect implies something more. It shows Christ was *resurrected* Saturday afternoon. That is why His *resurrection* could not be on Sunday morning. At sunrise

on Sunday, He had already risen. He was raised the evening before. Wow! This should be a stunning surprise to most readers and, more so, all *Bible students*.

Why did God, The Father, change the time for Christ's death? Jesus said it is, "*An evil and adulterous generation seeking after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah*" (Matthew 12:39). The world would never want the correct sign of Christ's death. Most scholars, ministers and many churches are in error regarding this vital point. You must learn the basic reason why the world has probably accepted the wrong time for Jesus' death. An evil and adulterous nation will misunderstand The Sign of Jonah. Days and nights are determined by *light* and *darkness* and not *hours*.

Christ told that generation exactly how they had been wrong. It was because they were adulterers and, therefore, evil. In order to understand, that generation had to seek The Sign of Jonah and not Christ's death. What did Jonah do? They should have known what happened to Jonah. Jonah repented and The Ninevites repented! Until you repent, you cannot understand The Sign of Jonah. After Jonah was in the great fish's belly for three days and three nights, he was taken to Nineveh. Jonah preached *the message of destruction* to the people and they repented. They believed what Jonah prophesied. Think of the implications. Now, *a greater* Prophet than Jonah was present, but they did not repent. Instead, they killed Him (Matthew 12:41). The generation in Jesus' day was more evil than those in Nineveh because they, also,

committed adultery. They broke the wedding vows they had given to The Bridegroom, Christ, by committing adultery with their lovers (Rome)!

Israel was married to Christ, The Bridegroom, but they rejected Him. Wow! Now, Jesus had to seek a more worthy Bride, so He went to The Gentiles (Matthew 21:43). Because of this criminal act by Israel, God had to hide *the truth* of Christ's death and resurrection. Until Israel truly repented, the only sign given to the world was *a false resurrection* on Sunday along with other theories. Most will not realize this is an error until Jesus *returns*. The world lost The True Light along with Christ. Since then, the world is wallowing in darkness. The Last Days have lasted for 2,000 years. As usual, Satan deceives even God's people, Israel, by holding *the truth in unrighteousness*. Whenever God begins to give His truth, Satan deceives Christians by taking that same truth and presenting it in *an unrighteous way* (Romans 1:18). Christ was resurrected on The Seventh Day Sabbath, which was on Saturday. Jesus will return to the earth to institute The Kingdom of God on The Sabbath (God's *rest*)! The Mystery of God will remain *a mystery* until everyone comes to repentance (II Peter 3). It is now being revealed but only to *true* Christians.

The Engagement Period of *The Converted Gentiles* and the restored Israelites heralds The Coming Wedding Feast to the entire world during The Millennium (Matthew 22). Everyone in the world will know The Truth of God. The Mystery of God will be revealed because Satan will be captive in God's *prison of dark-*

ness for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:2-3). Once you understand The Mystery of God concerning The Sign of Jonah, it unravels and magnifies The Truth of God's Plan. You have discovered how God allows Satan to cause deception. This will continue until every Christian becomes like a little child and is teachable by seeking a true change of mind (repentance) (I Corinthians 3). You must stop seeking your own righteousness and stop thinking you are right. Instead, you should be determined to learn more truth and not be limited by knowing only a part of it (I Corinthians 13:9). *Doctrine is a spiritual growth process. It entails doctrine upon doctrine; here a little, there a little like a learning child* (Isaiah 28).

Once *the truth* of The Sign of Jonah is understood, then God's *mystery* unfolds to reveal His Plan of Salvation from The Last Day right to The End of Days when Christ *returns*. The End of Days occurs when The World is in total darkness. There will be no light, only violence and evil, just as it was in Noah's Day (Genesis 6:5). Truly, these days will have *no light* or truth in them. The final Gentile rule will conclude with genocide. It is The Day of Darkness. It is The Day of The Lord (Joel 2:1-2). Jesus must return for His elect's sake, otherwise there would be no flesh saved alive. This is *the last days* beginning with Jesus death until *the end of days*.

CHAPTER 7

THE END OF TIME

With God there is *no time*. God gave mankind time as a reference point. This is so they could realize a vital truth. Mankind only has so much *time* to do whatever God intends for them to do. God is forever and, therefore, with God, *time* does not exist. *Time* was created to help man understand. Mankind must learn, eventually, that all life ends.

What Are The Last Days?

John wrote *The Book of Revelation* around 66 A.D. while *the temple* was still standing. Just as *the seven angels* were about to reveal *The Seven Last Trumpets*, John was told to seal the information. These instructions were contained in a very small book (Revelation 10). It was a small book because it only covered The Last Seven Trumpets. This was before The Seventh Seal was to be opened. When *The Seven Trumpets* were to sound, the book was to be opened. But all of a sudden, this process was halted. John was told, “*You must prophesy again before many peoples, nations, tongues and kings*” (Revelation 10:11). This was to be done before the blowing of The Last Seven Trumpets. When does this unsealing take place? “*And swear by him [the angel] that lives for ever and ever, who created heaven*

and the things that therein are and the earth and the things that therein are and the sea and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets” (Revelation 10:6-7). Do you grasp what this angel said to John? *Think about it!* John, The Prophet in *The Book of Revelation*, will preach to the world again at The End of Time. John’s words reveal The Truth.

According to The Apostle John’s *words*, he thought Christ would return when he and the other Apostles were still alive (John 21:22). Human time ends at the blowing of The Seventh Trumpet when Christ *returns*. Then, *The Book of Revelation* will be opened and everyone will know The Truth of The Mystery of God. This is *the prophecy* that was revealed to The Prophets by Jesus. The angel told John what was in the small book. It concerned Jesus’ return to the earth on a white horse, “*And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, See you do it not: I am your fellow servant and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*” (Revelation 19:10). In Greek, “*sundoulo*” conveys “*a togetherness of one purpose.*” The word, “*fellow servant*” applies to Christ as “*the bright and morning star*” (Revelation 22:9 and 22:16). Jesus is “*the Sun of righteousness*” (Malachi 4:2). You now understand how the word “*sun*” represents “*The Bridegroom*” and “*The Light of The World*” (John 1:4, 5, 7 and Psalm 19). Jesus is The Light Bringer for all who believe. In fact, He is *The Light* for everyone in

the world (John 1:8-9). The Mystery of God is “*Christ – In You*” (Colossians 1:27).

Christ is prophesied from Genesis to Revelation. The Word of God is Christ. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 22:12-13). Christians and A Remnant of Israel will prophesy The Truth of The Mystery of God at The Time of The Seventh Trumpet. The words “*Christ – In You*” apply to *the converted*. The mystery is about you becoming like Christ. The word “*testimony*” or “*witness*” in Greek is “*marturia*” which denotes “*a martyr*” or one who witnesses Christ right to their death. Christians and some Israelites will either live their lives like Jesus, or they will go through persecution and martyrdom. They will *learn to love Christ*. They must really love Jesus and be willing to die for Him. That’s what it’s all about. It is all about God wanting The Bride to love The Groom, Christ as He loved her by dying for her. Either way, by The Time of The Seventh Trump, God’s two witnesses (The Christian Gentiles and The Remnant of Israel) will testify about *Christ*. That is The Mystery of God! This is “*Christ – In You*” (Colossians 1:27). At the occurrence of The Seventh Trump, *time* itself will stop. This is *human time* and not God’s time. There is a big difference. Time with God can be an hour, a week, a month, a year or a 1,000 years (II Peter 3:8). It matters not to God. Human time does not exist with God. The *elderly feeble ones* who don’t know what day it is should take comfort because God doesn’t care about what day it is either. God’s *plan* is ruled by *a condition*. Whether humans live to be 1,000 years, 120 years or 70 years of age, it matters not to

God. This is because, with God, there is no human time, but only *light* and *darkness*. God is *eternal* so *no time exists*. There is only light and darkness. “*Darkness*” is “*the lack of goodness*” (light) (Genesis 1:4). Remember, God is only *light* and “*in him is no darkness at all*” (I John 1:5). You must prove, *biblically*, the difference between The Last Days and The End of Days to come. It must be imbedded in your heart. Your Eternal Life depends on it.

When Christ Died

When Jesus was crucified, there were men dying on either side of Him. One blasphemed Christ and the other said in response, “*Do not you fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man has done nothing amiss. And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom. And Jesus said to him, Verily I say to you, today shall you be with me in paradise*” (Luke 23:40-43). How could this be? Well, this man had repented. He understood The Sign of Jonah. Jesus, for three days and three nights, had to be in His sepulchre. Christ would not be in The Kingdom of God or Paradise for another forty days after His *resurrection*. Jesus was dead for three days and three nights just like *the men*. Some believe this text is a mistranslation and should read, “*I tell you this, today, you shall be with me in Paradise.*” But it isn’t to be understood that way. The original translation is correct. That “*day,*” Jesus knew the man next to Him *believed* and, so, he was considered to be a Christian (like you). So he, as with other true Christians at The

End Day, will be resurrected. Martha told Jesus that she knew Lazarus, her brother, would be resurrected on The Last Day. What Martha did not know was that Christ was, literally, The Last Day of *light* or *truth*. So He was able to resurrect her brother on that same day (John 11:24). How could this be The Last Day? Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the people acknowledged Him as The Messiah. However, The Pharisees were worried and feared The Leaders of Rome. Christ knew it was His time to be *glorified*. God, The Father, said, “*I have both glorified it [you] and will glorify it [you] again. The people therefore, that stood by and heard it, said that it thundered: [while] others said, An angel spoke to him*” (John 12:28-29).

This is why Jesus told the repentant criminal who was dying with Him that he was already *considered* to be in Paradise on that day, “*Verily, verily, I say to you, He that hears my word and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life*” (John 5:24). That man, when he died that day, was already in God’s *rest* or Paradise. He would be resurrected at The End of Days which is The Second Resurrection (John 5:29). This context of the man being in Paradise that day (on his day of death) directly impacts The Sign of Jonah. When he awakens from his death, he will have Eternal Life. What did Jesus declare following God’s glorification statement about Him? How does God *glorify* His Son? “*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince [Satan] of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me*” (John 12:31-32). The serpent’s pole created by

Moses was *a type of Christ dying for your sins*. Jesus was signifying what type of death He would experience (John 12:33). Satan becomes The Devil, who is a destroyer like *“a roaring lion”* (I Peter 5:8).

In these Last Days at The End of Time, there will be a world judgment which will conclude with The White Throne Judgment. That is why Satan is *mad* and has become such *a destroyer*. Satan’s wicked (flying) roll is ready to descend upon the whole world as prophesied (Zechariah 5:1-3 and Malachi 4:6). Satan no longer has access to God’s *throne* like he did in The Days of Job. From this time forward, Satan is *the god of this world*. He attempts to blind God’s people (if they allow it). Satan is more than a Deceiver and has become The Devil or The Destroyer. Judgment has come to the earth and, especially, to God’s people (I Peter 4:12). That is why Jesus said, if it were possible, *the very elect* would be deceived (Matthew 24:24).

Jesus was rejected by His Bride, Israel (they ran after another lover [Rome] to commit adultery), so He had to reject them for a more worthy nation (Matthew 21:43). He told them how He, first, had to die and, afterwards, He would be *glorified*. Here is what He told them, *“Yet a little while is the light [Christ] with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not where he goes. While you have light [Christ], believe in the light, that you may be children of the light”* (John 12:35-36). Jesus was describing The Last Days. Satan rules in darkness while Christ, The Light, has gone to heaven to sit beside His Father’s *throne*. Satan becomes *the*

god of this world, as a destroyer and no longer as an accuser (II Corinthians 4:4). **The Last Days or *the last of the light* were over. The world lives in darkness just like when The Apostles knew they were living in The Last Days. This was The World's Time of Judgment. The Time of Jacob's troubles continues (Jeremiah 30). All you will need are the witnesses at The End of Days (The White Throne Judgment) (John 12:31). Until Jesus returns at The End of Days or the end of darkness, Satan curses the world. Satan, from this time, holds *the truth in unrighteousness* just as he did with Eve in The Garden of Eden. Wow!**

Jesus concludes His commentary, “*These things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world*” (John 16:33). Israel's *time of trouble* is to continue and the whole world is under a curse of wickedness until The End of Days. The Last Days begin with no light and will prevail until Jesus returns at The End of Days (of darkness) to be “*the bright and morning star*” (Revelation 22:16).

CHAPTER 8

DARKNESS DESCENDS

God is *eternal*. With God, *time* does not exist. God created *time* when He laid out the heavens with the stars and the galaxies. The universe is a temporary and tenuous system that will change under the dominion of The New Heaven and The New Earth. The concept of *time* was given to mankind to discern *good* from *evil* (light from darkness) (Genesis 1:14-18). This *artificial reality* set the seasons and allowed man to judge his own mortal lifespan (Genesis 1:18).

Christ – The Last Days

You are coming closer to grasping *the scriptural meaning* of the texts which prove Jesus was The Messiah through The Sign of Jonah. Christ was dead for three days and three nights. However, these three days and three nights were not based on a twelve-hour day or a twelve-hour time-frame. “*And when the sixth hour [12:00 noon] was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour [3:00 P.M.]. And at the ninth hour [3:00 P.M.] Jesus cried with a loud voice...and gave up the ghost [spirit]. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain [two pieces] from the top to the bottom*” (Mark 15:33-38). “*And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into your hands I commend*

my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost [his spirit]” (Luke 23:46). That ended at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. At that time, Jesus died. Daylight on that Wednesday or Friday was not a normal twelve-hours, but instead it only lasted for nine hours. The night lasted from 3:00 P.M. Wednesday/Friday till daylight Thursday/Saturday morning. That night was fifteen hours in length. *The Last Days* had begun. The Last Days of Light started and will end at The End of Days. There will be no light or truth in the world except for God’s two witnesses (The Remnant of Israel and the converted Gentiles who have repented). When you count Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday night, you have three nights. So Jesus was resurrected on The Sabbath Day. It was God’s *rest*. The Sabbath Day began at 3:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon. That is why you must examine when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came, “*In the end of The Sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week [Sunday]*” (Matthew 28:1). Jesus had already risen (Matthew 28). The events of what transpired were explained to the two women when they were told by the angels that Jesus had risen and was no longer there. Christ’s death and resurrection should not be counted by three 24-hour days, but by *light* and *darkness*.

When the two women came, it was still dark. They could see *the sun* beginning to reflect upon the horizon. Christ had already risen (John 20:1). *Jesus did not necessarily rise on Sunday morning*. Jesus might not return at dawn because He is *the light bringer*, The Morning Star (Revelation 22:16). Jesus must return at night when it is dark. He is *The Day Bringer*. He is

the bright and morning star and begins a new day. The world will be in darkness. That is why Jesus said He would return at night. Christ's predicts His coming in *the light of morning* but that *day will be in darkness* (Matthew 24:27, 29-30). When Jesus returns, His Bride must have their lamps lit (Matthew 25). *The brightness, like the sun, will light the sky as a new day.* God's day begins with the dawning of *the day*. Human time begins at night. That day is *a day of light coming to light the darkness.*

When Jesus died at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon, it was the beginning of The Last Days. Jesus told you to walk in His *light* as long as He was upon the earth. Then Jesus said, when He was gone, that darkness would again come upon you. This darkness would not allow you to know where you are going (John 12:35). When Jesus returns on The Day of The Lord, the world will be in darkness (Joel 2:1-2). How clear and simple can this be? The day Jesus died (2,000 years ago) was *the beginning* of The Last Days. These are The Last Days because Jesus departed from the earth. Satan has been cast out of heaven and, as a roaring lion, creeps around as *the god of this world*. He specifically goes after God's people, who are The Remnants of Israel and the true Christians. Satan wants to destroy *the two witnesses* so they cannot testify at The White Throne Judgment. These Last Days are filled with persecution, martyrdom and tribulation for God's people. These individuals are Christians with God's Holy Spirit. Being in the flesh (like the moon), they are partly in the light and partly in darkness. They receive this light from *the sun*, which is Jesus and His

Holy Spirit. God's people who do not have His Holy Spirit are not led to *the truth*. They are in total darkness along with the rest of the world (in Babylon).

Days And Years

The Apostle Peter makes sense of it all. God, being *eternal*, has no *time-frame* whether it be one day or a 1,000 years (II Peter 3:8). The Sign of Jonah begins to take on a new meaning. It isn't how many hours Jesus was dead that counts (The Sign of Jonah). What matters is when a certain condition or goal is reached. God's days and nights vary according to light and darkness. *Prophecy* occurs through *light* and *darkness*. It is not a matter of hours but of light and darkness. If you are in the light, then you are growing in God's *truth*. If not, then you are in darkness and have no idea what is right and true. "*Darkness*" is "*a lie*" and "*light*" is "*the truth*" (very good). Now, how in these Last Days, without truth in the world, can anyone receive *the light of goodness*?

A State Of Mind

The wilderness is the world and, at the end of Christ's life on earth, darkness began as The Last Days (2,000 years) without light. Satan is *the god* who blinds the world and seeks to destroy God's people.

Now, Christians become pilgrims or sojourners in this world by trusting God for *the truth* to lead them. This is exactly what God did with Israel for forty years in *the wilderness*. The wilderness, with no light, is a time

of testing and trial. This darkness proves your faith to yourself and to God. Jesus was tested by Satan for forty days without food, and you, also, are in your forty-year trial of testing.

Peter gives you the answer which proves Jesus is The Messiah through The Sign of Jonah. The Mystery of God is solved, "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*" (II Peter 3:9). Those who have not repented are *in the wilderness of this world*. There is no light, only darkness. Good is absent. Christians and The Remnant of Israel are being tried and tested while the ungodly must, yet, come to repentance (Romans 11). The Mystery of God is to have "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27). He is "*the light of men*" (John 1:4). He is *the hope* for everyone to receive God's *glory and goodness*.

There are *biblical clues of truth* which resolve The Sign of Jonah (Jesus is The Messiah). Christ tells you the answer. Jesus told The Pharisees that only an evil and adulterous generation would seek *a sign*. He described how Satan deceives, clouds and devours *the truth* in order to deceive everyone that he can. Only Christ can give you the solution.

Jesus had to die for the sins of His Bride. Israel rejected Him and sought another lover – which was Rome. By dying, Christ's marriage to Israel was dissolved. When He returns a second time, He will save the world from complete *annihilation*. His death al-

lows Him to marry Israel when He returns. Here is what He said, *“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here”* (Matthew 12:40-41). There it is! Jonah got The Ninevites to repent. Jesus is greater and, therefore, He is The Light of The World. He will give light to every man in it (John 1:9). Christ came to Save The World, not just The City of Nineveh (I John 4:14).

It isn’t the number of hours in a day that is *the sign* (remember, at times, winter has shorter periods of light). If you are *“In Christ,”* you can be *the light of the world*. *“Christ – In You”* is the truth and the proof that Jesus is The Messiah (Colossians 1:27). Christians must witness Christ (the light) now and later, as witnesses, judge *the angels* at The White Throne Judgment (I Corinthians 6:2-3). Paul reveals The Mystery of God, *“In whom [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”* (Colossians 2:3). Wow! Christ is The Messiah because He is *“In You”* as your Savior. It is by your faith *“In Christ”* that truth is revealed to you (John 1:17). That *light* must return at The End of Days to give light to the rest of the world. Until then, Christians should witness Christ even to their own death, if need be, just as He died for you!

CHAPTER 9

DARKNESS ENDS

The Last Day of Light was when Christ died. When He was resurrected and went to be with His Father in heaven, darkness began to cover the earth. The Bride rejected The Groom and committed adultery with Rome (her lover). The Last Days began in darkness when Christ was resurrected.

The Shining Moon

Those days were known as Israel's Time of Trouble. The only light came from the moon as *reduced light* (from the sun reflecting upon it). The "moon" is a symbol for "*The Churches of God.*" It was created to shine as a witness to the world. The moon, also, includes The Remnant of Israel. Satan, The Deceiver and The Destroyer, loves the darkness and is relentless against The Churches of God and The Remnant of Israel. To help His Bride, Jesus, The Groom, gives The Holy Spirit to guide them while they are in various levels of darkness. That is why Christ told *the church* to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4).

This is the only source of light in the world until The Groom returns for His Bride. *The Song of Solomon* depicts the story of a virgin searching for her lover (Christ).

The Menorah

The Golden Candlesticks are in The Holy Place. The Olive Trees, one on each side of the bowl, feed The Holy Oil (The Holy Spirit) to The Candlestick which keeps the seven candles burning (Revelation 1 and Zechariah 4:2-3 explains these “candlesticks”). As long as the candles have sufficient oil, there is light and truth in the world of darkness. The Time of Israel’s Trouble is at hand and the cursed world is on its own without Christ. Read the condition of God’s Seven Holy Candles (Churches – The Menorah) at the end of The First Century (Revelation 2 and 3).

The Seven Churches were in chaos and in Babylon. Some were spiritually rich like The Smyrna Church, while others were being martyred. Others barely knew any truth because so much was mixed with pagan beliefs. Others were so pompous they believed they had *the only truth*. Others were merely *social clubs*; they were so busy doing charity works that they forgot to witness their first love (Christ). Satan was doing his job very well. Christ warned His two *witnesses* to come out of The Babylonian System (of darkness) (Revelation 18:4).

Satan had infiltrated not only The Jews but all the religions in the world. Rome (the fourth beast in Daniel 2) took over the world with The Christians who had succumbed to Satan’s tricks. When the final eighth Head of The Beast fell, its image prevailed as *a false Kingdom of God on earth*. Satan filled the world with lies by *holding the truth in unrighteousness* (Romans 1:18).

Satan was a murderer and a liar from the very beginning (John 8:44). (Read the book, *The Eighth Head Of The Beast*). **In short, the world was in total darkness.**

Dark Ages – To The Age Of Reason

While Rome ruled, there was relative peace throughout the world. Some Caesars, who thought they were *gods* or *saviors*, were hailed as “*mini gods*.” They were types of The Heads of The Seven Beasts or anti-Christians who were supposed to be *peace bringers*. Instead of *peace bringers*, they were Harlots. (Read the book, *Revelation Uncovered*).

When Judah fell to Titus in 70 A.D., The Emperor was hailed as “*the savior of the world*.” Constantine, in 325 A.D., at The Council of Nicea, consumed The Christian Church. Finally, Justinian, as The Eighth Head of The Beast, made the image of The Eighth Head known throughout the world. The Dark Ages were to follow. Without The Roman Empire to sustain world peace (by force), Europe and The East plummeted into chaos. Darkness prevailed worldwide. The world, The West, The East, The North and The South, was in disarray. *Self survival* became mankind’s only motivation. There was no central system for protection and no sanitation for good health. Disease, sickness and self-preservation were the reasons most individuals sought the kind of leaders they wanted. The Dark Ages had begun. It truly was *survival of the fittest*. Some individuals became slaves while others agreed to sell family members as slaves so the family could survive.

Religion (Greek Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism) was a source of comfort and compliance. Every human idea born out of Babylon was turned into one religion or another. This was promoted by the supposed “*holy men*” in nations around the world. All *the harlots of the beast* fought to give true answers to *life’s difficulties*. In Arabia, The Islamic Faith of *One God* exploded around the world in 600 A.D. and continued for hundreds of years.

The Bubonic plague ignited in Justinian’s day. The plague (900-1300 A.D.) destroyed almost all of Europe. During this time, The Mongols were on a march for world conquest led by The Kahns. The Old Roman Empire completely collapsed by 800 A.D. At this time, Catholicism became Europe’s source of unity. The Catholic Church claimed to inherit The Roman Government upon the death of Constantine because they had his Last Will and Testament. Heroes came upon the scene as offshoots of The Caesars of Rome. They were tyrants like Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler. The Catholic Church, as the spiritual head, crowned them as protectors or saviors of Old Rome. They maintained the same image or system.

Nobles or blue bloods, such as dukes, princes and kings, became sub-saviors with vassals, principalities and the resulting serfdom. The Khazars, Edomites and Turks from The Byzantium Kingdom conquered The Slavic Nations, who became their slaves. They were anti-Christian and fought against Orthodoxy which was protected by The Russians from The Rus. In about 900 A.D., Prince Vladimier from Scandinavia made Kiev the capital of

The Rus. This was *the genesis* of The Russian Empire. He visited Constantinople and enjoined all of Russia to become part of The Russian-Greek Orthodox Church.

The Renaissance

Governments began to form, taxes were collected and the nobility emerged. Numerous heroes from the old nobility formed their nations and kingdoms. The rebirth of Europe (The Renaissance) was underway. Civilization began to reappear and the darkness seemed to end. The noble élite supplied all human needs, just as they do today.

Germany and England (under The Franks of France) spawned into great nations. Others formed principalities and smaller nations. Religion became an issue. The hundred years' war and the thirty years' war ensued. Independent nations fought for the control of their people and their *own brand* of Christianity. Inventions like the printing press aided international communication. Later, *independent thinking* exploded with The Internet.

The Renaissance was *a worldwide reformation* of independent thinking. Babylon, expressing itself through individual human nature, spawned many different worldwide religions.

Between 1400 and 1600 A.D., the number of *religious denominations* multiplied. Martin Luther was the catalyst for European Protestantism. Consequently, The

Catholic Church, the only primary religious power, was weakened. The East was dominated by Russian Orthodoxy and The Far East was dominated by Islam. China and other Orientals followed the philosophies of Confucius and Buddha.

The Age Of Reason

In order to preserve Catholicism, The Country of Italy created *The University System*. Initially, colleges gained notoriety as the source for education in religious studies. However, this began only for the élite. It was known as The Age of Reason. Over many decades, religion lost out and was replaced by science and human logic with mathematical probabilities. Progressivism or secularism was here to stay. Evolution, with *the notion of existence being an accident*, replaced *creation as a first cause*. Science replaced *philosophical studies* as the process for determining truth. Philosophy (the study of life) could not be *mathematically* explained. The process of turning guesses and hypotheses into theories and probabilities became their only avenue to find *truth*.

Science replaced God because *human guesses* seemed to become *the truth* with each repetition. This is mental conditioning. When a lie is told often enough, it becomes *an accepted and acknowledged truth*. On the other hand, religion was predicated upon *faith*. Unfortunately, Science, with only *probabilities* as its creditability, seemed to take hold, which is blind faith because it depends upon whose guess is accepted as Science even though it could be false (I Timothy 6:20-21).

Israel's Time Of Trouble

After 70 years in captivity in Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar and The Medio-Persian Empire, Cyrus took control of The Babylonian Empire. Because of The Prophet Daniel and his prayer, God was ready to restore Israel and bring peace to His people (Isaiah 40). A Savior (the branch) was to overthrow World-wide Gentile Rule just as Zechariah prophesied. As Savior, He would restore what had been lost (Matthew 18:11). The Kingdom of God's rule, known as The Millennium, could have started at that time. Under Cyrus, The Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. This restoration wasn't an easy time.

God called this period "*Israel's Time of Trouble.*" This will last until Shiloh comes (Genesis 49:10). The Messiah (The Branch) was to restore God's people to The Promised Land. This event was to take place when Herod, an Edomite, completed *the temple*. Jesus, as The Bridegroom, was The Messiah. Jesus could have restored Israel if they had accepted Him as The Groom. Then, He would have restored them to The Temple of God. However, because they rejected Him and had Him killed (in Rome), the curse upon the world continued. Israel's Time of Trouble will continue until The End of Time (Daniel 12).

Babylon In Full Bloom

Babylon, The Great Whore, who makes the whole world drunk and confused, will expand till The End

of Days. Just as God feared at The Tower of Babel, mankind was able to unite worldwide. That period was known as “*globalization*.” They were able to do almost anything without restraint. Anything the nations could imagine was possible. Babylon (human logic), without God or His Holy Spirit, is free to conjure up anything they want to imagine. Mankind made themselves into *mini-gods* by deciding good and evil on their own (Romans 1:23). The Tree of Life will once again be restored. The truth is clear. God has told you that no one knows what is *right* or *wrong*. God, however, can lead you to righteousness.

Jesus forecasted a curse upon the world. Zechariah labeled the sins of the world as “*wickedness*” (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21). This curse will culminate at The End of The World or The End of Days. Famine, pestilence, world catastrophes, wars and rumors of wars continue into The End of Days. Religion is *the genesis* of it all. The Babylonian religion is the culprit and at The End of Days, *the beast* will turn upon the whore who has been deceiving the whole world. At The End of Days, the world blames *religion* for their troubles and attacks (Armageddon) (Zechariah 14). Mankind needs all *the assets in this world* to survive. These assets are in jeopardy, which will negatively affect the survival of mankind. (Read the book, *What’s It All About*).

CHAPTER 10

THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

Darkness, with all of its *evil*, is about to end. True *world peace* is on the horizon. The End of Days or *the end of global darkness* is near. The restoration of The True Light of Christ (*the light of the world*) is about to take place. The Time of Jacob's Trouble will be completed.

Gentile's Time Will Be Fulfilled

Some misunderstand The Times Of The Gentiles. Too many scholars have *theological debates* regarding the dates for this time-period. The Fall of Jerusalem occurred in 586 B.C. under Nebuchadnezzar and lasts until The Time of Christ's return. Jesus came about 2,000 years ago and He will return when The Gentiles' Rule ends. It is one of *the signs* that God's *people* should watch for (Luke 21:24). The Gentiles' Rule will end just before they commit *genocide*. If their rule doesn't end, all mankind will be destroyed.

Times Of Trouble

When The Jews are allowed to return to Jerusalem by a king's decree, they will build *the walls* in troublesome times (Daniel 9:25). The Prophet tells you that after 70 years of exile in Babylon, God will have mercy

upon Jerusalem and Judah (Zechariah 1:12). Later, the future daughter of Jerusalem will sing with joy (Zechariah 2:10-11). It is a time when many nations shall be gathered together. There will come a time when God will dwell in their midst. After The End of Days, God will be with men (Revelation 21:3). It is Christ, *The Branch*, who delivers Jerusalem (Zechariah 3). The angel informs Zechariah that Zerubbabel will lay *the foundation for the temple* (Zechariah 4). Then, the chapter ends with God's Two Olive Trees as His *anointed ones* (Judah and Israel – God's two witnesses).

When *The Branch* returns, God's two *witnesses* will meet The Bridegroom. Israel and Judah will be restored. *The temple* was not completed until King Herod's day when Jesus came in the flesh as The Light of The World (John 1:4-9). Up to this time, Jerusalem had troublesome times. A roll or a scroll appeared which revealed the whole world was cursed (because of their wickedness) (Zechariah 5). This curse continued after Jesus died (Zechariah 5:3,11 and 18 and Malachi 4:6). When The End of Days are over, Jesus will return and complete God's *temple*. Christ (King of Kings) will become a Priest for the world and restore world peace (Daniel 12). The Millennium will begin and The Wedding Feast will be announced (Revelation 20).

You are, indeed, blessed so now you can know the future. Before The Day of The Lord, when all nations (The World) gather at Armageddon, Babylon, The Whore, will be attacked and ravished (Zechariah 14 and Genesis 10:5). Jerusalem will fall to the advancing

military but will, finally, be *saved* by Christ (Revelation 22:16). A vital prophecy was given which covers the state of Jerusalem until The Return of The Messiah. The Messiah will come to restore Jerusalem as *the capitol of the world* during The Millennium. “*Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth [will] be gathered together against it*” (Zechariah 12:2-3). Wow! Do you understand this prophecy and what Zechariah is telling you? From the time of *the laying of the foundation for the temple* (while Judah was in Babylon until The End of Days), Jerusalem has been and still is in troublesome times. This is the same condition you find in contemporary Jerusalem today. The whole world will be involved and will be burdened by Jerusalem.

After Christ died and was resurrected, Jerusalem remained *a troublesome place*. Jesus prophesied, “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened*” (Matthew 24:21-22). This is amazing! *The Tribulation of Jerusalem* will not end until Christ returns. The curse of wickedness remains in the world from The Days of Daniel in Babylon until The Return of Christ. My, oh my, how wrong everyone has been! The tribulation ends with The Return of Christ (Luke 21:24-27). That is why Jesus said at

the beginning of this tribulation, “*All these are the beginning of sorrows*” (Matthew 24:8). “*But the end is not yet*” (Matthew 24:6). The Fall of The Temple in 70 A.D. began The Tribulation and it will not end until Christ returns!

Troublesome Times

During Daniel’s day, when Zerubbabel went to lay the foundation for *the temple*, Jerusalem was in *a time of trouble* (great sorrows). Why is this? It is because The Jews and Israel were never restored or brought back from worldwide captivity. Only a small group of Jews left Babylon to rebuild God’s *temple*. People, including The Babylonians, The Edomites and The Arabs, had been occupying the land. They continue to occupy most of Israel today. Many who are living in The Nation of Israel are not from the genealogy of Judah. In many cases, they are only Jews through religion and not race. Over time, some claimed to be Jews when they were not, genealogically, from Judah. When Jesus came, Jerusalem was filled with people who claimed to be Jews. They joined The Jewish *religion* by being circumcised and keeping *The Law of Moses*. Many called themselves “Jews” although they were not from The Tribe of Judah. Paul was a Jew but not of The Tribe of Judah, genealogically. The Levites were not of Judah, either. The Levites were to serve the priesthood who was of Aaron.

Herod, their King, was an Edomite. The Roman Government annually chose their High Priest from The Sadducees. This is ironic because they didn’t even

believe in *the resurrection*. Jews in Jerusalem didn't believe The Samaritans were from The House of Israel; yet, those in Samaria claimed to be The Children of Jacob (John 4:12). Many in Galilee were Gentiles (Matthew 4:15). From the time of captivity in Babylon to the restoration of The Temple, a great number were not Israelites or even Jews (by birth). They only claimed to be Jews. Today, Jerusalem is exactly as it was in The Days when Jesus was on this earth. The Nation of Israel is composed of many non-Israelites and non-Jews. Israel is a mongrel group held together only by religion. Many of today's Jews (in Israel) came from other nations. They claim to be Jewish by religion and not by race. They are Jews only through accepting The Jewish Religion. Some are known as Sephardi or Ashkenazim Jews while others claim to be of The Khazars, an Empire in The Caucasus during the time of 400-1100 A.D.

That is why Israel's definition of a Jew is by religion and not necessarily by genealogy. Only 20% of Israel's citizens are Arabs. Others are Edomites (like Herod). Israel, today, is very similar to its population during Christ's time on earth. This is why The Muslims claim The Jews don't belong there. Jesus, as The Messiah, came to bring all Israel back to God's Promised Land, but they rejected Him as their King. They had Him killed. That generation was evil and adulterous. Because of this, the curse that existed in Zechariah's time continued to cover the whole world. They were evil because they refused their King. They were adulterous by going after other lovers and, then, having The Bridegroom killed.

So, Jesus sought a *bride* who would come from a more worthy nation (Matthew 21:42-44). Christ can again be engaged and marry Israel (as He died for her). (Once an engagement was announced it was considered a *marriage* in God's covenant). **Once dead, The Covenant ended. Christ not only came as The Bridegroom, but He also came as The One Stone who was rejected. When He returns, He will rebuild God's *house*. God will do the building and it will not be done by a foreigner (like an Edomite). King Herod was not from Israel or King David's *household*. Christ is from that line! Only Jesus can restore The Temple of God in Jerusalem. Christ is The One who brings Israel back to God's Promised Land. This occurs at The Messiah's Second Coming with the start of The Millennium (Read Ezekiel 40-48 and Isaiah 66). Jesus unites Judah at that time with Israel. The Lost Tribes became one staff (stick) known as "*Beauty and Bands*" (Zechariah 11:7).**

Zechariah announced, "*Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars*" (Zechariah 11:1). This is the beginning of Armageddon. The armies will begin to assemble for World War III. Israel and Judah broke their marriage contract by committing adultery and will need to be restored (Zechariah 11:9-17). Christ can become engaged to Israel and Judah because they, also, will have died for Christ in the tribulation.

***The Law* never allows a divorced woman to remarry her former living husband. Only through death can the woman be free to remarry him. Death released**

the marriage covenant (Romans 7:1-2). Jesus was the groom of Israel. Once He divorced her (The Israelites), He could not remarry Israel until He died. Only, then, was He free to remarry her.

Israel and Judah are restored by Christ and remolded into a new, beautiful Bride worthy to be His Wife (Zechariah 11:9-14 reveals *The Old Covenant* is broken or null and void and Revelation 19:7-8 reveals *The New Covenant* is restored through Christ's death).

The End Days

The Last Days or Days of Light ended when Christ was crucified. The End of Days (light) were completely extinguished. The Sign of Jonah goes beyond the uninvited to *One* who is greater than Jonah (Matthew 12:14 and John 12:35). Here is Jesus' parting words before He was crucified, "*I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world*" (John 12:46-47). Are you ready to understand why Jesus was greater than Jonah? Jesus is greater than Jonah because He brought *Salvation* and *repentance* to everyone. Jonah only brought repentance to The Ninevites. The End of Days comes closer when the world is filled with so much evil.

CHAPTER 11

A WORLD IN DARKNESS

After Jesus was resurrected and went to be with His Father, *the last days of light* ended. Jesus predicted those last days (without light) would be known as The Time of Sorrows. This was prophesied as *a total world curse* (Matthew 24 and Mark 13).

The Beginning And The End

In The Olivet Prophecy, Christ prophesied that *the temple* would be destroyed and not one stone would be left upon another (Matthew 24:2). That prediction would be followed by other events like many false preachers claiming Jesus was The Messiah (Mark 13:6). Rumors of wars would come and go, but His Disciples were assured they need not be troubled since the end *is not yet*. The Disciples had the distinct impression this was all going to occur in their lifetime. Continuing with The Olivet Prophecy, you find nations will rise against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms. But, there is more. Jesus said there will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes. He made a grave announcement, “*All these are the beginning of sorrows*” (Matthew 24:8). The word “*sorrows*” in Greek alludes to “*a birth pain*” or “*the start of labor.*” Jerusalem began to have labor pains which would eventually produce a newborn babe. Hence, The Time of Birth

approaches. Finally, the time arrives and is called **The Great Tribulation**. The downfall of Jerusalem is to occur after this. Jesus warned about what signs His Disciples should look for, so they could escape to the mountains. When the time came, many fled to Pella. In 70 A.D., *the temple* was destroyed by Titus. Not one stone was left upon another. Those who remained in Jerusalem were taken captive and scattered into all the nations of the world. This will not take place until **The Times Of The Gentiles** are fulfilled (Luke 21:24). **The Time of Jerusalem's Trouble** continues and concludes only when **The Gentile's World Rule** ceases at **The Time of The End**.

The Greek Definition For Tribulation

Since **The Time of Sorrows** is the first part of **The Great Tribulation**, the labor pains of birth will continue to intensify. This is exactly what the definition in Greek declares. The word "*tribulation*" means "*to constrain*" or "*to be in a closed room*" (with nowhere to go). It denotes *super-human stress relating to labor pains*, but it will prove to be false pains. So, there will be no delivery of a newborn. Hence, this *tribulation* is likened to *a false labor pain*. As a result, this is a time of curses. No children will be born until *the true tribulation* comes to pass.

The Apostle Paul understood this prophecy and he explained the difference between *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant* (Galatians 4:22-27). The slave of Abraham's wife (Hagar) bore a child for Abraham. In reality, this son, Ishmael, was an illegitimate son.

Under *The Old Covenant*, The Letter of *The Law* contained many *works* that Israel had to perform. This was because they were in slavery in Egypt. (Read *The Forth Commandment* in Deuteronomy 5:12-15). *The Old Covenant Law* was written for slaves who had a *wrong heart*. They were in another form of slavery during their trek through *the wilderness*. This time they were Slaves of God because of their disobedience. *In the wilderness*, they were tried and tested. *The Law of Moses* was intended to bring them *to Christ* (Galatians 3:24). However, they rebelled against God's Law. As a result, they all had to die. They could not enter The Property of God (The Promised Land). Now, *The New Covenant Law* was to be magnified (enlarged) to the point where it was more honorable than *The Old Covenant Law* (Isaiah 42:21). *The Old Covenant Law* (letter) produced death (II Corinthians 3:6). *The New Covenant Law* was something that would change your heart and mind. It will bring *life*. Wow! Christ magnified *The Law* by God's Holy Spirit, thus making everyone Holy or righteous. It was accomplished by God doing all the work and not by any Christian *works* (Christian's trying on their own). "*Christ – In You*" (The Mystery of God) will give you Life Eternal.

Paul refers to Isaac's birth as a miracle given by God to Abraham. This birth was not the result of human ideas or works. This is *The New Covenant* through Melchizedek who changed *The Law*. In *The New Covenant*, God does the work. Mere man is not able to compete with God. Paul states how *this Old Covenant Law*, given at Mount Sinai, produced slavery. It compares with Old Jerusalem. Consequently, Jerusalem

had to be destroyed because it (in Christ's day) was evil (Sodom) and adulterous (Egypt) (Revelation 11:8). This is why Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem. In short, The City of Jerusalem was a form of Sodom and Egypt.

Jerusalem was not an Israeli city in Christ's time. Its King was an Edomite and the entire region was under The Rulership of Rome. Jerusalem was populated by strangers rather than by Israelites. This was the case from The Times of Trouble when Zerubbabel went to restore *the temple foundation*. Even in Jesus' day, *the temple* was defiled by Herod for commercial reasons. All this negativity meant *the temple* had to go – and it did. Paul revealed The End of Days after The Last Days of The Light and Jerusalem will be restored.

Paul heralded a wonderful truth, “*But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all [universal]*” (Galatians 4:26). At the time of this heavenly Jerusalem under The New Heaven and The New Earth, “*the desolate has many more children than she which has an husband*” (Galatians 4:27). This first tribulation, with all its pains of child bearing does not produce Godly children. This is because they were evil and adulterous – just like Sodom and Egypt. So, this labor of birth is a false tribulation.

Jacob's Trouble

During The Days of King Hezekiah, The King of Judah, a world prophetic event took place which affected all of God's people in Israel and Judah. This prophecy began in 600 B.C., which was fifteen years

before Judah was taken into captivity (Babylon). Nebuchadnezzar took them captive in 586 B.C. (Read II Kings 18-20). Regarding these days, Jeremiah said, *“For, lo, the days come, says the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, says the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers and they shall possess it. And these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus says the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear and not of peace. Ask you now and see whether a man does travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, that I will break your yoke from off your neck and will burst your bonds and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up to them”* (Jeremiah 30:3-9).

This is awesome! Sometime in the future, King David will be resurrected and he will rule during The Millennium. At that time, Jacob’s troubles will end. This is not The Great Tribulation which Christ warned Jerusalem about. It took place in 70 A.D. under Titus. In that tribulation, Judah went into world captivity until The Times Of The Gentiles are fulfilled (Luke 21:24). King David will be resurrected when Christ returns. The Gentiles ruled Jerusalem in Christ’s day. Herod, an Edomite, was The King of Judah. Caesar chose *the high priest* to administer religion. It is exactly the

same today. Modern Israel has a great number of Gentiles living there. *Questionable Jews* like *Sephadia* or *Ashkenazim Jews* are ruling modern-day Israel.

Remember, not all Jews are from The Tribe of Judah. Some are Jews, only, through religion. To be a Jew today, all you need to do is be circumcised and keep *The Law of Moses*. There is another factor about Israel. In Christ's time, it was controlled by Gentiles just as it is today. Jeremiah's prophecy speaks of another great tribulation, which is The Second Tribulation. It is a continuation of The First Tribulation. Once again, this tribulation will be compared to a woman in childbirth. It will be so intense and of such severity that every individual will stoop as if they are in labor giving birth to a child!

Then, Christ comes to restore and bring together all The Israelites scattered throughout the world (Israel and Judah). As a result, they will once again become *one stick* or *one nation* according to the prophecy in Ezekiel 37. When is this supposed to take place? King David will be resurrected and will again become King over all Israel. Until The Times Of The Gentiles end, Israel's troublesome times will continue. Jacob's trouble began in 586 B.C. with the captivity of Judah (conquering Nebuchadnezzar). This was the start of Gentile Rule until The End of Days. King David will be restored as King over Israel with The Return of Christ. The Sign of Jonah is about to conclude. The End of Days or The End of All Light is nearly ready to take place. Yet, the world cannot see because it is in darkness!

CHAPTER 12

DAYS ARE NOT HOURS

It has been proven that *time* does not exist in God's perspective. Hours and days do not matter in God's *plan*. Only light and darkness outline God's concept of *time*. Jesus asked, "*Are there not twelve hours in the day?*" (John 11:9). God answers by revealing how only the light of a day and the darkness at night define *a day*. It can be a 24-hour day or a 1,000-year day (II Peter 3). God measures a day by light and darkness and not hours (Genesis 1).

Christ Is Greater

The parable of The Sign of Jonah is given as *a piece* of the puzzle in *The Old Testament*. *This piece proves* Jesus is The Messiah because according to God's time He spent three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. This situation parallels the experience of Christ. This *sign*, however, is only for an evil and adulterous nation. It was for those living in Jerusalem at the time of Christ's crucifixion (Revelation 11:8). They were in Babylon.

The people were evil because they sinned and were adulterous. They rejected Jesus as their Bridegroom

and King. Christ divorced them (death cancels a contract), but He did this so that He could remarry them in the future (Matthew 21, John 11 and Zechariah 9:9). They were evil because they were guilty of having Jesus murdered by The Romans. Jesus will send The Wedding Feast *invitations* to the world. Invitations go to both *the bad* and *the good* (Matthew 22:9-10).

What was significant for that evil and adulterous generation was the instruction about Jesus being in the grave for three days and three nights (Jonah in the belly of the fish). You have read how Jesus probably died on Wednesday afternoon around 3:00 P.M. and was resurrected three days and three nights later on Saturday afternoon. Jesus was already resurrected when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark. Sunday morning hadn't started since it was just on the horizon (John 21:1). Mary came before the light began to shine on the first day of the week (Sunday). It was still night and Christ had already been resurrected. *The Bible* does not say when Jesus rose except that it was after the three days and three nights. We don't know. The lesson is three days and three nights by God's Time. It is conditional which is light and darkness. Also, it was "*the end of the sabbath*" (Matthew 28:1). The Sabbath ended at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday night. Why was this important? It was *important* because this was during The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Luke 22:1).

During The Passover, The Jews were told to stay indoors or else their firstborn would be killed. However, only the firstborns of The Egyptian children

were killed. This night was not a Sabbath (annual), but they were all required to stay indoors. The next day, Thursday, was not a Sabbath, either. Rather, it was “*a night to be much remembered.*” This night was the time when Israel was released from slavery. Friday was a preparation day for The Sabbaths (two) that followed. Both of these Sabbaths started on Friday evening. They were *the annual* Sabbath and *the weekly* Seventh Day Sabbath. This annual Sabbath was called The Feast of Unleavened Bread. This *feast* was celebrated by having The Israelites remove all leavening (representing sin) from their houses for seven days. During *these seven days*, the people were to experience sinlessness, which is to come out of sin (Exodus 23 and 34; I Corinthians 5:6-7 and Colossians 2:16). *The condition for The Messiah’s return* is when Israel is ready to repent and accept Jesus, their Groom.

The Seventh Day weekly Sabbath represented The Rest of God or Paradise (Hebrews 4). (Read the book, *God’s Sabbath And Holy Days*).

Jesus might have died on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. In doing so, He saved all the inhabitants of the earth who were born and will be born in the future. Thursday was the second day of His death. It ended on Thursday night and was a *feast day* (Night To Be Much Remembered). It will be remembered because it was the sign of a promise that all humans will be saved. They will be at The Wedding Feast. (Read the book, *The Wedding Feast*).

Friday night began the third day with two Sabbaths

occurring (an Annual Sabbath and The Seventh Day Weekly Sabbath). **On Saturday, the third day, everyone in the world became sinless because of Christ's death. Consequently, they would be able to enter God's Seventh Day Rest, The Weekly Sabbath. This is Paradise or The Kingdom of God (New Jerusalem on earth) (Revelation 21 and 22). God is more wonderful than any human can imagine. God is truly amazing! Can you see the difference between Christ and The Sign of Jonah which only brought The Ninevites to repentance? Christ and His sign are greater than Jonah (Matthew 12:38-41). Jesus, with His birth, death and resurrection, is able to give Salvation to the whole world.**

Jesus was rejected by His people. Since they were evil and adulterous, they would only understand through His death and resurrection. Christ's *sign* proves He is The Messiah, The Savior of The World. Christ's people wouldn't repent like The Assyrians did when John, The Baptist preached. Being evil and adulterous, like Sodom and Egypt, they murdered Jesus. So, being rejected, Christ turned to another nation. You can now understand the debate over Jesus' death. You are now ready to prove The Mystery of God which is "*Christ – In You.*" His *sign of the two witnesses* is to be given to His people and, eventually, to the whole world. *The sign is the love for Christ even to their death, as He died for everyone.*

Jesus Dies

"And it was about the sixth hour [12:00 noon] and there

was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour [3:00 P.M.]. And the sun was darkened and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost [spirit]" (Luke 23:44-46). Jesus died. He no longer existed. His human flesh was totally dead. What some do not realize is that Jesus' decision to die was made with His free choice. Notice The Centurion's reply regarding His death, *"Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man"* (Luke 23:47). *The Centurion saw that Jesus died willingly. Could he have been The First Gentile to become a Christian (Acts 10)?*

Jesus, of His own volition, chose to die for the world. This glorified God! Jesus said, *"Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father"* (John 10:17-18). Wow, what faith! God told Jesus He would be required to die and be resurrected. When Jesus died, He knew God would leave Him completely on His own to bear the sins of the world. This was why He asked, *"My God [Father], my God, why have you forsaken me?"* (Matthew 27:46).

In faith, Jesus knew that He would be resurrected because God told Him so by The Holy Spirit. That's faith! You are saved by your faith when you trust God implicitly! Jesus is The Author, a forerunner, for Christians and your faith in Him (Hebrews 12:2).

Change Of Day

You must question whether that day had twelve hours of light as Jesus stated. No, the day Christ died had only nine hours of daylight. Jesus died in darkness at 3:00 P.M. Why was darkness upon *the whole earth*? Was it an eclipse? That day was shortened because Christ's life was shortened when He died for everyone's sins (John 1). This was the beginning of The Last Days of Light upon the earth. This was The Time of The Last Days. From then on, the world would be in darkness (without God). Wow! His two *witnesses* will be *the candlesticks*: 1) The Menorah (The Seven Churches, The Churches of God in Revelation 1) and 2) The Remnant of Israel. These candlesticks would light a world in darkness because The Holy Spirit gives them light! His two witnesses (The Churches of God and a Remnant of Israel) are a ray of light upon the earth. That is why the moon reflects the light from the sun (Christ) to the earth at night. Darkness, from the time of His death, remains a wilderness (a human curse of wickedness) until The Return of Jesus (Zechariah 5).

You are beginning to see why The Sign of Jesus is greater than The Sign of Jonah. Jesus is greater than Jonah because, as *the light* of every man, He gives *truth* to the world and there is no darkness in Him. He is in the exact image of God (I John 1:5). This began The Last Days.

CHAPTER 13

THE MORNING STAR

With the death of Jesus, the first day ended at 3:00 P.M. and the second day began. That second day was fifteen hours long. All this was according to God's timetable of day and night. When Jesus died, the day had only nine hours before the night began. The second day concluded with The Feast called The Night To Be Much Remembered (memorializing when Israel left Egypt). Likewise, because Jesus died, everyone's sins were paid for. Then, the world could leave Egypt (denoting a type of sin). Christ changed The Bride from being just The Remnant of Israel to include everyone who comes out of Babylon or Egypt. It truly was A Night To Be Remembered because Jesus turned to The Gentiles (Matthew 21).

The first day of Jesus' death probably started Wednesday afternoon (3:00 P.M.) and lasted until Thursday night. Thursday night till Friday night was the second day. The third day began Friday night which lasted till Saturday night. Jesus was resurrected on Saturday and was in Paradise on that Seventh Day Sabbath.

Remember, when Mary came to the sepulchre, it was

still dark and Jesus was already gone (John 20:1). Christ was not resurrected on the first day of the week. Rather, He was raised on The Sabbath. On the first day of the week (while it was still dark), Mary came to the tomb and He had already risen. The world was in darkness that first Sunday (The Last Days). The light had gone out.

Sign Of Jonah

Jonah's *sign* brought repentance. Jesus' death offered the world *a light* so the people could see the truth. Instead of peace and prosperity, *the world curse* continued. Jesus truly was a greater sign than Jonah. Jesus, The Christ must return to restore light to the world, which is The Word of God. If Judah had accepted Christ as their Messiah, would there have been a different outcome? If they had accepted Christ when He was resurrected, The Millennial Peace of The Kingdom of God would have started. The Wedding Feast *announcement* would have been proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Mystery Of God Ends

John, The Apostle, after he had written about the six seals and the heavenly signs, continued writing *The Book of Revelation*. However, he was told to stop writing. Just as The Seventh Trumpet was about to sound, John ceased to unseal The Seventh Seal. John was told to continue later when he would prophesy to the world (Revelation 10:11). Here is the reason John stopped at the beginning of The Seventh Trump

(Revelation 10:4). At the time of The Seventh Trumpet, time ceases (stops) because, “*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets*” (Revelation 10:7).

Amazingly, the six seals and the prophecy are all finished (as Christ foretold). He said that this generation shall not pass till all these things are fulfilled (Matthew 24:24-29 and Matthew 24:34). Everything was fulfilled in The First Century before that generation died. Paul warned Christians that Christ wouldn’t come back until a great falling away took place and *The anti-Christ* ruled for a short time (II Thessalonians 2:2).

Just as The Mystery of God was only to be understood by Christians, Satan had to deceive the world with The Mystery of Iniquity (II Thessalonians 2:7). This falling away from *the truth* started after that generation was dead. That is why Jude declared Christians needed to return to the original faith of The Apostles (Jude 3). *The Book of Revelation* was written to The Seven Churches because Christianity was already in *doctrinal* chaos. The Greek name “*Diotrephes*,” when translated, means “*a friend of Zeus*,” who is Lord and Master. Diotrephes disfellowshipped Christians who did not believe what he taught (III John 1:9-11).

Some churches do the same thing today. So, John warned the believers to follow what was *good* and not to follow *evil* (III John 1:11). John said kicking people out of the church for *dogmatic doctrinal differences*

was evil. Spiritual growth can only occur when *free choice* is allowed (Romans 14).

By the time The First Century ended, Christianity was in doctrinal chaos and The Nicolaitanes were penetrating The Churches of God just as Christ had warned (Revelation 2:6). Diotrephes was a Nicolaitane. In Greek, "*Nicolaitane*" means "*to bind*" or "*control the laity*." Everyone was required to be at the same level of doctrinal belief or else they were cast out of *the church*. The Gnostics penetrated The Churches of God in this way. That is why there were many persecutions, martyrs and great tribulations within God's *churches* over the centuries.

Now, consider the following. The Nicolaitanes have always penetrated The Churches of God. That is why Jesus wonders if He will find any faith when He returns. The final anti-Christ will be a Nicolaitane leading a one-world religion with one doctrine. It will be The anti-Christ's *doctrine*. This is Satan's Mystery of Babylon, The Great Whore. The End of Days or *end of light*, will come to a climax and the world will be in total darkness. This will usher in The Day of The Lord.

This darkness comes to an apex just before *The Seventh Trumpet* sounds. The Seventh Trumpet is the announcement of God's intervention in world affairs. Cataclysmic signs in the heaven and on earth will be unleashed. *The third woe* starts with Armageddon. This will end in a world war over Jerusalem just before The Return of Christ (Zechariah 14:1-4). Jesus

returns at the sounding of The Seventh Trump. Most likely, the world will blame *the green-house effect* on the first four trumpets for bringing heavenly and earthly destruction. Satan tries to thwart *the truth* and deceive the world by using Babylonian miracles. That is why the world fights Christ at His Second Coming (Revelation 17:14).

The Day Of The Lord

The Book of Joel specifically discusses The Day of The Lord. Read these three chapters thoroughly. Here is how The Day of The Lord will be known, “*Blow you the trumpet [Seventh] in Zion [Jerusalem, the Last Woe] and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble [Great Tribulation]: for the day of the LORD comes, for it is nigh at hand. A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there has not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations*” (Joel 2:1-2). This has to be just prior to The Millennium because it will never be that bad again.

The world has no light, peace or prosperity. This is the culmination of Babylon and it ends mankind’s efforts to survive. These are The End of Days (of light). The human imagination created *Babylon* (Genesis 11:6-7). This includes *human science* as it was in The Days of Noah (Matthew 24:27-29 and II Peter 2:5). Mankind’s logic, through *science*, has produced destructive weapons that will result in the same outcome as

in Noah's days (wickedness and violence) (Genesis 6:5). **World genocide will end The Times of Gentile Rule. The Times of Gentile Rule will be fulfilled. The Day of The Lord is at hand.** (Read the book, *The Time of The Gentiles*). **End of Days or complete darkness is the result of man's imaginations that are made possible through mathematical probabilities. Many awesome advances have been invented for mankind. In spite of it all, without God, *survival of the fittest* will cause the destruction of the world. This planet is The House and Property of God. God has to protect His *house and land* (Psalm 24:1-10). The End Days of The Great Tribulation will be unlike The First Tribulation in 70 A.D. (which was a false labor and did not bring forth a birth). Now the birth is ready to break forth. "Before she travailed [labor], she brought forth [birthed]; before her pain [labor] came, she was delivered of a man child [Jesus]. Who has heard such a thing [no labor]? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth [world] be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children"** (Isaiah 66:7-8).

Jesus was ready to die for the sins of the world. However, His own nation did not accept Him so they never bore fruit (or a birth). They went into captivity worldwide (Luke 21:24). It was a false labor. However, the future Great Tribulation will be different. This labor, at The End of Days, will bear fruit. During this Second Great Tribulation, there will be many who turn to *righteousness* (Daniel 12:1-3). The Kingdom of God will come and many will turn to Christianity. Isaiah prophesies this Great Day of Delivery, "*Shall I bring*

to the birth and not cause to bring forth [no abortion]? Said the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth and shut the womb? Said your God. Rejoice you with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn for her: That you may suck and be satisfied with the breasts [nourished] of her consolations; that you may milk out and be delighted with the abundance of her glory [goodness and riches]. For this said the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall you suck, you shall be borne upon her sides and be dandled [to move a baby lightly up and down] upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem” (Isaiah 66:9-13).

This account covers the death of Jesus, His resurrection, the first tribulation into captivity and, then, a false labor. This shows God never aborts a babe and will bring a full birth to fruition. It does not happen in one day because it must mature in the mother’s womb!

This continuing Great Tribulation brings many to righteousness when The Groom returns for His Bride. The Millennium begins the announcement for the whole world to come to The Wedding Feast! Wow! The Morning Star (the sun) is ready to come and complete The Mystery of God. This will happen at the sounding of The Seventh Trump (Revelation 10:7 and 22:16).

CHAPTER 14

THE SIGN OF CHRIST

The Sign of Jonah was intended for an evil and adulterous generation. To this day, the whole world (Christians and scholars) debates whether Jesus, The Christ, was The Messiah or not. No answer will be given to such people except to that generation. The conclusion is that He was The Messiah. This is *the only sign* that was given and it concerned The Three Days and The Three Nights Jesus was in the grave. With *the truth* (The Word of God), this debate should end with the statement, “*But the wise shall understand*” (Daniel 12:10). The wicked will not be able to discern. However, the wise ones, as little babes who are teachable, will spiritually mature.

Christ’s Return

Jesus tells you what to look for when He returns. He, also, tells you what not to look for. What do the wise and teachable need? “*And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs [anti-Christ] and false prophets and shall show great signs [healing,*

etc] *and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say to you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not*" (Matthew 24:22-26).

Notice, the subject of Jesus' *return* is clear. It will be such a catastrophic time that even God's elect will be destroyed if Christ doesn't intervene. It will be a period of *world genocide*. The world will be in complete darkness. The reason Jesus warns you about this perilous time is because many teachers will be falsely predicting Christ's return. Some will give dates, times and places. Locations will be given, but don't believe these false reports. Some will prophesy that Jesus is coming secretly. They will say He is coming for His Saints at a secret time and place. Don't believe it! Now, you are ready to biblically prove why Jesus cannot come in any other way than what He is about to reveal.

Remember, The Pharisees asked for *a sign* to prove that Jesus was The Messiah (Matthew 12:38). He answered the evil and adulterous generation by saying, "*there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah*" (Matthew 12:39). They are busy trying to figure out *the times* and debating when Christ died (about the three days and three nights). They don't know the answer to the riddle of Jonah being in the belly of the great fish (Matthew 12:38-40). Was the day of Christ's *death* Wednesday, Thursday or Friday? Now, you know what not to look for. You can read when The Messiah will return and give Salva-

tion. Christ declares, “*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken* [heavenly signs appear that the world is in darkness]” (Matthew 24:29).

The heavenly signs are caused by God (not from the greenhouse effect). They occurred in The First Century and are probably the reason why some believed The First Resurrection already happened. They were waiting for The Last Resurrection – or else there was to be *no resurrection* at all. That is why Paul had to write to validate The First Resurrection even though it had not happened yet (I Corinthians 15). This caused great confusion for The Christians. That is why Jesus warned that His generation would not pass till all was fulfilled (Matthew 24:34). What *tribulation* is this? What are the heavenly signs? Everything was fulfilled in Christ’s generation. All had taken place during the time of that generation (while they were still alive) (Matthew 24). What a dilemma! What a contradiction!

Christ’s Sign

Jesus clarifies this conundrum. Read Matthew 24:30-51 thoroughly. You are about to see Jesus reveal the true sign of His Messiahship, which is *greater* than Jonah’s three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. A greater sign and a greater purpose proves that The Messiah was foretold, “*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven* [it will not be a

secret]: *and then shall all the tribes* [the world] *of the earth mourn and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory* [the shekinah]” (Matthew 24:30). This is The First Resurrection of The Saints. What is *the sign* of Christ’s Messiahship? He comes with God’s power and glory. God’s *glory* is all of His goodness, riches and power. This is what will give you Salvation. This is precisely when The Mystery of God is fulfilled, “*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he had declared to his servants the prophets*” (Revelation 10:7).

Christ comes in all of God’s glory or light. When this occurs there will *not be any global blindness*. A new day will begin. God’s day as the sun will rise in the east and all darkness will end. There is *no secret return, specific day or time but a condition based upon darkness* – complete evil!

The whole world will mourn at The Return of Jesus. The world mourns because all their human imaginations (Babylon) were wrong! Jesus concludes *The Book of Revelation* with the declaration, “*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify* [witness] *to you* [seven churches] *these things in the churches* [seven]. *I am the root* [before David, God’s *Word*] *and the offspring* [lineage] *of David and the bright and morning star*” (Revelation 22:16). Jesus existed before David as *The Spoken Word of God*, God’s word Himself, Elohim. Therefore, He is *the very root* of David’s genealogy before King David came on the scene. David wrote, “*The LORD* [JHVH,

Father God] *said to my Lord [Jesus, His Son – future prophecy Acts 2], Sit you at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool”* (Psalm 110:1).

This was God talking to His *Word* before Jesus appeared in the flesh (all of God’s thinking, plans and memory were His *word* and were transmitted to Jesus through The Holy Spirit when He came the first time). **This prophecy did not occur until Jesus was resurrected and sat at the right hand of God** (Acts 2:32-35). **God’s Holy Spirit gave King David this prophecy in Psalm 110. Christ now solves The Mystery of His Birth. At the writing of Psalm 110 King David revealed God’s mind and future prophecy of The Messiah.**

Mary was from The Tribe of Levi. The Tribe of Levi was the genealogical line from which Elizabeth came. Elizabeth was Mary’s cousin through her marriage to Zechariah, who was a Priest of The Tribe of Levi. Zechariah was the father of John The Baptist, who, also, had a miraculous birth. They were all called Jews of Judah but were of The Tribe of Levi. Zechariah was Mary’s cousin and Elizabeth was her cousin-in-law. How does Mary, Jesus’ mother from The Tribe of Levi, make Jesus a part of Judea, The House of David?

Joseph was Christ’s adopted father by genealogy. However, this doesn’t mean Jesus came from The House of King David through Joseph. How could Jesus come from David’s line? Christ asked The Pharisees the same question, “*Saying, What think you of Christ? Whose son is he? They [Pharisees] said to him,*

The son of David. He said to them, How then does David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit you on my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool [submit]? If David then call him Lord; how is he his son?" (Matthew 22:42-46). Jesus could not have been of David if He existed before King David. Christ said so (John 8:48)! He was of Judah by God's Holy Spirit which was the Root of King David's lineage. All the world came from God's Spirit.

This is a funny thing, isn't it? They could not give Him the answer, but Jesus will reveal it to you! Psalm 110:1 reveals "a type" and "a prophecy." Christ said that David, as King of Israel, would destroy The Lord's enemies. That is why he had enough faith to fight Goliath and, later, become The King of Israel. Jesus answered His own question to The Pharisees about how David, although so young, had the faith to fight Goliath. As amazing and awesome as it seems, the answer to this question directly ties in with Christ being greater than The Sign of Jonah. There are two vital points about why Jesus is greater than Jonah (Revelation 22:16).

Jesus is the root, or the beginning, of the family genealogy of King David as God's Word. Christ started The Davidic Line through God's Holy Spirit. Ask God for help to understand this. Remember, Jesus, before becoming human, created all things as The Word of God (Hebrews 1:13). Jesus told The Pharisees it was God's spirit that was revealed to King David (Psalm 110:1). It is quite simple but very deep – *spiritually*. It is God's Holy Spirit which is The Word of God.

On The Day of Pentecost, Peter preached that Jesus sat at God's right hand after His resurrection. This prophecy was fulfilled (Psalm 110:1). Jesus had to destroy all of God's enemies (I Corinthians 15:24-26). The main enemy was death. Jesus, as The Son of David, was now obligated to complete the prophecy (Psalm 110:1). How could Jesus, who was The Genesis of David's family, now be David's son? It is so simple and so wonderful! Jesus was born as a human in the flesh by God's Holy Spirit. Mary was overshadowed by The Holy Spirit which made Jesus Holy (Luke 1:35). The Holy Spirit, or The Word of God, began the family of King David. He had God's heart or spirit (Psalm 51). Mary, being made pregnant with Jesus, became the mother of The Very Word of God. *The word* became *flesh* (human) (John 1:14). Jesus, The Son of Man, was, also, The Word of God through The Holy Spirit. This was just like King David. This Son of Man, now in the flesh, was the same as The Word of God. Furthermore, He was The Light of The World shining on every individual (John 1:9).

The Morning Star

When Jesus came to earth, the world was in darkness (2,000 years in darkness had blinded them) and the people never recognized Him (John 1:5). The First Tribulation began with The Fall of The Temple in 70 A.D. and culminated with The Fall of Masada in 74 A.D. This disaster dispersed The Jews to all sections of the world as captives (Luke 21:24). The continuing *tribulation* (sorrows) cannot take place until The Gentiles' rule is completed. "*Babes – In Christ,*" who are not

growing spiritually, will have to go through **The Great Tribulation** (Revelation 7:13-14 and 12:14-17).

Jesus, besides being *the root* or *genesis* of David's family, is also **The Bright and Morning Star**. **The First Star of The Morning that shines is the sun** (Malachi 4:2). Jesus, as **The Sun**, was filled with righteousness and He will come as an eagle with *healing and restoration* on His wings. You are coming close to the climax. This will be the fulfillment of **The Mystery of God** which is "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27). Jesus, as **The Root of The House of David**, will come as **King of Kings** and as **The Light of The World** (glory). Just imagine lightning striking from **The East** with *great power and glory* (Matthew 24:27).

The sign of Christ's Messiahship will be revealed in the heavens as The Morning Star's sunlight. Then, all the earth will mourn (Matthew 24:30). The people will know they have been fooled by the whore (Babylon) who rides the beast with seven heads led by Satan. What heralds Christ's return? Of course, it is **The Seventh Trumpet!** "*And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven [atmosphere] to the other*" (Matthew 24:31). There will be no *secret rapture* of The Saints. **The First Resurrection** takes place when **The Seventh Trumpet** sounds accompanied by all the heavenly signs. **The Return of Christ** will be seen by the world as *the sun rising in The East*. Sunday, which is *the first day* of the new week, begins as the light shines upon the earth which was in darkness.

It will occur when the times are like The Days of Noah and the world is filled with wickedness and violence (Armageddon) (Matthew 24). At that time, God's people will be resurrected (some while asleep and others at work). The warning given by Christ is for a believer to not sleep but to always watch as The Mystery of God takes place. This is so you will know what will come upon the world. The Mystery of God is completed at *The Seventh Trumpet* and The Return of The Light of The World. The Root of David will suddenly appear when the world is unaware. The Sign of Christ is greater than The Sign of Jonah. Christ, *the light of every man*, concludes The End of Days by bringing a light to the world that was in darkness. Here is what happens to those with The Mark of The Beast, "*The lord of that servant [God's people] shall come in a day when he looks not for him and in an hour that he is not aware of. And shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (Matthew 24:50-51).

Christ will not come in secret if you are wise and always watching (Daniel 12:10). Those who debate The Sign of Jonah and what day Christ died will not know or understand. Only those who believe in The Messiah (because He is greater than Jonah) will know. How is this? It occurs when The Seventh Trumpet sounds (Revelation 10:7). The Mystery of God ends when The Light of The World returns (Daniel 12:7 and Revelation 22:16).

CHAPTER 15

THE WORD OF GOD

Christ will shine like *the sun* in full strength. He is *the light* for every man in the world. Who is The Word of God which gives *light* to the whole world? To answer this question, you must go back to the beginning. The Alpha is the beginning and the ending is known as The Omega.

YHVH

The word “*God*” in Hebrew is “*Elohim.*” He is The All Encompassing, Almighty, Universal, Holy, Most Powerful, Supreme Creator and Loving Father of all. When Elohim spoke, He said, “*Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good*” (Genesis 1:3-4). There is more. *This Word* was of God and came from God’s *goodness*, which is His *glory* (The Shekinah) (Exodus 33:18-19 and John 1:1-3). God is the “*I AM THAT I AM [YHVH]*” (Exodus 3:14). *This “word”* who created all things, was The Very Light of The World and was all of God’s express images (Hebrews 1:1-3). *This “word”* became Christ, who is The Very Son of God. What or who was *this “word?”* Who became Christ? Moses clearly defines *this “word.”* Israel was frightened when they heard *the booming* Words of God who gave *The Ten Commandments*. In fear, they decided that Moses should

be their intercessor with God. God approved their request and sent a messenger (an angel) to lead them to The Promised Land. Since they lacked faith in God, He told them this messenger would give no mercy, nor would they be pardoned. To be safe, they had to keep every aspect of God's "*word*." God gave *The Old Covenant Law* so they would know what was *good* and what was *evil* (Hebrews 3:10 and Exodus 23:20-21). No *forgiveness* or *mercy* would be given.

What or who was *this word* that created all things? Consider this text, "*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren [a human], like to you and will put my words in his mouth: and he [Christ] shall speak to them all that I shall command Him*" (Deuteronomy 18:18). Wow! The Word of God is Elohim's *very words* and the thoughts in His mind, all of which He gave to Christ! It can't be any simpler! Jesus, the human, became God's *very word*! Did you think about what *The Bible* just told you? "*And will put my words in His mouth.*" (Since The Sixteenth Century, most students of *The Bible*, just read over and ignored each word of The Word of God. When you see words in **an italicized font** or **in quotes**, read them again and again. They are highlighted this way so you will not read over them. They are *The Words* of God).

Jesus is God's very Son. "*YHVH*" is "*Elohim*" (The God of all things). He is The One who spoke God's *words* and created all things! Christ became God as His *word*. What was Jesus before He was human? He was not *a separate being*; He was The Word of God. "*And the earth was without form and void and darkness*

was upon the face of the deep. And The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2). This *spirit* of God, *not Christ*, became God’s *word* at His *birth* (Luke 1:35). God’s Holy Spirit is the power, love and The Mind of God (II Timothy 1:7). God’s Holy Spirit is the glory, riches and goodness of God (Exodus 33). It is all of God’s Shekinah *glory* that followed Israel. The Glory of God only spoke to Moses in the tabernacle. Paul told you about Israel’s sojourn in the wilderness, “*Wherefore as the Holy Ghost [Spirit] said, Today if you will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation [Israel’s sin], in the day of temptation [trial] in the wilderness”* (Hebrews 3:7-8).

God’s Holy Spirit is *the very power, love and The Sound Mind of God*. These are truly wondrous words! The Holy Spirit expresses *the very thoughts* or The Mind of God with all its loving power (II Timothy 1:7). These are The Very Words of God with all their *glory* (riches and goodness). These same *thoughts, power and love* of God became Christ in the flesh; which were, also, God’s very words and His mind and intellect, including all His *power, The Almighty One*. These three attributes of *power, love and a sound mind* include all of God’s *abilities* which is the word “*Elohim.*” Here is what Mary was told before she became pregnant with Christ. “*And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Ghost [Spirit] shall come upon you and the power of the Highest [YHVH] shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God”* (Luke 1:35). Christ as The Word is God, because God’s *very mind and thoughts* are in *The Word* of God. The Holy *thing* mentioned

in *The Book of Luke* is The Holy Spirit which became God's Son! There it is, God's *goodness* and *riches* became God's Son *in the flesh* (born of Mary). God's very mind, thoughts, words, love and power became Christ, The Creator of all things. Wow! "*Logos*," or "*word*" in Greek, means that it contains "*the complete meaning of The Word of God*." God gave His Son this full measure or completeness which is "*kind after kind!*" You are to become like Jesus when you become a Son of God. When Jesus was destined to be crucified, He asked God to give Him *the glory* that He had as *The Word* (with God) before the world was formed (John 17:5). God's very words and mind, with all its power, always existed. From heaven, God gave Christ His *very power* and *love*, as well as His *sound mind* (II Timothy 1:7).

Jesus only speaks The Very Words of God because God gave Him His Holy Spirit without measure (John 3:34). Christians will receive an earnest portion of God's Spirit, but it is only a down payment (Ephesians 1). Jesus had all of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus truly was The Complete Word through God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit made Jesus Holy. God's Holy Spirit is God.

Christ – The Greatest Sign

Jesus, as God's First begotten Son, was The Light of The World for every man. Here is what Christ told Nicodemus about how everyone can be born again as God's sons, "*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him*

might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed [faith] in the name [authority] of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light [truth] is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one [world] that does evil hates the light [Christ], neither comes to the light, lest his deeds [works] should be reprov'd. But he that does truth comes to the light [Christ], that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought [produced] in God" (John 3:17-21). How clear do you want it? It is God Almighty who makes you in His *image* and not Jesus. Christ is *The Author as God's word*.

The Sign of Jonah (the three days and the three nights) was meant to be a witness to an adulterous and evil nation. Its purpose was to bring sinners to repentance (as with The Ninevites). Christ, as **The Messiah and The Light or Truth Bringer**, is revealed to you when you repent. The Mystery of God is "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27).

Christ is The Bright and Morning Star and The Root of David. At The Seventh Trumpet, when Christ returns, The Mystery of God will be fulfilled (completed). The End of Days will finally result in violence and war. The world will come out of the wilderness so it can, once again, be found in God's *light*. Jerusalem is to become The Mother of Everyone by breaking forth and having children. The people will be called to *the light* during The Millennium and invited to God's Great Wedding Feast for His Son and The Bride. New

Jerusalem and The New Earth ushers in a new day for The Wedding Feast of The Groom and His Wife. The Wife will bear children without end. The Agnostics and non-Christians will repent and turn to God, “*And the Spirit [God] and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*” (Revelation 22:17). What water is this? These are the waters which contain *the healing leaves* (Revelation 21:6 and Revelation 22:2).

All In All

Christ and God are *One* (John 10:30). How? *The Word of God* is known as God’s *words*. These *words* are *the power, love and mind* manifested in His Holy Spirit which created all things (Hebrews 3:4). Christ in the flesh, as The Son of Man, is The Very Word of God. The Word of God, through Christ, will make everyone become Sons of God. You will be One with God and God will be All In All (I Corinthians 15:28). Christ is The Alpha and The Omega (Revelation 1:8). Jesus, before being human, was The Word of God. As The Word of God, He created all things through The Holy Spirit which is God’s *very mind and power*. *The Bible* is The Word of God and reveals The One True God through His Son, Jesus! This Holy Spirit, as it moved over the waters, said, “*Let there be light and there was light...that it was good*” (Genesis 1:1-4). *This Word of God* created all things. Then, this *word* became Jesus, The Son of Man. This Son of Man (human) was The Word of God and The Light of The World which gave grace, mercy and truth (John 1:17). The Word of

God, Jesus, speaks to you through God's Holy Spirit and leads His people to *the truth* (John 16:13). God's Holy Spirit, *The Very Word* of God is "*Christ – In You,*" which is The Mystery of God (Colossians 1:27). Christ is The Bright and Morning Star, The Light Bringer of truth to the world. Christ, Himself, truly is a greater sign than The Sign of Jonah, which made the people repent. Christ, as The Word, is The Beginning and The End, just like His Father. This is "*kind after kind.*" Consequently, you are destined to be in God's family. Christ, *today*, is God as everyone will be in the future. Christ, *The Firstborn*, is to be followed by all the world (John 17:20-23).

Christ will be The Omega, which is *the end*, just as He was *the beginning*. Jesus created all things through God's Holy Spirit. This Holy power does *the work*. Christ must rule till all of God's enemies are destroyed, including death, which is the last enemy (I Corinthians 15:26). Now, what is The Work of God? "*This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom he [God] has sent*" (John 6:29). "*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters. (But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost [Spirit] was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)*" (John 7:37-39). God is The Alpha and Omega with Christ, The Messiah and Savior of The World (I John 4:14). The entire New Heaven and The New Earth will be *One with God*.

CHAPTER 16

WHO WAS CHRIST?

Being human, you tend to define your existence in terms of the flesh. Everyone knows that if you lose an arm, you still exist. But what do you consist of? The philosopher Descartes said, “*I think, therefore, I am.*” He knew that he existed and was real because he was conscious of his own awareness. Jesus, in the flesh, as The Son of Man knew He was more than just His body. You need to know who He is and not just as a physical being.

The Soul Can Die

Many believe the soul is immortal. The original Greek word for “*soul*” means “*life.*” Jesus said, “*And fear not them which kill the body [“soma” in Greek], but are not able to kill the soul [life]: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*” (Matthew 10:28). So, the soul can be destroyed. It isn’t immortal. Who are you and who was Christ when He was in the flesh? Your *soul* or *life* can only be given or taken by God. God can destroy your soul or life in The Lake of Fire. God, however, is The God of The Living and not of the dead (Matthew 22:32). People can commit murder, but God can only *kill* (not murder) since He is The God of The Living. God does not murder because

He can resurrect those He has killed. Humans cannot restore life; so, when they kill someone, it is murder. God is able to destroy your body, your *soul* and your *life*. Who are you, really, and who was Christ? This is the big question.

Jesus As A Human

As a human, Christ came from Mary and not from Joseph, genealogically. Joseph, a son of David, was Jesus' adopted father. His mother, Mary, wasn't from The Tribe of Judah. Rather, she was from The Tribe of Levi. Joseph, Mary and Jesus were all from The Land of Judah, but only Joseph was a physical Jew, but all were of The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tribes as Jews (Hebrews 7:14). Mary and her son (Jesus) were of The Tribe of Levi, as was her cousin, Elizabeth. Yet, Jesus, The Christ claims to be The Son of David. How can this be? It seems you have found a scriptural contradiction or have you? The Jews consider one's genealogy from the mother's line and not the father. This proves Christ existed before King David.

Jesus A Son of David

Read the list of descendants in the adopted genealogy of Christ from King David through Joseph (Matthew 1). In the lineage, Jesus is The Son of King David (Matthew 1:1). Is Christ an adopted son of King David because of Joseph? Jesus was not a Jew by birth, but a Levite. He was a Jew like Paul, who was of The Tribe of Benjamin. He was from The Tribe of Levi. According to prophecy, The Tribe of Levi was scattered

throughout The Tribes of Israel (Genesis 49:7). It was known that many of those in Palestine were from The House of David. That is why Joseph was living there. Jesus could not have been a Jew (by birth). He was a Levite because of His mother. He only lived and grew up in Judah and, therefore, was Jewish. That is why they called Him The King of The Jews, “*And Pilate asked him, Are you the King of the Jews? And he [Christ] answering said to him, You say it*” (Mark 15:2). Jesus knew He wasn’t The King of The Jews, but He was from Israel, just like His human great-great-great grandfather King David. Jesus was not a Jew. What is the answer? Jesus, as God’s *word*, existed before King David as God Almighty by God’s Holy Spirit.

A Tabernacle

The biblical impasse posed above is *spiritual*. Jesus told Nicodemus, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6). *Flesh* and *spirit* are not the same. “*The Spirit – In Man*” (life and consciousness) is not the same as the flesh. They are different entities. You must stop thinking of yourself (or Jesus, in the flesh) as a *physical being*! They are not the same, biblically. Jesus reveals what the flesh is, “*What and if you shall see the Son of man [flesh] ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickens [energizes life]; the flesh [human body] profits nothing: the words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life*” (John 6:62-63). In Greek, the word “*profit*” means “*useless.*” *The spirit gives you life.* That is why Solomon said, “*Then shall the dust [flesh] return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to*

God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The soul is not immortal because God can destroy your life. It is “***The Spirit – In Man***” that makes you conscious of your existence and your life. That is why humans are very aware of *being conscious*.

Jesus and humans, in the flesh, are nothing. Your spirit is your life and your sense of self. Descartes was aware of what *The Bible* revealed. Now, you are on the biblical track to discover who Christ was. The Apostle Peter clarified what your body is, “***Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit [pneuma] of Christ which was in them did signify [a sign], when it testified [witness] beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. To whom it was revealed that not to themselves [Old Prophets], but to us they did minister the things, which are now reported to you by them that have preached the gospel to you with the Holy Ghost [Spirit] sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into***” (I Peter 1:11-12). The Old Prophets, like Enoch, preached Christ, but they did not completely or fully understand *The Gospel* of Christ (Jude 14). Christians, however, are supposed to know who Christ is through The Holy Spirit given to them. The Prophets of Old revealed what was clearly made known to Christians in The Last Days because of Christ’s *revelation* (Hebrews 11:1-3). Peter plainly reveals that your human body is nothing but a tabernacle or tent where God’s *glory* dwells. *The same glory* was with Moses in *the wilderness*. This human body (a tent) is a dwelling place for God’s *glory* (I John 4:13). Your flesh, as was Christ’s flesh, is only a temporary dwelling for God. He gives life (spirit)

to every newborn. This allows your body to be alive and function. It is "*The Spirit – In Man*" that occupies *your tabernacle*. *Your spirit is the self*. You are not a being just as Christ was not a being. The human being is only a body and a tent where you temporarily dwell until your death. Your tabernacle (body), ultimately, wears out and dies. These physical structures are merely *temporary tents* (your body) in which *the individual consciousness* dwells. Your *spirit* goes to God when you *die* and it is up to God to give you *an eternal body* (I Corinthians 15:53). Until that time, your *Spirit* is *in God*. The soul is not immortal. It dies and becomes God's choice when to give *life* (Matthew 10:28).

The Real Christ

When your flesh is dead and your breath is gone, *your spirit* goes back to God. The tent (your body) turns back into dust. Jesus went to His Father after His resurrection. He received *a glorified body* from God, which is a special body like God. He is eternal and in the exact image or likeness of His Father (Hebrews 1:1-3). Now, Christ, in His glorified form (not human), is beautiful like a rainbow of various colored diamonds. He is full of light and has no darkness (Revelation 1:14-15, Revelation 10:1 and Revelation 4:2-3). His Dad, "*YHVH*," is The Eternal One, The Light or Life Giver who makes all things as "*The I Am*." Jesus is, also, "*The I Am*." This compares with "*kind after kind!*" They are both Holy and in each other's likeness. They both dwell in The Temple of God (everlasting house) with The Glory of God (Revelation 21:22 and Hebrews 3:4).

The Root And The Branch

When a seed is planted or buried and it miraculously breaks forth, grows and blooms, it gives food to mankind (John 12:23-27). At The Seventh Trumpet, God's Mystery will be finalized (Revelation 10:7). The Seventh Trumpet will blow and Christ *will return* as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In this way, He will give every man their gifts according to their works. Christ announces, "*What and if you shall see the Son of man [flesh] ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickens [energizes life]; the flesh [human body] profits nothing: the words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life*" (John 6:61-63). In Greek, the word "*flesh*" means "*useless.*" Only *the spirit* gives you *life*. That is why Solomon said, "*the flesh dies in the grave but the spirit goes back to God who gave it*" (Paraphrased) (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Only God has *life* to give. He gave *life* to His First Begotten Son just as any mortal father does when begetting children (John 5:26). The soul is not immortal because God can destroy your life. "*The Spirit – In Man*" makes you conscious of your existence and your life. You and Jesus, in fleshly bodies, are nothing because your *spirit* is your life. You, too, can track the biblical truth about who Christ was. The Apostle, Peter, clarified what your body is. "*Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit [pneuma] of Christ which was in them did signify [a sign], when it testified [witness] beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. To whom it was revealed, that not to themselves [old prophets], but to us they did minister the things, which are now reported to you*

by them that have preached the gospel to you with the Holy Ghost [Spirit] sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into” (I Peter 1:11-12). Jesus was The Word of God in the flesh (John 1:14). Jesus, as *The Word of God*, represented every Word of God. Jesus, in the flesh, was a temporary tabernacle. The Spirit of God “In Him” was the real Jesus – *The Very Words of God!*

You have read about Jesus in the flesh and the glorified Jesus being The Root of David. Wow! The Greek word “*root*” can mean “*a root*” both figuratively and literally. You are about to prophetically prove how Jesus is *The Genesis or progenitor* of The Family of David. Again, this is “*kind after kind.*” Christ asked The Pharisees whose son was The Messiah (Matthew 22:41-42). They said, “*King David.*” Then, Jesus asked the question about how King David can call Him Lord. Astoundingly, Christ interprets the prophetic meaning of Psalm 110:1. Jesus reveals how King David was told by The Word of God that The LORD (God) asked The Lord (Christ) to sit at His right hand by the heavenly throne. God, Almighty is The Word of God. He became Jesus in the flesh and declared that *The Word of God* was the progenitor of the family of King David. Jesus, as The Word of God, is God’s *very word* and started The Davidic Lineage as God’s *word*. That is why David called The Lord God “*The Word,*” who became Christ. Jesus truly was The Son of David from the beginning, as The Word of God. Christ is truly the root or the beginning of The Davidic *genealogy*. Wow! There it is. Jesus was King David’s son but not through mere adoption by Joseph. As The Word of

God, He was of The Genealogical Line of David before David and Joseph. My, how wonderful this is! What wonderful words these are for you to know and understand. When you put all the scriptures together, The Word of God is perfect. Now, for the conclusion to The Mystery of God. Jesus is The Root of David. The Messiah is *the light of every man in the world*. Do you understand? Do you have eyes to see and ears to hear? Besides Christ being *the root* of The House of David, He is also The Light of The World. That is the conclusion to The Mystery of God. Jesus, besides starting King David's family line and serving as God's word, *created everything*. That includes the whole world and everything in it. Jesus was as The Father with The Holy Spirit in Him. They were one and the same. He was also the beginning or The Alpha of the world (Isaiah 46:10). Jesus *inherited* it all from His Father (Hebrews 1:2).

Paul states how The Nation of Israel and The Gentiles *are included* as God's *chosen people* (Ephesians 3:6). That is The Mystery that Christ will reveal through The Sign of His Messiahship when He comes again to *save the world* (I John 4:14). So, The Mystery of God is complete. The earth and everything in it belongs to God (Psalm 24). God concludes this mystery with Jesus, as King of Kings, announcing The Wedding Feast during The Millennial period (Matthew 22). Zechariah prophesies this process, "*Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows that sit before you: for they are men wondered at [mystery]: for, behold, I [God] will bring forth my servant [The Messiah] the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid [the*

rock, Christ] *before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes* [seven spirits – Revelation 1:4]: *behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, said the LORD of hosts and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day*” (Zechariah 3:8-10). Jesus, as The Seed, was planted and became *the root of the plant*. The Servant (Christ in the flesh) was predestined to remove sin and make this occur in one day. This happened through His death and resurrection (The Sign of Jonah). Once Jesus paid for the world’s sins, He became The Son of Man for all nations and all peoples as The Word of God. *That sign* is greater than The Sign of Jonah, which could only bring people to repentance. Jesus, The Greater Sign, Saves The World (Matthew 12:40-42) and He is The Very Word of God. God will, then, be *All In All!*

You should no longer doubt or be thrown to and fro by every wind of doctrine. The Mystery of God is The Word of God. You, as the body, will eventually have the same Word of God or “*Christ – In You*” (Colossians 1:27). When you are resurrected, you will, also, have The Spirit of God. The Word of God will be given to you. The Word of God gives you all of God’s *thoughts, power and glory*. You, too, will have everything that Jesus had at the beginning of time. All this was restored to Him, once again, after His resurrection. You may not receive a double portion, but you will receive The Word of God. That, my friend, is The Mystery of God, which you have now resolved by reading God’s *word*. In the future, the world will walk together in Paradise, forever. God will, then, be “*all in all*” (I Corinthians 15:28).

CHAPTER 17

GOD'S MYSTERY FULFILLED

God tried to dwell in His Temple with humanity seven times. The Garden of Eden was *the first place* God dwelt with Adam and Eve. *The second tabernacle was the tent in the wilderness* with Israel. *The third temple was built by Solomon. The fourth temple was started by Zerubbabel.* He laid the foundation after The Jews left. (The 70 years of Babylonian Captivity continued until the time of King Herod). *The fifth temple was a spiritual structure built by Christ. The sixth temple will be built during The Millennium. The seventh temple will be built by God under The New Heaven and on The New Earth. This seventh temple is the final piece of the puzzle and completes The Mystery of God.*

God's Glory – The Light Of The World

God's Mystery is "*Christ – In You*" (Colossians 1:27). Jesus is The Root of The Davidic Line. He is, also, The Bright and Morning Star, *the sun* that lightens the whole world at The Time of The Seventh Trumpet. At The End of Days (end of light), the truth will be restored when Christ returns. The Light of The World returns to restore The Truth to God's world.

Then, The Wedding Feast will commence. Jesus is The Word of God who became flesh (John 1). He paid for the world's sin through the blood covenant, by giving His life for the world. This was because He loved the world so much. Jesus was willing to die for you. Through His death, sin was destroyed. In the future, God will dwell with man because of grace. All truth will be revealed through God's Holy Spirit (John 1:17).

Since The Resurrection of Christ, the world has laid claim to God's *temple* saying it belongs to them. All or most wars have been fought because of religion and self-survival. The Jews claimed The Temple of God was theirs. Constantine claimed The Temple of Sophia in Constantinople was God's temple. The Muslims under Omar built The Mosque of Omar. At that time, *the temple site* was a garbage dump. The Muslims were able to conquer some of Europe and removed God's *dwelling* from The Catholic Church in The Vatican.

The Knights of The Templar, through the crusades, tried to recapture Jerusalem. They did this on and off and, temporarily, succeeded. Finally, The Muslims defeated The Knights and kept control. This is the reason today's tribulations are between The Jews and The Arabs. The Masons have the same goal as The Knights of The Templar. Their mysterious sign, a compass and triangle with "G" or "God" in the middle, is all about *the temple* and where God will dwell. Since The Tower of Babel, The Sumerians called The Temple a "*Ziggurat*." This Tower represented the *pathway* up the hill to heaven to where God lived.

They thought God dwelt in His *heavenly temple*. So they built The Tower of Babel as an attempt to reach heaven. Throughout history, mankind has tried to build a house so God could dwell with them. Of the seven houses or temples of God, four were built by man and three were built by God. The seventh house, which is to be under The New Heaven and on The New Earth, is to be built by Christ and God who builds all things (Hebrews 3:1-4).

To understand The True Mystery of God, you must understand that God is The One and Only True God who created all things, including Christ. Jesus said, "*For as the Father [One God] has life in himself [eternal]; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself*" (John 5:26). Do you grasp the truth of this statement? Only God, The One God, has eternal life. That is why God's name is YHVH, which is "*The I Am*" or "*Ever Living One*." Christ said He did not always exist as His own being! There is *no trinity*! God consists of only One God and there is none other. God had to give *life* to Jesus. Jesus didn't give life to Himself.

In understanding The Mystery of God, which is "*Christ – In You*," you need to, biblically, put the whole Mystery of God together. You need to know who Christ was before He was born as a human. Before Jesus came in the flesh, He was *The Word* (John 1). The question concerns the identity of *The Word*. God, in *The Bible*, tells you Jesus was The Word and "*The Word*" is God. It can't be plainer! How is that possible? Are there two Gods in *one*? Yes! However, you are about to, biblically, discover they are not two personal beings.

The Word and God are *one being*. Notice what Jesus said, “*Verily, verily, I say to you, Before Abraham was, I am*” (John 8:58). Clearly, Jesus admitted that He existed before Abraham as “*The I Am*.” That is God Almighty. What a great mystery! It is the greatest mystery the world has ever tried to solve. You have already discovered how Jesus, as The Word of God, was *the genesis* of The House of David. Furthermore, He is also The Morning Star which lightens the world with *truth*. Why is this? It is because He is The Word of God. What does The Word of God mean? In Greek, *the word* is “*logos*.”

Moses Discloses The Answer

“*Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses [God’s witness], in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?*” (John 5:45-47). *The Torah Law*, which is the part Moses added to *The Torah*, was given 430 years after Abraham spoke (Galatians 3:17). The Prophets Of Old have spoken of Jesus and who He is. Wow! Read about *The Law* that was added to *The Torah*. Read what Moses wrote about Jesus.

After God accepted Israel as His people (though they lacked faith or trust in Him), He told Moses what would occur in the future, “*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like to you [Moses] and will put my words [YHVH] – [logos] in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. And*

it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken to my words [Gods] which he [Christ] shall speak in my name [Son of God], I will require it of him” (Deuteronomy 18:18-19). Do you understand what Moses wrote? This is the scriptural definition of the word “logos” in Greek. “Logos” means “*The Very Words of God.*” The One God who created everything put all His *power* and thoughts into Christ’s mind. As Christ spoke, He was “*the logos*” or “*God.*”

Remember, Mary gave birth to Jesus through the miracle of The Overshadowing Holy Spirit – which is *the truth* or The Very Words of God. Read the meanings of The Holy Spirit and The Power of God (Luke 1:35). In fact, this scripture defines what and who is a Son of God. Read it over and over again. This Holy Spirit was like *sperm* and consisted of God’s Holiness. Jesus, God’s First Begotten Son, will be followed by everyone in the world as they become Sons of God (I John 4:14). Christ came to save you and all the world. Who was Jesus before He became flesh? Christ was The Word of God by The Power of God’s Holy Spirit. That is why Jesus was given The Holy Spirit without measure. “*For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God: for God gave not the Spirit by measure to him*” (John 3:34). Your God has a beautiful plan to save you and the rest of the world. All this is in spite of Satan. Do you understand this vital point?

God’s Holy Spirit produced Christ in the flesh as The Word of God. That is what Moses wrote. Just as a father gives his sperm to his offspring, God gave Jesus everything. Again, it is “*kind after kind.*” Who was

Jesus before He was human? He was God (YHVH) because God put His *own personal words, thoughts and power* in Christ at His miraculous birth. Jesus was The Word of God through God's Holy Spirit, which is God's *power* and all that God is. That is why the angel said to Mary, "*For with God nothing shall be impossible*" (Luke 1:37). God arranges, makes and builds all things (Hebrews 3:4). Christ was not a separate being or a second God; He was The Logos, which is The Word of God, through His Father's Holy Spirit. So states your *Bible*. The Mystery of God can now be fulfilled "*In You.*" "*Christ – In You*" is that Mystery, so God can be "*All in All – In You*" just as He is "*In Christ.*" "*God said, Let us make [build] man in our image*" (Genesis 1:26). If you become like God, you will also have God's power (II Timothy 1:7).

Jesus – God's Glory

When Jesus was to be crucified, He prayed to The Father to give Him *the glory* that He had with God before the world was created (John 17:5). Jesus had God's *very word*, which included all of God's thoughts, His *power* and His *Holy Spirit*. Christ created everything that was, is and will be. This is because YHVH is "*The I Am, The Self-existing One.*" Jesus, as a human, was ready to die and leave His *human tabernacle* to become part of God's *glory* (John 17:5). What is The Glory of God? The word "*doxa*" has the same meaning in Hebrew and Greek as it applies to God's *glory*. Its root means "*to be weighty*" or "*completely full.*" All that was, is and will be is in The Glory of God. What is God's *glory* filled with?

When God was going to destroy Israel for sinning, Moses interceded and God honored Moses' request. Moses wanted to ensure that God would keep Israel as His people. God agreed to reveal His *glory* to Moses, "*And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before you and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy*" (Exodus 33:19). God's "*goodness*" is "*perfection*" or "*complete holiness,*" which is purity or light. However, God said that Moses could not see His face. Moses saw God's *glory* radiating from His backside. No one will ever see God until The New Heaven is created on The New Earth. Then you will see Him as He truly is (I Corinthians 13:12). At His *resurrection*, Christ's human tabernacle (body or flesh) vanished and Jesus took on The Image of God – which is "*kind after kind.*" Who was Jesus before He was human? He was in God's *glory*, which is all of The Word of God. This is possible through the power or completeness of God's very *thoughts* and *mind*. This mind and heart is now clothed in God's *glory*. Jesus now has a *spiritual body* (glory). In the flesh, He had God's *word* and *thoughts* through God's *spirit*. However, it was without The Glory of God or *complete goodness*. The hope of God's *glory* is God's *goodness*.

The Bride of Christ will be worthy to become His Wife and will be clothed in fine linen which is The Righteousness of Saints (Revelation 19:7-8). Christians, known as The Saints, will die for Him as He died for all mankind. The Saints will be willing to die for their Groom. Their minds and hearts will have the same

mind and heart that God and Christ have. Their bodies will be resurrected by God. They will be spiritual and filled with God's *glory*. Both Christ and His Wife will be glorified. The Mystery of God will be completely fulfilled. God's *mystery* is "*Christ – In You.*" Where will The House and The Temple of God be located? It will be under The New Heaven and on The New Earth. Jerusalem is where God, His Son Jesus and Christ's Wife will live (Revelation 21:9). What about New Jerusalem? God's *house* is The Temple of God, "*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple in it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither the moon, to shine in it; for the glory [goodness] of God did lighten it and the Lamb is the light thereof*" (Revelation 21:22-23). This fulfills The Mystery of God which is all of God's *goodness* illuminating The New Universe as The Temple of God with Christ. (Read the book, *Who Is God*).

Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie could not create a mystery that lasts 6,000 years and includes billions of individuals. The *maze of life* can lead you astray. God has His *map* in *The Bible* so you can find all *the check points* and solve this mystery. In solving this mystery, you, too, will be able to inherit *the same glory* that Jesus received. You will be like God and Jesus – living, eternally, in Paradise. That, my friend, is The Mystery of God which you have just solved. You now have all the clues and can understand where *the path* will lead you. Don't lose your way! The destination is far too important for you not to be there.