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PREFACE

Reading *God's Puzzle Solved*, *God's Story* and, now, *God's Will*, as one book, is like a Bible Correspondence Course. Each book presents *The Bible* to you, so you can understand why God had *The Bible* written. You will learn God's theme, purpose and **predestined "will"** (Ephesians 1).

God's Will

This book discloses God's **entire** pre-determined **plan** and **purpose**. It reveals who **The One God** is and what His Son, Jesus, The Christ was **sent to do** by God's **loving** power, The Holy Spirit. May God bless all your understanding with **wisdom** and **love** in **His great mercy**. Criticisms are welcomed, as well as any questions, to aid our knowledge in The One True God and Father of everyone. As usual, no monies are accepted but books **are free** upon request. God be with you **all**.

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INTRODUCTION

I Thessalonians 5:21 tells you to, “**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**” Then, you read a warning from Paul in II Corinthians 10:5, “**Casting down imaginations** [human interpretation], **and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**” Couldn’t be any clearer! What you read in *The Scriptures* should be accepted as **truth**. Your human thoughts, which may be different from what *The Bible* plainly reveals, must be sifted and thrown out. The human mind, with all its **logical explanations**, cannot not know **The Truth** of God. Only God knows what **His “will”** is and what He is planning for you. He intends to divulge everything when **you are ready and willing to understand**, as you continue to pray and study.

In The Beginning

During The Original Apostles’ time, The Christians knew **far more truth** than those that came after – including Christians today.

Near the end of The First Century of Christianity, **the churches** were in doctrinal confusion (Babylon). That is why Jesus had to say to **His servants**, “**And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people [Christians], that ye be not partakers [receive] of her sins [plagues]**” (Revelation 18:4). This is just before the destruction of Babylon, the **great whore**. Christ will come soon and **punish Babylon**.

Christ’s brother, Jude, had this to say, “**Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you...and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**” (Jude 3). Quite simply, before Jude’s day, all **the saints** (Christians) knew “**the true faith.**” But, from that point on, “**Christianity**” went **downhill**.

Even The Apostle Peter needed to put Christians in **remembrance** concerning **The Return of Christ** and God’s “**will**” (II Peter 3:1). Read all of II Peter 3. The Christian community had become so doctrinally **confused** they began to doubt even The Resurrection. “**Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you [Christians] that there is no resurrection of the dead**” (I Corinthians 15:12)? This was just like The Sadducees. Early Apostolic Christians were in doctrinal **chaos**, but in the beginning, they **knew** far more **truth** than the world does today. How did The Christian Churches get into such a **doctrinal mess** so quickly?

What Is Orthodoxy?

The Orthodox World conveys the meaning of what is **true** and what is **real**. Orthodox **teaching** is supposed to be **the truth**, but is it? As time went on, The Apostles died, along with those who were witnesses of “**the truth**,” being **servants** of Christ. Luke said, “**It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus**” (Luke 1:3).

The early Christians truly knew more of God’s **truth** and God’s “**will**” than the world does today. How did this World Orthodoxy develop? After **the temple** of Christ’s day was destroyed, He warned the next event to occur was, “**many shall come in my name [Christ’s], saying, I am Christ [His authority] and shall deceive many**” (Matthew 24:4-5). Man-made “**Christian Orthodoxy**” **crept in**. Paul said the **anti-Christ** (those against Christ), were already present in His day (II Thessalonians 2). Read the book *The Original Bible*.

Orthodoxy Enters

If Christianity was in doctrinal unity, why did The Christian

Churches have to hold so many church councils to believe the same thing or **orthodoxy**? The conference in Acts 15 was not to discuss **church doctrine, but a new truth**. Up to this point, Christianity, as a whole, believed both Jews and Gentiles had to be circumcised and keep **The Letter of The Law**. In fact, it wasn't **the church** who instituted this **new church doctrine, but God, Himself**. In Acts 15:8-24, it was **The Gentiles** receiving The Holy Spirit, which made The Apostles and the entire Jerusalem Church accept The Gentiles into The Commonwealth of Israel without being circumcised or keeping **The Letter of The Law**.

The Apostles looked to God for His “**will**,” not deciding on their own, just as The Apostles had when Judas was replaced with Matthias, as The Twelfth Apostle, by casting or throwing lots (Act 1). How did Christianity end up divided into so many denominations or splits? History proves “orthodoxy” was not all spiritual, but was mixed with a great deal of pagan philosophy.

Augustine To Theology

In I Corinthians 3, Paul referred to denominational Christianity as **carnal** or being “**babes in Christ**.” Christians, in Paul’s day, chose the church of their choice just as many Christians do today. They are all “babes in Christ” rather than “**spiritually growing**” in the **unity** of God’s continuing “**love**” (Hebrews 10:24). Many Christians decide to pick the minister they like best or the one who lines up with what they believe. Paul said all **true** ministers were of God and each minister should feed His people. Paul said if any preacher did not teach Christ as the foundation of God’s “**house**” (**The Temple of God**), they would be **purged** by **fire**, but never forget, ultimately, would be **saved**. Paul related that “**the temple**” of the “**house**” of God is comprised of those who are The Christians “**in Christ**.” Christ resides in each Christian. Christians are not to **defile** God’s **temple** and must be sure they are **perfecting** themselves, building upon **Christ**, who is **love** and

peace, with no type of disunity.

This is how early Christianity started to fall away from **The Truth of Christ**. When The Apostles died, as Jude revealed, **the faith** was lost. This disunity and confusion continues to this very day. Augustine fostered Plato's teaching which, till the reformation, persisted within Christianity. With **the renaissance, science (so called)**, entered the universities' systems. Initially, most places of higher learning were founded by theology or religion, but now science prevailed and began a great influence on theology. Instead of studying "**the faith once delivered**" to the **saints**, the universities started calling the subject "**theology**" or "the knowledge of God" although it was and is, based on **scientific principles** only.

God's "**kingdom**" and "**will**" was to be studied like **any other subject**. Does *The Bible* actually contain God's "**word**?" Who wrote these books? Are all or most of the translations correct? How accurate is *The Bible*, historically speaking? Is *The Bible* real or full of fables? On and on it goes, questioning, followed by more questions. What happened to Christians having **faith**? How about **salvation**? Without consideration *The Bible* was in jeopardy as God's very "**word**." Thus, God's "**kingdom**" and "**will**" became just a side issue.

Christ's Warning

Jesus told His Disciples to keep praying and seeking their Father's help – to be **faithful and trust** God and to continue searching for His "**will**." Also, to look to God in each wicked generation that prevailed from Christ's day to this very day. Then, referring to His "**return**," Christ asked if He would find any **faith** or **trust** in God **at all**, when He finally returns to this earth (Luke 18:8)? Before Christ **returns**, everything that has anything to do with God's "**will**," will be a **rarity**. The **faith** once delivered by Jesus and His Apostles won't even be recognized. God's "**way**" or "**will**" may,

actually, be totally **lost**.

God's "will" preserves the account of His "**kingdom**" and His "**will**," in spite of so called "**science**." You are about to read *God's* "**word**" concerning God's "**kingdom**" and what it really is. You will learn of God's "**will**" and "**predestined plan**" which is a **story of God's great love for you**.

CHAPTER 1

SALVATION REQUIRES FREE CHOICE

Why does salvation require free choice? Adam and Eve had to choose between The Tree of Life (salvation), which is life eternal and The Tree of Good and Evil, which brings “death.” It was totally up to them to make the choice of which tree they would choose.

When John, The Baptist came preparing **the way** for Christ, he said, “**Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**” (Matthew 3:2). Just as with Adam and Eve, it was a matter of **free choice**. **Salvation** demands you have free choice! Believe it or not, God actually made Adam and Eve “**perfect**” from the very beginning. God made **man** in His own **image** or likeness. God’s “**will**” was to make everyone “**holy**” like Him by having each and everyone of you become **one** of His Sons. You are to be just like Jesus, a **Son of God** (Ephesians 4:13).

Since God is “**love**” (I John 4:8), you must become like God’s “**love**” by your own **free choice** or you will not be in **God’s exact image**. God, Himself, uses His own “**will**” or “**free choice**” whenever He chooses. Christ had to become **exactly** like His Father (Hebrews 1:3). Jesus had to die for the world, because God showed His “**love**” for you by giving His own Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. You, also, must be in the **exact image** of God, like Jesus, for God to be “**all in all**,” **kind** after **kind** as God’s very Sons. Therefore, to achieve this goal, **salvation** (a **gift**) is predicated upon your **free choice**.

GOD'S WILL

It is God's "**will**" for you to be exactly like your Father in heaven, deciding for yourself to receive **salvation**. The formula you will need is "**to repent**." "**Repentance**" in Greek is "a change of **mind**," from a human mind to be like God. When you fully repent, then, you will have God's "**mind**." You will have God's "**love**" and be a duplicate of your Father, God, in heaven.

Jesus became "**the firstfruit**" (I Corinthians 15:20) and, therefore, He was the first to do God's "**will**" by His **free choice**, to obey every **Word** of God, and, then, to be the **sacrifice** which manifests God's **love**. This **love** of Christ **sanctifies** or seals you to be **holy**, through the offering of His **body for everyone** (Hebrews 10:10). That in essence, is **Universal Salvation**.

That is why Jesus came to the **world** ("kosmos" in Greek) to **save the world** (I John 4:14) not only individuals or specific parts of the world.

Faith And Free Choice

Galatians 3:1-4 reveals it is not by "**The Works of The Law**" but by **faith** you receive God's Holy Spirit. You are **saved by faith**. **Faith** is the "**substance**" and "**evidence**" that **gives you salvation** (Hebrews 11:1). **Faith** is having **belief** or **trust** in your Father in heaven, just as Christ showed His "**faith**" by following His **free choice** to do God's "**will**." **Faith** and **free choice** are the same.

You must, by **free choice**, decide to follow God's "**will**," as Christ did or you do not have **faith**. Since you are **saved by faith**, you must, therefore, have **free choice** which will manifest your **faith**. **Faith** and **free choice** determines **your faith** in Christ and God.

Free Choice And Salvation

Does “burning in hell” give you **free choice**? How about the present theological belief that those in The Lake of Fire will be **destroyed** and be **dead “forever?”** Does this belief give anyone **free choice**? Technically, those who believe this doctrine are known as **Conditionalists**. On the other hand, **Traditionalists** believe one is going to burn “**forever**” in The Lake Of Fire. Who is right? You need to answer that question “scripturally” from *The Bible*.

Because of these two **biblical fallacies**, these “hell-fire preachers,” constantly, are in a tirade, warning everyone that they are going to be in torment in “**the fire**,” forever.

They, also, teach Christians will be totally destroyed, never to **live again**. What **type** of “**free choice**” is that? There is none. When the option of free choice is removed, **salvation** is **impossible**. Is God’s “**will**” in agreement with these two options?

History Of The Lake Of Fire

Torment “**forever**” in The Lake of Fire got its official standing from Augustine, a pagan, who was converted to Christianity. In his book, *The City Of God*, he attempts to prove his belief of “eternal torment” in Gehenna, not from **scripture**, but from The Greek philosopher, **Plato**. His proof for this eternal torment uses Plato as his source of an immortal soul. Scripturally, he substantiates very little, but basically relies upon Plato for proof. This Platonic philosophy permeated The Christian Churches until “**the reformation**” which was in the 1500’s.

It was at this time, science entered the theological arena. Sci-

ence became the tool of measurement in universities, including The Departments of Theology. It was determined, by scholars, that rather than being tormented in hell, forever, sinners were destroyed, never to live again.

From the 1800's, to this present day, new, emerging scholars were proving **Universal Salvation** from *The Scriptures*. However, now the question is, are the wicked thrown into The Lake of Fire, to be destroyed and never to live again? Or does God teach “**a resurrection**” from The Lake of Fire, so, they will, eventually, be **saved**? Which of these really offers **free choice**, showing **faith** in God and fulfilling or completing **His “will?”**

God Answers

When Jesus was asked how to pray, “He replied a person should begin their prayer by asking God’s ‘**kingdom**’ to come and God’s ‘**will**’ to be done, as it is in **heaven**.” Jesus had always fulfilled His Father’s “**will**.” How did Christ obey God’s “**will**?” Christ’s **sacrifice** sanctified **the entire** world (Hebrews 10:10).

Paul, writing about Israel, with his desire for some of his nation to be saved, stated that The Gentiles were grafted into the natural olive tree (Israel) so they, too, could benefit from the riches of the world (Romans 11:12). Then, Paul defines the inclusion of The Gentiles as “**a reconciling of the world**” (Romans 11:15). “**Reconcile**” in Greek is “to bring back” or “the restoration of the **world** to God.” “Kosmos” in Greek includes “the entire **universe**.” “Kosmos” in Greek defines, “as to organization or **order**.” The Greeks studied how the universe (called cosmology) came to be.

Christ came to **save the world** and it is God’s “**will**.” He wants

everyone to come to repentance and to the knowledge of Christ. There are hundreds of *scriptures* which declare God's "**will**" to have everyone **saved**, but, always, in a specific order (I Corinthians 15:23). Now, you know God's answer. God wants you to pray that His "**will**" is done on earth, as God is working on His "**will**" in **heaven**. Jesus told you, there are **many mansions** in His Father's "**house**" and He was going there to make a place for you along with the other Christians (John 14:1-3).

God's "**will**" is to have **everyone** in the world "**saved**" in His "**kingdom**." The question is which belief, "torture in hell forever" or "to be destroyed in The Lake of Fire" or "**Universal Salvation**" is the correct answer? Which belief is **the truth**? Does God clearly give you the answer? Yes, He does! He will never keep you in **darkness**, when you pray for **light**.

Free Choice

Christ told you to pray to God, The Father, "**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**." God is working in **heaven** with His Son, Jesus, doing **good works** to make a place for you in **The Heavenly Jerusalem** (John 14:1-3). Everything in **heaven** is in accordance with **God's "will"**. By Christians praying that God's "**kingdom**" be done according to **His "will"**, it is needful for you to know what, exactly, is God's "**will**." Now, you know everything that must be done by **your free choice**, will manifest **your faith** or **trust** in your Father, who is making you one of **His Sons** in His "**kingdom**." There will be a **New Earth** and a **New Heaven** (Revelation 21 and 22).

God's Will Is Infinite

In Hebrews 10:7, Paul wrote Christ came to do God's "**will**." He

sacrificed Himself so all may be sanctified (sealed). This is an all **inclusive statement** for **Universal Salvation**. Then, in Hebrews 10:14 it reveals “**all**” who are **sanctified** are made **perfect**. Sanctification is the process of becoming **perfect** through Christ.

I John 4:14 declares, “**And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the savior of the world.**” That is **Universal Salvation**. The question is how does God carry out His “**will**” through Jesus and how can you be **sure it is by your own “free choice?”** After all, you are **saved by faith** and, therefore, **must trust God “implicitly” by showing it is done by your free will.**

“Repentance” in Greek means “**a change of mind**” by your **own free will**. Let *The Bible* **prove** how God carries out His “**will**” of **free choice** which can and will **prove your faith**. God’s “**will**” to prove **free choice** must be **infinite or forever**, covering **all ages** and **continues eternally**.

World In Deceit

Traditionalists, with the writings of Augustine, *The City of God*, originated the idea of the immortal soul. Burning in hellfire, forever, came from the Greek philosophy of Plato.

Even during Augustine’s time, men like Origen learned about Universal Salvation from Clement. In fact, men like Iraneus and Eusebius believed in Universal Salvation. The early church preached it and Augustine admitted that **his fellow brother**, Origen, believed in everyone having an opportunity to be **saved** and did not dispute Origen about it. **Universal Salvation**, (theologically speaking) is not **new**. It was known and preached by early theologians.

Today, you will find a revival referring to “**everyone being saved.**” In fact, there are as many as five different views “**of the end-time**” by theologians, today. The truth is, as some believe, the issue has already been resolved by **The Conditionalists’** view that those in The Lake of Fire are destroyed and never to be resurrected again. This is far from reality. Many contemporary **scholars**, today, believe in **Universal Salvation** as the only **free choice – truth.**

Vengeance Is Mine

One biblical arena of proof for “**all to be saved**” is what *The Bible* teaches as to how God will punish “**the wicked.**” Romans 10:10 states, “**For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness [repentance]; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**” Quite clear! It is in your heart that your mind changes so you can ask for “**repentance.**” So, if you confess with your **mouth**, then, you will be **saved** or made **alive.**

Philippians 2:10-11 prophesies, “**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God, The Father.**” Everyone who confesses that Jesus is The Lord shall **be saved** (Romans 10:9). Read all of Romans 10. It can’t be any plainer! This includes **everyone in heaven** or **alive** on earth or **dead under the earth.** This is **Universal Salvation.** The question is how does this prophecy come to pass using your **free will?** Notice, when you confess, it glorifies God, The Father. It is God’s “**will.**” But you have to know how this can be God’s” **will.**”

In the last days, scoffers will ask, “When is Christ going to return” (II Peter 3:2-9)? Then, Peter relates how the first people in Noah’s time died “**in the flood**” and the next time a catastrophe

occurs is when the **earth** and **heaven** will be burned along with **all the wicked**. This, being **The Conditionalists'** view "is true," but notice, it is **not God's "will."** "**The Lord is not slack concerning His promise** [Christ's return], **as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward** [Christians], **not willing that any should perish, but that all** [the world] **should come to repentance**" (II Peter 3:9). Christians have already repented so the "all" (to repent) refers to the rest of the world. Peter tells you it is not "a specific **date**" when Jesus **returns**, but after certain conditions take place, then, Christ will **return**. Whether one day or a thousand years, it doesn't matter – it is God's "**will**" that everyone should repent.

Paul said the same thing in I Timothy 2:1-6 where Christians are to **respect everyone in authority** whether they be **converted** or not. Why? "**For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God Our Savior. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**" God and Jesus want both "the wicked" and "The Christians" to be **saved**. It is God's "**will!**" It is God's "**will**" to bring everyone to **repentance**. God's "**will**" is to have every child He allowed to be born, to also, be **saved** (I John 4:14).

The **potential** or **opportunity** must **continue** throughout the **ages** or **forever** for God's "**will**" to come to **pass**. This is an opportunity for everyone to use his/her personal "**free choice.**" The opportunity for **all** to be saved **must be ongoing forever**, even during The New Heaven and The New Earth. **God's "will"** is to have everyone, eventually, **repent** but only when they decide it is right for them (with their **free choice**) to **spiritually grow**, in either a slow pace or a fast pace, to the **full measure of Christ** (Ephesians 4). There is **no deathbed repentance**, but everyone must **grow** to the stature of Jesus, The Christ.

By God not naming a **date** for anyone's **salvation**, one's salvation can be "**ongoing**" even during **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. This **open** "time-frame" **guarantees free choice**, since it is by your **faith** that you are **saved**.

It is true, **The Traditionalists** are correct, "**the wicked**" shall be burned in The Lake of Fire. **The Conditionalists** are, also, **right**. Everyone will be destroyed and burned-up, not leaving branch or root. This is **total destruction**. But, always keep in mind, neither is correct. That is to say, those burning in The Lake of Fire will burn in **torment eternally** – or be **destroyed** and never **resurrected**.

Why God Punishes

Why, then, does God destroy the human body in The Lake of Fire? You are about to read a statement in *The Bible* that seems to contradict having bodies destroyed in The Lake of Fire. Remember, "**It is appointed unto men [humanity] once to die, but after this the judgment**" (Hebrews 9:27).

Why does God only appoint or declare **one death** for **humanity**? After this **death** is a **judgment**. God's "**will**" has determined there is **only one death**. When you haven't given up "**everything**," it is not a complete death, so God demands you give up everything so a second "complete" death can take place. Why? Romans 6:23 reveals the **wages** or payment for **sin is death**. Pretty clear!

God only appoints one (complete) **death** because once one dies, they no longer have any **sin**. They paid the **last farthing** (Matthew 5:26). There it is – **no death**, from this point, is necessary. Why then, do they die in **The Lake of Fire**? Therefore, the death in The Lake of Fire is for another reason than to have God merely

punish His children. You need to understand how and why God **punishes** the wicked or **allows evil**.

The Book of Hebrews reveals that **vengeance belongs to God** (Hebrews 10:30). Under Moses' Law, two or three witnesses were needed to condemn you (Hebrews 10:28-29). Then, Hebrews tells you **God's punishment is sorer** than just being put to death and destroyed. Paul's final warning, "**It is a fearful thing [a torment] to fall into the hands of the living God**" (Hebrews 10:31). If The Lake of Fire puts people to death (which it does) what is "a more **fearful punishment**" than that? Jude answers the question when he writes the **false preachers** who are disrespectful and making a business out of God's church, will have this end to look forward to, "**These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you**" Then their end is, "**Twice dead plucked up by the roots**" (Jude 12). They are thrown into The Lake of Fire and are totally and completely **destroyed**. But notice this is **not their end**. They are **resurrected** or **changed** in a **twinkling of an eye**. That is why in I Corinthians 15:54 it states, "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**" Read all of I Corinthians 15:2-56. The context asks, "**is there a resurrection?**" Corinthians reveals, all died in Adam, so, in Christ, **all are made alive, but every man [human] in his order**. What is "**the order**" for the wicked?

After the false preachers in Jude are **twice dead** (Lake of Fire), (Jude 13), "**Raging waves of the sea [forever], foaming [repenting] out their own shame [wickedness]; wandering stars [like the heavens], to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever [ages and ages].**" The wicked, after being in the burning hell, are **resurrected** and changed **into spirit**. Notice, this is in **The New Heaven and The New Earth**. Christ said, "**That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**"

But the children [some Israelites] **of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**” (Matthew 8:11-12). This is exactly what Jude said (Jude 13).

These “**wicked**” who wear a **wrong** wedding garment will be cast out of The Wedding Feast and will be in outer darkness wailing and gnashing their teeth (Matthew 8:12).

So, both **The Traditionalists** are **wrong** and **The Conditionalists** are **wrong**. The wicked are not allowed in The City of New Jerusalem where The Tree of Life is, until they are healed by drinking the healing waters from the river coming from God’s throne (Revelation 22:1-2).

The nations which **are saved** are allowed into New Jerusalem to **eat of The Tree of Life** (Revelation 21:24).

Those **unsaved** must drink the water with “**the floating leaves**” which represents God’s Holy Spirit and to grow **spiritually**, till they mature to be like Christ. This is the **process** of Universal Salvation continuing in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. That is why Revelation ends by **the spirit (Holy Spirit)** and **the bride** (Christ’s wife) saying, “**And the Spirit and the Bride [wife] say, Come. And let Him that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will [free choice], let him take the water of life freely [free choice]**” (Revelation 22:17).

What river? The river that flows from God’s throne. That is what God’s “**kingdom**” is all about – **salvation**.

You have been **appointed** to “**only die once**” and then the **judgment** or **resurrection** from **fire** to **outer darkness**, to **salvation**

by free choice. The Traditionalists and Conditionalists are in error. Salvation requires free choice and not death or burning forever. The fire throughout *The Bible* refers to a purging. That is the difference between “a baptism of water” and “a baptism of fire” which Christ determines. “Water” cleanses while “fire” purges.

Conclusion

How does God show vengeance? “For they [human fathers] verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but He [God] for *our profit*” (Hebrews 12:10). In Greek, the English word “profit” means “for our good, to bring us to God.”

Notice the result, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous [wailing]; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised [punished] thereby” (Hebrews 12:11). God’s vengeance is for your profit. Quite conclusive! God only punishes for you to become righteous like Christ.

The ultimate proof of God’s “will” is for all to repent and come to Christ. The very word, “will,” proves salvation requires free choice. In Greek, “thelema” means “God’s desire which gives Him pleasure.” In English, “will” does not mean “a command” or “with any force.” God requires free choice for salvation. That is why *The Bible* does not give a time when everyone comes to “righteousness;” but it is an opportunity or potential for Universal Salvation continuing in The New Heaven and The New Earth “forever” or “ages and ages” in Greek.

Free choice, when you finally do decide to repent, proves your faith and trust in God’s “will.” It is by faith you are saved. De-

stroying the wicked in The Lake of Fire **does not give free choice**. Neither does torment in “**Gehenna**” give **free choice**. Only an ongoing opportunity, which continues for **ages and ages**, to **all of God’s creation** to eat of The Tree of Life, which will **nourish** them to be able **to repent** when they decide; the choice will be their’s alone. That is why Christ **redeems all** or **gives Universal Salvation**.

This book called *God’s Will* proves **salvation** requires **free choice**. God is very patient and is willing to wait so that you, of your free volition, will choose “**rightly**.”

CHAPTER 2

GOD'S PREDESTINED PLAN

God's "kingdom" is to come on earth according to God's "will" which is a "free-choice" proposition to be made by each person. That is why each individual in the world is to work out his/her own salvation. "Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13).

Salvation is a **free-will** "matter" not having anything to do with any church group. Salvation is only **according to God's "will."** God's "will" is **for every man** or human to make his/her choice in their individual order. God's "will" is to **save everyone**, individually, when they repent by **free choice** (I Corinthians 15:23). God's "will" is not a **command** which He enforces but by your own volition, which, in turn, gives your Father great pleasure.

You must find out what God's pre-determined **pleasure** actually is, "**Having predestined us [Christians] unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will**" (Ephesians 1:5). Through Christ, you are adopted from human parents (in Adam) to be God's **very sons, like Jesus**. This is God's "will," which is God's "**desire**," because it gives **God pleasure** to give you this "**gift**." It is all a matter of **your free choice**, which pleases God, immensely.

Now, perhaps you can understand God's **pleasure** and **desire** is **to save everyone**, through Jesus, The Christ. You are to become God's very sons or "**kind after kind.**" Read what that means, "**According as he hath chosen** [each in order] **us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy** [pure] **and without blame** [perfect] **before Him in love** [agapé]" (Ephesians 1:4). God's "**will**" is pretty clearly revealed by The Apostle Paul. Just as Jesus is God's very **image** (character) (Hebrews 1:1-3), you, also, are to be exactly **like Christ**. Then, God will be "**all in all**" and God's "**will**" then, will have been completed (I Corinthians 15:28). Next, you need to understand how God plans His "**will**" to make everyone "holy," without blame and with His **love**.

Temple Of God

When Israel sinned by worshipping the golden calf, God would no longer dwell in their midst. God sent a messenger to lead them to The Promised Land (Exodus 23:20-23). From that point, God changed His dwelling place from being in the midst of Israel to a "**new house,**" an **earthly house,** called **The Tabernacle**. It had to be a movable house as The Israelites were traveling for forty years. During these 40 years, they were tested over and over as to whether they had the **faith** to **trust** God **for all their needs**. Over and over, **they failed** because they **lacked the faith** (Hebrews 3:8-11, 18). God's "**glory**" only appeared to Israel at various times to speak to Moses and Israel.

When Joshua led Israel into Canaan, God was still **outside the camp** and did not **dwell** in their midst. After David became **king** and because he had a good **heart**, he wanted to please God and wanted to build a house for Him. God was amused that David thought any human could build The House of God.

However, David was a man of “**war**” or “**blood**” so God felt David would not be the one to build His “house.” God said David’s son, Solomon, would build “**the house**” when Israel was at peace. Just like Moses, this “**house**” made of **stone**, would have to be a duplicate of “**the temple**” in heaven (Hebrews 9:8-11). Why did Moses and David have to duplicate **the heavenly temple**? It was to be a **figure** or exact duplicate of God’s **temple** in heaven which **God built** (not **man-made**) (Hebrews 9:9). Mankind **cannot build a house for God** because **only God knows how to build His own house**. Why?

God’s “house” is a “**temple**,” which **must be “holy” and “perfect.”** But, remember, only God is “**good**” (Matthew 19:17). A **temple** is a **place** God resides in because being **good**, He is to be **worshipped!** Humans would, eventually, sin and **pollute** any house they **built**. Humanity is a mixture of **good** and **evil** and, therefore, cannot build a **house for God**. That is why Christians are **only to pray to their Father, in heaven**, to have **God’s kingdom come to earth**. Only **God is good** and, therefore, **God’s house** can only be built according to **His “will” and “plans.”** This is the reason Jesus said He was going to heaven to be with His Father. He told you He would be planning a **place or mansions for Christians in God’s house** (John 14:1-2). Read about the difference between the **house** Moses built and the **house only God can build**.

Paul said that Moses was **faithful** in the house he built, “**For every house is built by some man; but he that built all things is God**” (Hebrews 3:4-7). God is the only **creator of all things**. Man can only **build earthly houses**. Only **God can make something “holy!”** Now, notice what **only God can do**, “**But Christ as a son over His own house; whose house are we [Christians], if we hold fast the confidence [faith] and the rejoicing of the**

hope firm unto the end" (Hebrews 3:6). "**You,**" through God's Holy Spirit are His "**temple**" or "**house**" built by His **Son** who has been given **all power**. Jesus was **quite clear** about these **two houses**. One is built by a human being and the other **by God** through His **Son, Jesus**.

Two Houses

Which of these **two houses** were built by humans?

Adam and Eve ate of The Tree of Good and Evil. Eve desired to decide what was "**right**" or "**wrong**" from her own thoughts. Adam followed her, as well. God allowed them to do according to their own devises or choice and to decide how to live and build their own **house**. It was at this time Adam and Eve had the "**house**" God built for them.

All the generations after, followed their forefather's effort to make life on this **earth** by their personal choice. God was allowing them to have **free choice**.

Since Adam and Eve came from the **earth** or **sand**, they decided to build their house by their own effort and with their own limited knowledge. This was **man's effort** to build a **house** on **sand**. A thousand and more years transpired and the result was when a **flood** came; it **destroyed their house** and **everyone** in it. Everyone was destroyed except Noah and his **family**. **Noah had built his house by God's plans and direction in faith**.

Noah and his family survived on **the ark** because it was built by God's direction in **faith**. They followed **the rock** (with their faith). Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, each grew into a world-wide population. Shem was the genealogy which

chose to follow Noah and his God. Finally, Abraham was born and obeyed everything God told him. Abraham was a **righteous** man (Genesis 26:5). God accepted Abraham as His **friend** because God knew He could trust **Abraham, especially when** he was willing to offer his son, Isaac, as a **sacrifice** to God (just as God offered Christ). Abraham's great faith insured him God could indeed spare his son. God counted Abraham "**righteous**" because of Abraham's **faith**. What **house** did Abraham **build**? "**For he [Abraham] looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God**" (Hebrews 11:10).

Abraham had **God** and not man build his **house**. This **house** was **built by God** through **God's Son, Jesus, The Christ who is The Rock** (I Corinthians 10:4).

Jesus states that the **man** who **builds his house** (always with their free choice) upon Christ and His teachings (**the rock**) is a **wise man**. You are now ready to hear Jesus with His very **words** as to how God intends to **build His "house"** (Matthew 7:24).

CHAPTER 3

GOD'S GREAT HOUSE

God can and will build His own house. Mankind doesn't have the ability to build a House of God. Humans, being a mixture of good and evil, cannot build a perfect Holy House. Your thoughts are not God's thoughts neither are your ways God's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Since God is "good" with no evil, His "house" will be a Holy Temple.

A Great House

You can prove God's **house** can be built "**perfectly**" by God. There is no defilement or imperfection in God's building. God is not frivolous as many humans who build or buy a home. God is a **perfectionist**.

You have found it is the only way it can last **forever** or **ages** and **ages**. God's "**house**" is a **great house**, exceptionally large. New Jerusalem, alone, as a city will be 1,500 miles in each direction (Revelation 21:16). Now the question comes up as to how long it will take God to **build His house**.

The Greek word for "**great**" is "megistanes" which means "exceedingly large." But, also, the root conveys "the concept of taking many years." That is why Jesus is responsible to build God's house and is wholly constructed of Christians.

It will take thousands of years according to Peter (Read II Peter 3:8).

What Is God's Great House?

God has given **free choice** so humanity could receive **salvation**. To do so, each person has free choice to build his private house by his or her own **effort** or **works**. But, humanity is limited to build a house, by their own effort on sand. Why? Humanity does not know how to build a house on a rock which could withstand all efforts to destroy it. The house built of stone, can tolerate more attacks, providing the house God constructs will and can last forever.

Only God is the **master potter** because He is the one who builds **everything** (Hebrews 3:4). Since Jesus is **the chief cornerstone** of God's **house**, Christ, therefore, only follows God's blueprints, which is His "word" (John 5:19). It isn't enough to use stone in building God's **house**; you also must have God, as the architect. God must be "**all in all**" (I Corinthians 15:28). Unless God builds the house, through Christ, you, with all your human effort and imagination, will only end up with a weak house. How does God build His **house** through Christ while still allowing humanity to have **free choice**?

Paul instructed Timothy, an Evangelist, how God builds His house, "**But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth [sand]; and some to honour, and some to dishonour** (II Timothy 2:20). Paul states, "**If a man therefore purge himself [free choice] from these, he shall be a vessel [in God's house] unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work**" (II Timothy 2:21).

God's **house**, built by God, through Christ, only allows vessels or items of **honor** in His **house** which will last forever and ever. But,

each vessel in God's **house** has the **free choice** to refine or purge themselves so they are like **gold** or **silver with everlasting stones** in that **eternal house**. How simply this is explained to you!

Since the vessels in God's **house** vary from good to bad or honor and dishonor, this house, takes years to build (when you will be ready to be part of it). The result is everyone can be used to do good works for God who is The Master Builder. This **house** is the earth, God's "house," where you will live.

That is why Jesus gave the parable where one man built a house on sand (earth) as opposed to the other on a rock which will last **forever**.

Adam and Eve chose to use their own reasoning of right and wrong; without **faith**, while Abraham built his house on a rock, Jesus, The Christ. God's **kingdom** is to be done on earth as it is in heaven. This **great house** takes years to build since it is by your choice **when you choose "rightly."**

Earthly And Heavenly

If you try to build God's house by your own human effort, you end up "**dead**." If, like Abraham, you have **faith** to allow God's **word** to build His **house**, then, Christ, through God's **word**, will purge you (through God's Holy Spirit) (Galatians 3:14). In Greek, the word "ekkasthaird" means "**purge**" and signifies "**to cleanse thoroughly**." In English the word "catharsis" is "to completely cleanse" which has the same definition.

David in Psalm 51:7 asked God to purge him with hyssop and only then, would he be clean. The Hebrew word carries the same meaning ("chata"). In both cases it is "**to make reconciliation**."

God gives you **free choice** so you can be cleansed from sin (so you can be perfect). If you make the **right choice**, for God to do the purging, then, you will be sinless; ready to be used for honorable purposes by God, eternally, (on a New Earth from Heaven) in His **house** (Revelation 21 and 22).

God's Great House is His **story** from Genesis to Revelation and shows how He will build His "**house.**" That is why God gives **free choice** knowing you can have the **gift of eternal life**. **Free choice proves your faith.**

Christ went to **heaven** to be on the **right hand** of **God** to make a place for everyone (when they make the **right choice**), **in faith, to have God do the building without human interpretation** (John 14:1-3). Peter was quite clear with regard to "**human interpretation.**" "**Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private [human] interpretation**" (II Peter 1:20).

Adam and Eve lived in God's "**house**" during this physical creation when there was no sin. Once they sinned (eating of the wrong tree) "**salvation**" **was lost**. Later, Christ had to come to **restore salvation** (Matthew 18:11). After The Garden of Eden, God, through The Melchizedek Priesthood and then through Levi, built an "**earthly house.**"

Christ came to build a new house, a **spiritual temple**. This **spiritual house** is a time of **free choice** for every human to purge herself/himself through **faith**.

I Corinthian 3:9-11 reveal Christians are God's **building**. You should be laboring to be part of that building. Many preachers are helping build God's building. Paul warns, any preacher or human man ("anthropos," Greek) who doesn't build upon the right

foundation, (which is Christ) will be “**tried.**” I Corinthians 3:17 warns that any preacher teaching false information (not Christ) defiles God’s **temple** whose **house (temple)** you (Christians) are. Everyone, ultimately, by their **free choice**, **will be exactly like Christ and part of The House of God.**

Paul declares, “**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying [building] of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**” (Ephesians 4:12-13).

You must, in faith, by your own **choosing** become the exact image of Jesus who is the exact image of God, your heavenly Father (Hebrews 1:1-3).

Christ, as **the rock**, who builds God’s **house** demands you must be exactly like Jesus and God, to be able to be used in God’s building in New Jerusalem.

This awesome, huge **Great House of God**, **will be 1,500 miles** in each direction. Who is to live or dwell in this house and who will not? Always remember God is The Potter (Isaiah 45:9 and Isaiah 64:8). You must humble yourself to keep your cotton-picking hands out of God’s **work** and let Jesus, The Christ do it once you have faith.

But, it is, also, necessary for you to find out who will be able to dwell in this great house and **who will be left out.**

CHAPTER 4

BOOKS OF ISAIAH AND REVELATION

Since The Old Testament and The New Testament are “one continuing story” which discloses God’s “will,” you find each testament (or scripture) interprets another testament or scripture. (Read *God’s Story*).

You are about to find out *The Book of Isaiah* covers world history from about 700 B.C. until God establishes The New Heaven and The New Earth. God chose to have Isaiah write this prophecy and, ultimately, it became history. The purpose of *The Book of Isaiah* is to reveal it is God, only, through His Son, The Messiah, who can save you. The name “Isaiah” in Hebrew means “God saves.” Even Augustine, one of the ancient church fathers called it, *The Fifth Gospel*.

Background

Isaiah was the son of Amoz, a prince in Judah. Isaiah was from a noble house in Judah and, therefore, as a Prophet, had easy access to **The Kings of Judah**. God, by His Holy Spirit, had Isaiah prophesy for forty years (**time of testing**) against Israel, a separate nation of The Ten Tribes and Judah, two and a half tribes, with The Jews being predominate. As yet, The Ten Tribes of Israel with their capitol in Samaria had not been taken captive by **the northern kingdom** of Assyria.

The Nation of Judah had Jerusalem as their capitol and many times Israel and Judah would fight each other. This was the state of events in the, then, known world. Isaiah prophesied during the time of the four last kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah (Isaiah 1:1). During this period, Assyria took Israel captive and they were dispersed in all the nations of the world. That is why they are known, to this day, as The Lost Tribes of Israel.

Judah, in 539 B.C., after the death of Hezekiah, his sons were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. This is a critical prophetic crossroad for world history. Nebuchadnezzar begins the world rule of The Times of The Gentiles. Daniel 2 and Daniel 3 speaks of Four World Gentile Kingdoms (the great image or Nebuchadnezzar's image) which God will replace with His Kingdom's "**rulership**" from Israel and Judah to The Gentiles.

As stated in *The New and Old Testaments*, this Gentile rulership of God's "house" is to remain with The Gentiles until Christ's **return**. God uses The Gentile Nations to punish and purge Israel and Judah of sin. Remember, in God's Great House, there are vessels of **honor** but, also, vessels of **dishonor**. God only corrects you for your own good (Romans 12). When The Gentiles' "**purpose**" is fulfilled or completed, The Messiah **returns and crushes The Gentile "rule"** to establish God's "**kingdom.**" Then, Christ **gives the kingdom** back to God who will continue building His **house through** Israel, God's original chosen witness. When Rome fell, about 700 A.D., the "**image**" remains to this present day when Christ will destroy this "**image**" with His "**coming.**" Then, God's **house** is to be built by God through His, Son, Jesus. The one thousand year rule by Christ, known as The Millennium, begins **God's Kingdom Rulership**.

The Book of Isaiah covers all this prophecy from Isaiah's time

until **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. *The Book of Isaiah* is a major crossroad for the world to read and understand God's "**will**." Read about whom this *Book of Isaiah* is written to. It is **not only** written to Israel and Judah, but to everyone, "**Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me**" (Isaiah 1:2).

The Book of Isaiah was written to the entire world. Because God's chosen witnesses, Israel and Judah had disobeyed God, it was, then, necessary to have **the world's salvation** delayed. Wow! This book truly reveals how God intends to **save the world**. You are about to discover what will be God's pre-destined **Plan of Salvation for you**.

Isaiah's Day

During Isaiah's forty years of prophecy, Israel, The Ten Tribes and Judah, were experiencing great prosperity. Commerce from Assyria (Syria and Babylon), Tyre (north of Israel) down to Egypt had made many business and trade agreements. Israel and Judah were right in the middle. A commercial highway ran all the way from Babylon or Assyria down through Tyre and Egypt along the west coast of Israel and The Philistines. Assyria, in the East, had established a trade route to China. This highway was known as The Silk Road. China sold silk to Assyria and, later, to Babylon, Tyre and Egypt. Tyre, called Phoenicia, extended its ships and commerce worldwide. An entire nation settled in Northwest Africa, who were called Carthaginians or Phoenicians. World trade was booming. Israel and Judah were right in the middle of it. They were making agreements with everyone. Because of the prosperity of Israel and Judah, Edom, Philistines, Damascus and other surrounding nations became jealous. Competition was rife.

Each nation plotted to “outdo” the other. The two largest nations, Assyria and Babylon became major competitors with each other. Controlling “the road” between Israel and Judah became highly desirable for Assyria and Egypt. Later, when Babylon defeated Assyria it was Babylon’s time to enter the fray under Nebuchadnezzar. That is the picture of Israel and Judah during Isaiah’s prophetic years. All these nations were in league with one another for commercial reasons. When agreements could not be made, guess what – **war followed**. Egypt would beat Assyria and then, Assyria would beat Egypt. Israel and Judah would do the same.

Finally, Israel made a pact with Assyria to take over Judah. This was the state of affairs in Isaiah’s time. Do world events, today, remind you that there are always wars and rumors of war? Competition produced **greed** and **idolatry** in both Israel and, finally, in Judah.

This is why in Isaiah’s day God said, “**The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.**” Consider what? “**Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward**” (Isaiah 1:3-4).

Works Of The Law

With all their prosperity Judah and Israel would follow God in “**words only**” but not “**in their hearts.**” They thought doing “the works” of The Law was all God wanted or expected of them.

Israel and Judah were great churchgoers. They observed The Sabbaths and Holy Days, meticulously, but they missed what those

days were **foretelling** or **instructing them**. They gave oblations, sacrifices, tithes, etc. but their hearts were filled with **lust** and **greed**. They did not understand what those days, sacrifices and oblations were to do. They did not know all these physical works were picturing Christ (Galatians 3 and 4).

Money was, actually, taken from **the widows** and given to The Levites. The **rich** stole what they could get away with. Orphans were left without any money. Lying, cheating, bribery and every evil act were prevalent. All these religious works were **shadows of good things to come** (Colossians 2:16-17), as they were meant to point to Christ. Israel and Judah, however, were corrupt “**in their hearts**.” They totally by-passed “**the righteousness**” of *The Torah* Law.

God was furious. They missed the point! What God desired was for them to love not only Him but, also, their neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). Isaiah, because of their sinful ways, followed **the works** of The Law but not **the righteousness** of The Law. Isaiah had to tell Israel and Judah in prophecy, exactly where they were heading. To fully understand all this, you need to read all of Isaiah 1 again.

CHAPTER 5

THE POTTER

With the wicked ways of Israel and Judah, God was ready to turn over His “house” to The Gentile Nations. The four world kingdoms being Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar; Media-Persia under Cyrus; The Macedonian, Greek Empire under Alexander; and Rome, a composite of the viciousness of the former three, in one violent Empire. Rome, being like a total of the previous three, was like a lion, a bear and a leopard. This is The Mark of The Beast, 666, (a lion, bear and leopard in totality). It is The Mark of The Beast continuing in world history until Christ returns.

In 325 A.D., The Roman Empire took over God’s “house” being The Christian Church which had melted in “paganism” as God’s **kingdom**. Constantine, The Roman Emperor, claimed Christianity as **his**, when he took over Rome. He saw a vision in the sky. He remained a sun-worshipper until his death when he was, finally, baptized. God’s **kingdom** was claimed to be The Roman Empire on earth. This truly was The Time of The Gentiles to rule over God’s **house** until “**their time is fulfilled,**” i.e., when Christ **returns**. At that time, He will put down all of God’s enemies to establish God’s **kingdom** on earth. Then, Israel and Judah, once again, become God’s **witness** to the world (Romans 11).

God was furious with Israel and Judah for their sins. Notice what God reveals to Israel and Judah, “**But your iniquities have sepa-**

rated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2).

All God wanted was for them to repent of their actions and He, then, would hear their prayers and save them from their enemies. What was the problem? **“For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, [going to church], your tongue hath uttered perverseness”** (Isaiah 59:3). They continued to rely on making agreements with The Gentile Nations around them for protection because of business reasons. God would not, therefore, pay attention to their prayers. Now God’s vengeance is about to be unleashed upon Israel and Judah from their own lovers (those nations they looked to for deliverance). These Gentile nations end up taking Israel and Judah into captivity and making slaves out of them! Now, the riches of Israel and Judah no longer exist because these four beast powers take control **of the highway of commerce between The East and The West**. Israel and Judah would remain under Gentile control until they repent when Christ **returns** to establish God’s **house and kingdom**.

The Clay And The Rock

The Ten Nations of Israel are taken into captivity and Judah, with King Hezekiah’s sons, are also taken into captivity for seventy years by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Listen to what God had to say to Israel and Judah, **“Drop down, ye heavens, from above [God’s kingdom], and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation [Christ], and let righteousness spring up together [God’s kingdom]; I the Lord have created it. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker [God]! Let the potsherds *strive* with the potsherds [humans] of the earth. Shall the clay [sand] say to him**

[God] **that fashioned it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands**” (Isaiah 45:8-9)? Remember, Jesus said **“man can either build a house on sand or on a rock.”** Christ is The Rock (I Corinthians 10:4). Jesus is the only right foundation for any **“house.”**

Isaiah is warning Israel and Judah, who like Adam and Eve, want to build their own house by human effort by making **covenants** with Gentile nations. They refuse to look to God to make them **righteous** and make them Holy like God.

God is The Potter and Israel and Judah are only “potsherds” tools that God uses to make His Great House, which eventually includes the whole world. Notice how clearly God describes The Potter? **“I have made the earth, and created man [clay] upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens and all their host [stars] have I commanded. I have raised him [Christ] up in righteousness, and I will direct all his [Jesus] ways: he shall build my city [Jerusalem], and he shall let go my captives [Israel and Judah], not for price [money] nor reward [bribery], saith the Lord of hosts”** (Isaiah 45:12-13). God Almighty is The Potter. He molds the clay and His creation cannot be by human works but only by His Son, Christ, The Rock.

Paul writes that God is The One who decides how He will build His **“house.”** Only God knows the **heart** and, therefore, decides how He builds His **“house”** with all the **vessels** (pots and pans) in it. He is The Potter. Christians are the clay or the sand mixture. Jesus was human, made of flesh (John 1:14) and became the **foundation of God’s “house”** as a **rock** (I Corinthians 3:10-11 and I Corinthians 10:4).

Paul states since God, only, knows the right ingredients to build

the **vessels** in His House, He will, therefore, show **mercy** (forgiveness) and compassion to whom He chooses to mold (Roman 9:15). **“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed [molded clay] say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter [God] power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour”** (Romans 9:20-21)? Since God made man in His image (likeness) only He knows how, you, as a Christian, should look. You have never seen nor heard God and have an obligation to study His **“word.”** On the other hand, God knows the real you and how to shape and form you.

In God's Great House, only He knows what **vessels** He needs for His **home**. God is a **perfectionist**. His **“house”** will contain only materials or **vessels** of **great value** like gold, silver and precious stones. The vessels used, God's Holy Ones, must become perfect for God's use.

The Kiln

The Potter, God, created His image of man to look just like God, Himself (Genesis 1:26). He beheld Adam and Eve which He made of clay and said it was very good (Genesis 1:31). God's image was perfect but, now, God had to place that image of Himself in the **fire**. To do so, God placed The Tree of Good and Evil in The Garden (and that's when death entered). Remember, God said everything in The Garden of Eden was **very good**, even **The Tree of Good and Evil**. Why? Now, Adam and Eve had to be **tried** or **tested** in the **fire** of **free choice**. If they ate from The Tree of Life, there would be no need for them to go back into the fire or the hard knocks of life filled with trials and, then, death. They would have been in God's exact likeness, like Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3). The **Tree of Good and Evil** was their **fiery trial** just as Peter said

the church had to go through in this life (I Peter 4:17 and I Peter 4:12). At times, God must start all over again and reshape the clay and then, it goes into the fire. God is The Potter.

When a **potter** starts to mold an image he takes clay, water and tools to mold the shape of the image. Remember, God is making **humans** to look like Him (Genesis 1:26). As long as God is forming the image, He must keep the **image moist** or **wet** with the water. To do so, the sculptor keeps the image **wet** enough to be **pliable** or **changeable** (baptism). If, at different times, while God is working on “**the image**” He finds a flaw, He can remold the clay while it is still pliable. God cannot allow the image to dry out before completing the image. Remember, once clay is fired, the sculptor no longer can change the image.

Jesus warned, as God makes you **perfect** like Him (Matthew 5:48) and you allow, by your actions to sin or defile the image, Christ said, “it is better for you to pluck out your eye or cut off an arm if it causes you to sin.” Why? Read His answer, “**For it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell**” (Matthew 5:29). A whole “**new you**” must be resurrected.

After much time molding and remolding, if the image in any way is not perfect like God, the only thing left to do is to remold it again. To keep the clay pliable a potter places a moist cloth over the image until the potter completes the image. No one, usually, sees the image until it is complete.

Once the image is **perfect**, like God, then it is time to make the image last. After the first firing, a potter calls the **image a bisque**. Afterwards, it is time to return to the fire for the glazing. One or more **glazes** can cover the image and color it. The image can,

now, be used by the potter for whatever honorable use the potter decides. Then, the image can be covered with gold, silver or precious stones of high value as decorative touches. It can be used in God's **house** as a **vessel** which is, then, considered **honorable**.

God, through Christ, is truly the potter, to make certain the image becomes exactly like Christ who is like The Father, "kind after kind" (Hebrews 1:1-3).

Remember God's Great House is built by God. But, in God's House are a variety of vessels, pots and pans for "The Master's Use." Read how valuable **water** and **fire** is in God's "**house**."

CHAPTER 6

WATER AND FIRE

The ancient Greeks believed that only two elements, “water” and “fire,” are the basis of “the creation of the universe.” Without water, the earth would have no life upon it. The continents with mountains, valleys and upon which our earthly plates exist were caused by fire. This process is ongoing today.

Is it any wonder that God uses these two elements, fire and water in building His “house?” God is the potter and molds His vessels as He sees fit.

Baptisms

The Apostle Paul speaks of Baptisms as The Third Foundational Doctrine as a teaching about Christ. Here is what *The Scripture* says, “**Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands...and of eternal judgment**” (Hebrews 6:1-2). Notice “baptisms” is **plural** and not **singular**. Biblically, there are many types of baptisms. God uses water to keep you pliable.

The Greek term “**baptizo**” means “**to overwhelm**.” In English, God uses many methods to overwhelm, such as land, nations, kingdoms and individuals. Remember, when God corrects any-

thing, it is to **produce good**. Since God is **love**, any act of His goodness is for our good. Read some accounts of God's **goodness which will be overwhelming** (Hebrews 12).

During Noah's day, God saw that all of mankind's thoughts were selfish acts, resulting in **violence**; He repented and realized it was best for humans to be destroyed (Genesis 6). So, God flooded the known world and only delivered Noah and his family in **the ark**. This was a **baptism** or **cleansing** which was **catastrophic** or **overwhelming**.

God delivered Israel from The Egyptian Pharaoh by going through The Red Sea (Acts 7:36). This was an overwhelming act of **faith** by Israel which was used as a **baptism**.

Biblically, God uses water and fire as baptisms for the wicked at various times. God uses nations, such as The Gentiles to destroy Israel and Judah, overwhelming them by fire when destroying their cities. In other cases, God used Israel to destroy a Gentile nation, The Amorites, when they came into The Promised Land. Then, when **The Time Of The Gentiles'** sins reached an apex, God destroyed them four hundred and thirty years later (Genesis 15:16). Water and fire are used by God as a **cleansing** and **purg-ing** (baptism) to overwhelm humans so they would turn to God.

Baptism Of Repentance

You can now see how baptism (cleansing) by God was used long before Christianity began. Israel used water for cleansing continually with washings and purifications just as Christ used **purification jars in turning water into wine**. Christ's "baptism of fire" was when He died for mankind. That is why John, The Baptist, as "**the spirit**" of Elijah came preaching **repentance** of sins **and**

baptized them in **water**. This signified “**the overwhelming**” of humanity being put to **death** or **destroying their flesh** (Romans 8:10). At this time, God could, now, remold them. Christians, when **baptized**, are entering into a contract with God to have their sins forgiven by giving their very human existence to God. When you stop to think about it, it is certainly **overwhelming**. That is why when a Christian decides to put off “the old man” and be forgiven for their sins, “**baptism by water**” is such an important decision. The baptized are **putting their very life to death** and are being forgiven for their sins by Christ’s blood. Then, God molds you into a new form. The wages of sin is death and you must die completely.

The Pharisees were coming to John and he said, “**O generation of vipers [snakes], who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come**” (Matthew 3:7). The Pharisees hadn’t truly repented to the point of, willingly, giving up their lives and, therefore, must have known The Lake of Fire was ahead for them. This was an extremely important statement by John in his understanding of **baptism**. He knew whether it be, voluntarily, by water, they would repent or else they will have to repent when they are thrown into The Lake of Fire. Whether by **water** or by **fire**, **both** are **baptisms**. In one or the other, the one repenting, willingly, agrees to give up their human life by water or fire. Baptism by water signifies the cleansing of the **flesh**, only, but cannot and doesn’t change **human nature**. Only a **baptism by fire purges the flesh** where one’s very nature is changed. Human flesh must totally die. All human existence must cease.

The very **soul** or **life** of the complete human must change in the act of **repentance**. This repentance requires more than a baptism of water. John said, “**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I,**

whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with The Holy Ghost [Spirit] and *with fire*” (Matthew 3:11). There are three baptisms which are overwhelming to humans. The three baptisms are by water, by The Holy Spirit and by The Fire.

Your nature must change to become “**holy**” and “**perfect**” like God, The Father. To become “**perfect**” or “**holy**” requires a baptism by “**water**” and by God’s Holy Spirit which is a “**fire**” to purge you into perfection. What does that really mean when it comes to **salvation**?

Baptism Of The Holy Spirit

Once a Christian is baptized in “**water**” that person is “**sinless**” because he is under the **blood of Christ’s sacrifice**. In God’s eyes, a Christian is sinless as long as they stay “in Christ” (I John 1:7). In their minds and hearts they become pliable to be made like Christ – perfect.

The flesh itself (a person’s human nature), must be changed. You must become **perfect** which only God can make happen (Matthew 19: 21-26). How does God make this change in **your heart and spirit**? It is by the giving of God’s Holy Spirit and only, then, can you receive His very loving nature in your heart (Romans 5:5). How does God’s Holy Spirit bring about this wonderful change of **heart** from the **flesh** which is now **dead** “**in Christ**?” Christ promised that God, The Father will give a Christian His Holy Spirit which will, then, give you everything you need to learn. It is still a matter of **free choice** and always requires **faith** (John 14:26). Jesus said God’s Holy Spirit will give you all **truth** (John 16:13). That is a promise!

Since The Holy Spirit reveals all truth, then, how does **The Word**

of God work in your heart, “**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul [life] and spirit [heart], and of the joints and marrow [flesh], and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**” (Hebrews 4:12). Wow! Now read what The Holy Spirit is compared to by God.

Jesus prophesied that God’s Holy Spirit would be given to The Apostles. Note what appeared to them on Pentecost, “**And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit], and began to speak with other tongues [languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance**” (Acts 2:4). God’s Spirit led them into truth. What was **The Holy Spirit**? “**And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them**” (Acts 2:3). God’s Holy Spirit is a **baptism of fire** which works in each Christian. The Holy Spirit reveals truth to each Christian to cause “**a change of heart.**” God’s Holy Spirit is “**a baptism of fire**” in each Christian, as well as others who receive God’s “**word.**” All must go through **the fire**. If you remain **faithful**, you will not be **burned** up. Look at the example of those who remain **faithful**.

Daniel And Friends

Daniel had three friends who, also, were considered wise men when they found themselves being held captive in Babylon. The king wanted every one to bow down to his image as revealed by Daniel in the third chapter.

His three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down to any image. They were willing to die rather than worship any other “gods” but **The One True God**. The king was irate; he had a fire made of such intensity that it burned up those who fueled it. Then, he had Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

thrown in. Amazingly, they were not burned because they were protected by an angel (Daniel 3). They remained faithful to God.

Likewise, Christians who remain faithful to the end are **protected** by God's angels no **matter what fiery trial they** must go through. So declares Peter (I Peter 4:12). Everyone must go through **the baptism of fire** by God's Holy Spirit. "**And it is appointed unto men [everyone] once to die, but after this the judgment**" (Hebrews 9:27).

Two Deaths

Jude 12 declares there are **two deaths**. Why? If one doesn't completely die in their **first death**, then, they must go into the **second death** to **purge** oneself to **completely die – body, spirit and soul** (life). "**And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell**" (Matthew 10:28). When The Potter sees imperfection in His image, it must be destroyed by **fire**.

Why Lake Of Fire?

Water is a baptism of only your **flesh**, not your **spirit**. The totality of what you are, **body**, ("soma") **spirit** ("pnuema") and your complete **life** ("soul") **must die**. A human with God's Spirit of Life "**in you**" now becomes a **living being** or **soul**. **All three must die to be saved and resurrected** as was God's Son, Jesus. You are **appointed** once to die and, then, **the judgment**. Why **judgment**? Jesus said, "you must be willing to give up your total life, body, spirit and your very life or soul" (Matthew 19:21-29). That is why Jesus said, "you should fear Him, who cannot merely kill your human body, but can cause you to lose your very Spirit which is your **life** or **soul**." A defiled **potter's image** must be de-

stroyed in the fire and, then, the spirit is resurrected. If *The Bible* or *The Scriptures* says “**you are appointed once to die**” why do some have to die again in The Lake of Fire (Jude 12)? God is not The God of death (or “Beelzebub,” “the god of flies”) which literally means “death.”

God does not destroy humans or put them in eternal torment in “**The Fire**” but, it is written, they will be resurrected. The Great White Throne Judgment is **a resurrection to life**. Those thrown into The Lake of Fire will, ultimately, be reserved to live in outer darkness, wailing and crying. Read Jude 13 which tells what happens to those in The Lake of Fire.

Fire is used by God as “**a purging**” rather than merely “destruction.” Jude tells those destroyed in Sodom and Gomorrha were an example of The Lake of Fire (Jude 7). But Sodom and Gomorrha are an example of God’s vengeance (Jude 7) and will be in the resurrection and have a better chance for **salvation** than The Pharisees and Sadducees of Christ’s day. So said Jesus! Christ told The Disciples when they preach in cities most people won’t hear His “**message**.”

Those in Sodom and Gomorrha will actually have a better chance for **salvation** in The Time of Judgment (Matthew 10:15). If Sodom and Gomorrha are a type of The Lake of Fire, the point is they will be resurrected. So, those in The Lake of Fire will be resurrected. Then, why is there a Lake of Fire at all, since it is only appointed for humans to die once? In *The Bible*, Jude calls for two deaths. Why? Simply because those in The Lake of Fire did not completely die the first time (only the body did). Jesus said for you to be perfect, you must die in “**body**” and “**spirit**” and your very lives or “**souls**” must die in order to be completely dead.

When Christ died, He gave up His complete life for you to pay for all your sins. That is why He cried out, “**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**” His **body, soul** and **spirit** (His very soul) died. In **faith** He was completely **dead**, just like Christians must completely die to become **perfect** through God’s Holy Spirit writing God’s Law in your heart and mind and not just physically doing The Law.

You are about to discover what **Law** and **Grace really means** “**biblically.**”

CHAPTER 7

LAW TO GRACE

World Christianity has been debating “Law” and “Grace” for centuries. Do Christians have to keep The Law of Moses or not? Should it be Law and Grace; or Law or Grace; or Law to Grace? Remember, in order for Christians to receive salvation they must have free choice.

If Christianity has to have free choice how can God be The Potter to build those who will dwell with God in The New Earth? Always, God is The One, through Christ, who builds His Great House in The New Heaven and New Earth. If God is The Potter and you are the clay, what part do you as a Christian play?

Law And Grace

The Law according to Moses, called The Law of Moses, is known as The Letter or The Written Law. *The Book of Deuteronomy* in Hebrew means the “**rewriting of The Law**” which is **not** as *The Torah* was, originally. Moses wrote the entire *Torah*, in general, about 1500 B.C. *The Torah* was in **force** before “**this added Law of Moses**” was included in *The Torah*. How do you know?

Prophets To Moses

Before Moses, it was the responsibility of The **Prophets** who

spoke God's "**word**" which included *The Torah* (Hebrews 1:1-3). Even though Moses did not live from the beginning of *The Torah*, God did have him write the first writings of The Law called *The Torah* in Hebrew. "*The Torah*" in Hebrew means "**the teaching**" or "the way or plan which began before the universe was **created**." Why? Because Genesis 1:1-2 states, "**In the beginning God created the heaven [atmosphere] and the earth.**" "In the beginning" was when *The Torah* began.

When Adam and Eve were created and placed in The Garden of Eden, it was over 2,000 years later that Moses wrote the entire *Torah*. *The Torah* has 2,000 years of **history** before Moses "**added**" The Letter of The Law to *The Torah*. *The Book of Deuteronomy* certainly was a rewriting of The Law. This rewriting did not include the entire *Torah* which was to be the **way** or **path** to **life**. *The Book of Deuteronomy* does not include **eternal life**. If followed, it only promises a long, prosperous, healthy human existence while living on this earth. **No resurrection to eternal life** is given in The Law of Moses (which was added to *The Torah*). *The Torah* had to already **exist** if something "**was added**" to it. Galatians 3:15-17 declares "**the added**" Law of Moses did not take place until four hundred thirty years after the promise of **eternal life** was given to Abraham. Abraham is "a critical key" to **salvation** and he was part of *The Torah* or **way to life**. Without the promise to Abraham there would be no **eternal life**, only the formula for a long, prosperous, healthy human existence. Now to **prove** what *The Book of Deuteronomy* really was. Why did The Law have to be **rewritten** before Moses died?

The Old Covenant

The first 4 chapters of Deuteronomy cover The Exodus of Israel from Egypt as slaves to Mount Horeb. Chapter 5 reveals an amaz-

ing revelation, “**The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us [Israel] even us, who are all of us [Israel] here alive this day**” (Deuteronomy 5:3). Do you grasp the significance of Moses’ statement? *Deuteronomy* was a rewriting only of The Law of Moses because this rewriting only included “the added part” of *The Torah*. This is what Paul referred to when he said it “was added” to the already **existing Torah** preached by The Prophets. Prior to Moses and “**the added law,**” history of *The Torah* goes back to **the beginning of creation**.

Abraham lived about 2000 B.C. and 430 years later brings you to Moses’ day about 1500 B.C. Adam, Shem, Noah, Abraham, Isaiah and Jacob did not have this **covenant** with their forefathers. However, **all** of them were “**a part**” of the **existing Torah** before “**the added**” Law of Moses. Until Moses and The Levitical Priesthood, The **Fathers** were under The Melchizedek Priesthood. This was **A Priesthood of Faith and Righteousness** and not under The Law of Moses. The Law written by Moses only gave a **great** human existence but Melchizedek gave **salvation**. Why?

The Old Covenant Continued

I Timothy 1:9-10 declares, “**Knowing this that the law [Moses] is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers [Prophets] and murderers of mothers, for manslayers. For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine [teaching].**”

How clear! If one is **under “grace,”** one needs **no** written Law. Why? Those who have The Law in their hearts and minds need

“no written” Law (Hebrews 10:16-17). The ones who have a sound (logical and sensible) mind need no written Law. This *Old Covenant* written by Moses in Deuteronomy was needed because Israel had a **wrong heart** or conscience when they received *The Ten Commandments* which was written on stone (Deuteronomy 5:28-29). All **criminal** nations need “a written law” to have a civil society. Before Moses, *The Torah* was a matter of faith under Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:12). The Priesthood changed and, then, The Law changed. Through Christ, The Melchizedek Priesthood was restored, as in Abraham’s day, and The Law was changed back to **faith or trust in God**.

In Deuteronomy, the **contract** made with Israel was not made with their fathers because under Melchizedek they were **under “grace”** by **faith**. That is why Abraham is **Father of The Faithful** (grace) and **not by The Written Law of Moses**. Right after God spoke *The Ten Commandments* from Horeb, God added “nothing more.” Read what God said about Israel and *The Old Covenant* (Deuteronomy 5:29). “**O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!**” How clear! Israelites were criminals and therefore, needed to remain **in slavery** until they had a **right heart**. As Paul said in II Timothy 1:7, they had to have **a written law** to behave with a sound (logical) mind. A heart of flesh and not stone (II Corinthians 3:3).

With their hard hearts, Moses went up the mountain to receive *The Ten Commandments*, Statutes and Judgments written in a book (*Deuteronomy*). The first thing they did when Moses came down from the mountain was to **sin** by building and worshipping The Golden Calf. As God said, “**they really had a wrong heart.**” They could **not think straight**.

Originally, at Mount Horeb, *The Ten Commandments* which were spoken by God were **changed** from those brought down from Mount Sinai. Read the difference between The Sabbath Commandment spoken **by God** in comparison to the written Sabbath Commandment on the two stones. “**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven [atmosphere] and earth [God’s house], the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it**” (Exodus 20:8-11).

This commandment given by God at Mount Horeb was to be a **memorial** of God’s **Seventh-Day Rest** in “**the garden**” (where God did the work). In Horeb, The Sabbath Commandment was to memorialize God’s “**kingdom,**” His “**rest.**” When Moses brought down the two tablets written in stone, there was no mention of God’s original “**rest**” in The Garden where God did “the work.” Now, The Sabbath was to remind them, **not of God’s “rest,”** “but of God delivering them from **slavery.** **Israel was, now, in slavery** to God as opposed to God’s “**rest**” where God did **the work.** Why? They are told to keep The Sabbath when Israel was delivered from slavery in Egypt (Deuteronomy 5:12-15). Israel was, now, to be in bondage with The Law written by Moses and would not be allowed into God’s “**rest,**” The True Sabbath. God did all the work and Adam and Eve only had to eat of The Tree of Life, God’s Holy Spirit, so they could mature and become like God (Holy). Salvation was a matter of **free choice** based upon faith. Now, Israel had to do the work and, then, rest on The Seventh Day. They were in bondage.

Since The Law of Moses was made for people who had a **wrong heart, (being unrighteous)** they had to keep **every jot and tittle** of Moses Law so they could learn to become righteous. Every government who has criminals must have **Laws**. Criminals must have **laws** to know “**right from wrong.**” Capital punishment perhaps would reduce **murder**, but it is to keep the nations as safe as possible.

Grace

The Torah, before The Law of Moses was written, had no written Law because before Adam and Eve sinned, there was no need for a **legal written law**. In the beginning, Adam and Eve were innocent, like babes and didn't even know they were naked (Genesis 2:25).

After they sinned, a priesthood was established called Melchizedek, which was “A Priesthood of Faith,” because Adam and Eve's **sin** was a **lack of trust** in their Father. There was no **legalistic law** until Moses and when Israel **sinned** against God's *Ten Commandments*, it became a Law. It was all God gave them at that point and He “**added nothing more**” until Moses went up The Mount where he had to write The Entire Law of Moses and they could not break any part.

The legal court of The Law of Moses was to **keep them** as God's “**righteous people.**” It was known as “**the righteousness of the law**” (Deuteronomy 6:24-25). This was because The Israelites had a wrong heart.

A Free Gift

Salvation or eternal life is a **free gift** based upon **faith** or **trust** in

God. Adam and Eve did not **sin** because there was no **legal law** to **transgress**. Their transgression was their **lack of faith**. That is why The Melchizedek Priesthood is “**an order of priests**” who are appointed directly by God, by an **oath** and not any genealogy with a father and mother. God only allows this “**order of priesthood**” based upon **righteousness** and **faith**. That is why Abraham kept God’s **commandments** and **statutes** based upon **faith** (Genesis 26:5). That priesthood was, therefore, The Melchizedek Order of Priests based upon **faith**. The Priesthood of Levi was predicated upon **sin** (Hebrews 1 and 5).

The Torah is **spiritual** and The Law leads you to “**life eternal**” (Romans 7:14). This Law of *Torah* is a spiritual matter which demands a **change of heart and nature**. According to Christ, you are to be **perfect** and **holy** (Matthew 5:48). This holiness comes from God’s “**agapé love**” given to a Christian by God’s Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

Since God’s love is a free gift given to Christians who repent, (free choice) it becomes, totally, a **matter of grace**. When eternal life is by “**grace**,” no work, whatsoever, can be done by humans to receive it! The Law, by Moses, added to *The Torah* became a **legalistic requirement** with **judgments** of **blessings** and **cursings**, The Law administered by Moses became a choice of **life** or **death**. Now, The Written Law of Moses became **death** (II Corinthians 3:3 and II Corinthians 3:6). The weakness of The Law demanded **death**. Human nature was too weak and could not keep The Letter of The Law.

Man’s **righteousness** by The Law only caused **death**. To change human nature completely, to have faith in God, demanded man do “**no works**” or “**deeds**” even of The Law. “**Eternal life**” is totally A Gift of **Grace**! It is The Law **to** Grace. It cannot be Law and

Grace, nor can it be Law or Grace. Eternal life must be a gift, totally, given by God by “**grace**” through “**faith**.”

When God builds His “**house**” which will be **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**, you will read God’s “**will**” is to potentially **save** everyone right into God’s “**kingdom**.” There will be no set date but on-going “**salvation**” right into God’s “**kingdom**” by “**grace**.” Not by a Court of Law, but a change of nature by God and Christ.

CHAPTER 8

GOD'S TORAH

Paul refers to The Law (which is *The Torah Law*) as being “spiritual” (Romans 7:14). The Law of Moses was not spiritual, but written and known as The Letter of The Law, which could only produce death (II Corinthians 3:6). *The Torah* is a spiritual matter which leads to “eternal life,” while The Law of Moses leads to only a righteous, successful human life. Why is *The Torah* “spiritual” and The Law of Moses considered only “righteousness?”

Spirit And Letter

Many Christians may be surprised to know *The Torah* and The Law of Moses are **not** the same Law. Genesis and Exodus, up till Moses, was *The Torah*, but the specific Law of Moses only began at Mount Horeb. *The Torah* existed since the beginning of the universe. God created **the heaven** and **the earth** and *The Torah* began then, although it was not written down (Genesis 1:1-2). *The Torah* is **spiritual**.

Most of *The Torah* does not include The Law of Moses. *The Torah* was already over 2,000 years old. The Law of Moses only lasted from about 1500 B.C., until the destruction of The Temple in 70 A.D.

Always remember, The Law of Moses cannot be kept perfectly without having **The Temple**. In order to keep The Law of Moses, it must be kept perfectly (James 2:10). For The Law of Moses

to be kept, you will have to wait till Christ's "**return.**" Why did God cause *The Old Covenant* "**law**" to **cease** and **vanish** (Hebrews 8:13)? The Law (*Torah*) wasn't destroyed but changed to a new administration.

Original Torah

God originated *The Torah* when He created the universe. God's "**house**" was the earth with His **protected** "**roof**" or "**canopy**" over it. This canopy was the **earth's atmosphere** under which God's children could **live** and **exist** (Genesis 1).

Old Covenant

The rest of the universe was in **darkness** with solar systems in competition with each other. Only the **earth** had God's protection for human life. There is no place like the **earth** in the universe as science, also, testifies. This is God's "**house**" for mankind and only The Creator could be the architect and creator of this "**house.**"

God's *Torah* Law, from its inception, had no legalistic demands until The Law of Moses was enjoined upon Israel. *The Torah*, then, became a **court requirement** with legalistic demands with **judgments** or **curses**. This "**added**" Law of Moses, as Moses reveals in Deuteronomy 5:3, is not the same covenant, *Torah*, made with Abraham. These are two different agreements God made (Galatians 3:17).

The Torah under Moses is known as *The Old Covenant* which was to last till Shiloh or until Christ came (Genesis 49:10). When Jesus Christ came to His own (Judah) they **rejected Him** and so He turned to another people, **The Gentiles** (Acts 18:6). Christ

came to restore The Law of Moses to Israel and when they rejected John, The Baptist as Elijah, a **curse** was placed upon the world (Malachi 4:6). For more insight on this, read *God's Story*. Before Moses, the original *Torah* was preached by The **Prophets** to mankind (Hebrews 1:1). The original *Torah* was not written, because it was not by a **legal** demand, but to be followed because of their **faith**.

This is the reason Abraham kept God's **commandments** and **statutes** and there were **no judgments** (Genesis 26:5)! Abraham was under The Melchizedek Priesthood, "**a priesthood of faith**" **based upon free choice**. **Salvation**, therefore, must be chosen **freely** because eternal life is a **gift** and has no human demands, so it only requires **faith**. It was the element of **faith** that was needed from the time of Adam and Eve until Moses.

Moses introduced *The Old Covenant* to Israel because they **feared** God would **kill** them (Exodus 20). They told Moses he should tell them what God wanted and, then, they would do it. God said they were correct in understanding they had a **wrong heart** and wouldn't keep **His commandments** anyway (Deuteronomy 5:29). *The Old Covenant* was "**added**" to *The Original Torah*, four hundred and thirty years **after** Abraham, "**And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law [Moses Law], which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect**" (Galatians 3:17). Wow! Do you understand what Paul just said?

Before The Law administered by Moses, The Old Contract, *The Torah*, the original **promise** or **contract** with Abraham, was based upon **faith** and not by **command**. Israel needed an order or a command which was no longer based upon **faith** as with Abraham.

From Adam and Eve until Moses, the original *Torah Law* was **foundationally** built upon “**faith**” without a legalistic court command. All nations, who have citizens with a criminal nature with no heart or **conscience**, must have “**a written law**” outlining “**right**” from “**wrong**” (I Timothy 1:7-10). This Law had to have judgments, penalties and when demanded, they had to be followed or the result was a curse.

When Jesus came and **proved His agapé love** for humanity, He was **the body** God required to pay for mankind's sins. He became Melchizedek as Christianities' High Priest (Hebrews 5:10). The Law of Moses was only instituted to be a shadow or type of a witness and to eventually bring them to Christ. Paul revealed in Galatians 3:24, “**Wherefore the law [of Moses] was our school-master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**”

Now the **original Torah Law** has come full circle. From Adam to Moses, **The Spiritual Torah** was based upon **faith**. From Moses to Jesus, with the addition of The Law of Moses, Deuteronomy became a **command** with **curses** and **blessings** (Deuteronomy 29-31), which when Christ came, was to be disannulled. Read Hebrews 7:1-19.

The Torah Law is **spiritual** and remains **forever** or for “**ages and ages.**” The Law of Moses which was “**added**” to *The Torah*, was only “**temporary,**” because of **sin** and a **wrong heart** and was only to **last** until Christ came (Hebrews 3:10 and Galatians 3:19). Once again, *The Old Covenant*, will be instituted during The Millennium to bring the rest of **Israel** along with all the other nations for their opportunity to come to Christ (Romans 11:25-26). The Millennium is necessary to have **the whole world invited to The Wedding Feast**, both the **bad** and the **good** (Matthew 22:10).

Christ was turning to other nations (to The Gentiles and The Lost Tribes) because His own nation, The Jews, rejected **Him**. At this time God was reinstating the original *Torah Law* based upon **faith** through The High Priest, Melchizedek which administered *The Torah* by **faith** or **spiritual worship**. When a change of Priesthood occurred, it then required a change in The Law. *The Torah* was now administered by Melchizedek through **faith** (Hebrews 7:12)!

Spiritual Worship

“**For the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**” (John 1:17). Christians are under **grace** and do not have to follow all The Law of Moses with its curses. Moses’ Law was written to be **done** by human **works**, which are called **dead works** in Hebrews 6:1. They were **dead works** because they only promised a successful, healthy human existence, but no “**eternal life**.” God’s “**house**” needs to be built by God and not by any human effort, such as “**the do’s and don’ts**” of The Law.

That is why Jesus warned when a **house** is built on a **foundation** of sand, it was like Adam and Eve, when they ate the fruit of good and evil, their human work would be destroyed. The next effort by mankind just before **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth** will be destroyed by **fire**!

Three Houses

Biblically, you read Christ described two types of “**houses**.” Matthew 7:24-27 refers to a house which is built on a rock (Christ – I Corinthians 10:4) or on sand (human works). Read about these two houses, but ultimately you will see there is a **third house**, as well.

Hebrews 3:1 directs that Christ is your Apostle and High Priest. Moses was **faithful** over His “**house**” (Law of Moses) which required human effort to build. To be “**righteous**” requires human effort or deeds. Hebrews 3:3 states, “**For this *man* [Jesus] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house.**” Here are **two houses**, one by Moses which was built by each Israelite with their own human effort. This “**house**” **failed** because it was built upon **sand** or **human deeds** or **works**.

The **second house** is **built by Christ**, your High Priest. You’ve noticed this **house** has more **honor**. It is built upon a rock or Jesus. Moses’ house was not intended to last but merely to be a **witness of Christ’s “house”** (Hebrews 3:5).

Now for a surprise! A **third house** is mentioned to be built by God. “**For every house is builded by some *man* [Moses or Christ]; but he that built all things is God**” (Hebrews 3:4). This is a **third house** by God who builds everything! This is “the house” that God is building in II Timothy 2:20. God builds **all things**. Biblically, you will discover that God who created the universe is presently creating **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**.

Jesus said He was going to His Father to build a **mansion** for you (John 14). Read about God’s **new house** or **tabernacle**. God’s “**house**” will **not** be in heaven but will be brought to this **earth**. Revelation 21:1 prophesies that God is creating a New Heaven and a New Earth because the **first** heaven and earth will pass away by **fire** (II Peter 3:7).

Then, coming out of heaven, New Jerusalem will descend as a **bride** glistening with precious jewels. “**And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle [house] of**

God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them *and be their God*” (Revelation 21:3),

God, who creates all things, will make a new universe with a new earth which will be God’s new “**house**” where all mankind will eventually dwell. **The New Jerusalem** which will be on **The New Earth** will be **God’s New House**.

At that time, God will be able to dwell with mankind because sin will not exist. Isaiah 59:1-2 states **God will not dwell where sin exists**. He will not **even listen** to those who sin. When a people sin, God just leaves them alone **in the wilderness** as He did with Israel until Christ came. Christ was sinless so God delivered Him from Satan and the wilderness.

Until a people repent of their sins and have a change of mind or heart, God does not hold people responsible for their sins (John 9:41). This New House of God is a **spiritual (eternal) tabernacle**. God’s “**house**” only allows a specific number of individuals to live or enter His “**house**.” “**God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth**” (John 4:24).

God’s *Torah* in God’s “**house**” must be part or **within** a person’s **heart** and **mind** to be able to enter God’s new earthly “**house**.”

CHAPTER 9

EVERY MAN'S WORK

Who is going to be in The New Heaven and The New Earth? You are saved by “grace,” God’s work or effort, but each person will receive a reward by his/her own work (Revelations 22:12) and in their own order (I Corinthians 15:23).

What God Does And What Humans Do

God does not expect **mankind** to do what cannot be done. You cannot be **perfect** or **holy** because of the **weakness of your flesh** (your very human body). You, also, cannot live forever because everyone has to die (Hebrews 9:27). But what **humans “can do”** is to have **faith** in God and Christ.

I Corinthians 15 is known as The Resurrection Chapter. Erroneously, some believe the subject deals with **the resurrection** to God’s “**kingdom.**” That is not the subject. You read that it is about **the resurrection to life** of all of God’s children born from Adam and Eve’s lineage. The proof text, “**For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Christ] came also the resurrection of the dead**” (I Corinthians 15:21). This can’t be any clearer! As all died in Adam so “in Christ” all humanity who did die and those, who will die, will be made alive. That is the context or subject of I Corinthians 15.

This is **Universal Salvation**. You will find it is the potential or opportunity for everyone to be **saved**. God required **free choice**

for everyone to be in God's **kingdom**. Being thrown into a Lake of Fire and tormented forever, or to be destroyed in The Lake of Fire will not and does not give **free choice**. The only free choice is for everyone to be made alive and then, have the **free choice** to decide when to repent, in order for them to be in God's "**kingdom**." The opportunity for free choice must continue in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. I Corinthians 15 covers the context how everyone is made alive; but not necessarily "**ready**" to be in God's **kingdom**. That is why in I Corinthians 15:22 it states, "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**"

Since the word "**all**" in the Greek is "**in the heirst**" or a subjunctive mood which means every person made alive "not only has an order," but "has specific conditions" which must be met for all to be saved. However, all will be made alive or become spirit, but I Corinthians 15:23 reveals that every man has a specific order (time) as Christ being the firstborn. The rest of mankind all have their own individual order to be resurrected and made alive. "**Then cometh the end, when he [Christ] shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power**" (I Corinthians 15:24).

Paul summarizes what enemies Christ must conquer when He returns before He can give the "**kingdom**" to God. Notice what God's **last enemy** is, "**The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death**" (I Corinthians 15:26). Do you get the point?

The context of I Corinthians 15 asks "is there a **resurrection**?" Whose resurrection? Christ is "the firstfruit" and then "the first resurrection of the saints" followed by the **last resurrection** where **death can no longer exit**. Who is no longer dead? Some believe, from this point on, no one will be dying. Not so, according to

the context. Those who are born of Adam's progeny will "**all be saved alive.**" The context speaks of **Universal Salvation**. This honor is not referring to God's "**kingdom,**" but just who will be made alive and no longer dies.

Remember, Jesus cannot turn **the kingdom** back to God until all of Adam's children are made **alive**. Jesus must **end death** as God's **last enemy**. God hates death. He is "**The God of The Living**" (Mark 12:27). How will Jesus **end death**? Revelation 20:14 declares death "**ends**" by being cast into The Lake of Fire. Not only will death "**end,**" but there will no longer be any **graves**. No graves and no one is dead. This is called **the second death** which reveals no one can die or be dead because there can no longer be any graves.

The word "**all**" in the Greek's subjunctive mood presupposes "there is an order which must occur for **everyone** to be made **alive** in their individual order." That is the context.

How does Christ destroy death? I Corinthians 15:56 reveals, "**the sting of death**" is "**Sin**" and the strength of sin is "**The Law.**" It is "**The Law**" which condemns the sinner to "**death.**" "**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**" (Romans 6:23). Can't be any clearer!

Jesus abrogates death by having the wicked thrown into The Lake of Fire and completely destroyed! The second death. Once sin is destroyed by this **second death**, there is no longer any sin. The wages will have been paid and all sins purged. Sin is only purged when the entire being is destroyed.

Now, God gives these sinners a gift which is **eternal life** by grace. Those given "**grace**" now through Christ's blood are made alive.

I Corinthians 15:55 reveals, **“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”** Christ eliminated death and the grave by both being destroyed in The Lake of Fire. Now, Christ's death paid for the sins of the whole world. Now, no longer can anyone die or be dead. **“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory”** (I Corinthians 15:54). Read the prophecy in *Isaiah*. *Isaiah* now comes into play which can be known as *The Fifth Gospel*. The Prophet declares that God will do wonderful things and cause the terrible nations to fear God (The Mark of The Beast) (Isaiah 25:1-3).

Paul further explains, **“the process to salvation”** in Romans 10:8-10. If a person shall confess with the mouth, that The Lord Jesus was raised from the dead, you shall be **“saved.”** Why? **“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness [of faith]; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”** (Romans 10:10). There it is! By **faith** you will be made **righteous, but by confession with your mouth you are saved.**

Does this happen to all of Adam and Eve's children? Yes, it does! When? This happens in the **last resurrection**. **“That in the dispensation of the fulness [completion] of time he might gather together in one all things in Christ”** (Ephesians 1:10). Christ will gather all things both in heaven and on earth (last resurrection). That means everyone. But, what will they do? Christ was a servant by humbling Himself to die on the cross so that God has **“given Him a name which is above every name”** (“above” includes all God's enemies, including death). **“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth”** (Philippians 2:9-10). This includes the angels, all heavenly beings, all humans on earth and

all under the earth (those who are dead), but to do what? “**And that every tongue** [Adam's children] **should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord** [master], **to The Glory of God The Father**” (Philippians 2:11). That completes the **salvation of everyone** just as Paul described in I Corinthians 15. What ultimately happens to The Glory of God? “**And, when all things** [dispensation is complete] **shall be subdued unto him** [death], **then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him** [God] **that put all things under him, that God may be all in all**” (I Corinthians 15:28). That is God's ultimate purpose, to be “**all and in all.**” Then, and only then, can God receive His **kingdom** from Jesus, The Christ.

To be in God's “**kingdom,**” which is a **gift, is only given when He** knows you and everyone else will have **faith** in Christ and can always be **trusted** and be in subjection to Him (by their free choice). The **opportunity** for **salvation** must exist forever or ages and ages. Read the conclusion in Isaiah 25:6-8. After Babylon, those with worldly goods and “worldly fat things,” such as The Mark of The Beast, are destroyed. Afterwards, a Feast of Fat Things (God's “**glory**”) for all people in the whole world shall take place. This is The Wedding Feast, God's Sabbath Rest (Hebrews 4:9). Notice what happens to the dead.

In Isaiah 25:7, God announces “**the understanding of The Gospel**” and no one is blind any longer. Then what happens? Isaiah 25:8, “**He will swallow up death** [last enemy] **in victory.**” Right out of I Corinthians 15. “**And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces** [universal]; **and the rebuke of his people** [Israel and Church] **shall He take away from off all the earth: for The Lord has spoken it**” (Isaiah 25:8).

What is this time frame for the event? Obviously, this is **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. Read about this future prophecy.

Revelation 21:1-5 begins with **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth** as the old heaven and earth are gone. God has now created His “**New Great House**” and lives with all mankind, after The Lake of Fire and states, “**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death [future], neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away**” (Revelation 21:4).

Then God declares He is going to continue “**creating**” by making everything new and it will be of a higher value and quality. You are now ready to study how God brings about His New Heavenly Kingdom, His “**house**” and who will be in it and what they will be doing. You will find that in accordance with I Corinthians 15:23 **every man** (person), **in his own** (special) **order**, will receive a personal reward based upon his own personal works. **God's** “**kingdom**,” however, will be a **gift** because of your **faith**.

CHAPTER 10

SPIRITUAL DOCTRINE AND DOGMA

Many world religions insist “God wants you to do a list of specific things to receive salvation.” Grace is given as an unmerited gift. There is nothing you can do to earn or receive eternal life. You will find there is a great difference between dogma and spiritual doctrine.

Doctrinal Dogma

The word “**doctrine**” in Greek or Hebrew merely means “**a teaching**.” When “**doctrine**” or “**a teaching**” becomes a **command** for **salvation**, obviously, no longer can it be a **gift of grace**. In a church denomination or congregation it becomes a **doctrinal dogma**. If one doesn’t accept the dogma **biblically**, one cannot be part of that **religious group**. All must believe “**a doctrinal dogma**” as a matter of command in order to belong.

One common denominator, whether Jewish, Christian or Islam or even pagans (without God), believes **everyone** must subscribe to a human requirement of what they must do or believe. Some even agree **salvation** cannot be earned, but they still **require human works**. What is the difference between **grace** and **works** or **deeds** by those in a specific religious group?

Denominations

Most are aware when figuring a math problem that a denominator

is to divide a **numerator** or a whole number. Paul has a great deal to say about **denominations** in religion. “**For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there* is among you envying, and strife, and divisions [denomination], are ye not yet carnal, and walk as men [humans]**” (I Corinthians 3:3)? This is the best definition of “**denominational Christianity**” which started about 50 A.D.

The word “carnal” in Greek signifies “being like an animal” which means “survival of the fittest.” It is no surprise Christian Churches continue to split and divide to this very day. Why? Because humans attach themselves to the preacher or minister or believe a certain church doctrine of their choice. It is exactly like Israel in the days of The Judges. “**Every man did that *which* was right in his own eyes**” (Judges 21:25). Every person would pick the church of their own personal choice. Just as is done today. All world religions have as their purpose to lead you to God, Almighty through and by His Son, Jesus. God and Christ are building an enormous “**house**” for all humanity to live in, eternally, on a New Earth.

Works

“**Grace**” is truly an unmerited gift. You cannot do anything to earn or have a right to **salvation** by any human **deeds**. This understanding is of **great significance** to receive **eternal life**. To be in God’s “**kingdom**” and to be invited to The Wedding Feast is only by invitation and has no cost except the **belief** and **desire** to be there. This is known as **faith** or complete trust in God, The Father and His Son, Jesus who is The Groom to be married to His Bride, His wife. God and Jesus are building a place for you in God’s “**house**,” in The New Earth (John 14:1-3).

In God’s “**house**” there are **vessels, pots, pans, etc.**, made for

honorable use and some for **dishonorable use** (II Timothy 2:20). This is in God's "**kingdom**" in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. There are those who are honorable and those who are the dishonorable. Both "**the honorable and the dishonorable**" are there. "**Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 5:19).

There it is. The honorable and dishonorable are both in God's "**kingdom**" or "**house.**" **The dishonorable** are called "**the least**" and **the honorable** are called "**the greatest.**" It can't be any clearer. Both the good and bad are in God's "**kingdom,**" but "the good" are "**great**" and "the bad" will be considered "**the least.**" This seems to be a contradiction. Both have received the **gift** of "**eternal life.**" How can this be? Is this a contradiction in *The Bible*? No!

Clearly, both are in God's "**kingdom**" by "**grace**" but both have personally accomplished different works. Those who lack "**the works**" of keeping **the commandments** are called "**the least.**" **How plain!** **The Kingdom of God** is given to both, good and bad, but their personal works determine what reward they will receive in God's "**kingdom.**" "**Works**" decide what you will be **doing** in God's **kingdom,** but the **gift of grace,** "**eternal life,**" is given unquestionably as an **unmerited gift.** There is no contradiction in *The Bible* but, more study, will give you a greater meaning "**scripturally.**"

That is why keeping *The Ten Commandments* in "**the letter**" by human effort isn't good enough to be "**the greatest.**" One must be more righteous than The Pharisees and Sadducees. Remember,

The Pharisees and The Sadducees only had to keep **The Commandments** in The Letter by their physical effort. To be “**the greatest**” or “**honorable**” in God’s **house**, *The Ten Commandments* in your consciousness must become part of your “**very being**.” Therefore, **be perfect as your Father in heaven**. How simple and easy to understand (Matthew 5:48).

Their very being, “**faith**” and “**works**” go hand-in-hand. Getting into God’s “**kingdom**” is a matter of **faith** and **grace**. What one does in God’s “**kingdom**” is a matter of **works** or **human effort**. Christ said the very same thing.

Christ And The Rich Man

Many misunderstand what Jesus was telling the rich man. Christ said, “**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God**” (Matthew 19:24). The error again, is trying to explain **scripture** by a **verse** rather than have **the context** interpreting the verse.

Read the context of the story about Christ and the rich man (Matthew 19:15-30). The story really discusses two different questions and not “**just**” the **kingdom**.

Two Questions

What are the two questions that Christ answered which the rich man and His Disciples had asked

- 1 “**And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life**” (Matthew 19:16)?

- 2 Jesus said unto him, **“If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me”** (Matthew 19:21).

The question by the rich man concerning **eternal life** was simply answered by Christ when He said, **“keep the commandments”** (Matthew 19:17). Then, the rich man answered that since he was a child he kept the commandments (Matthew 19:20). Notice, Jesus presented even another question besides the first two stated in Matthew 19:17. Specifically, Christ said to the rich man, **“but if thou [you] wilt enter into life [live forever], keep the commandments”** [and then Jesus defines the commandments]. **If you are going to enter eternal life, it is best to enter eternal life by keeping God’s *Ten Commandments* so you can be called “great.”**

Addressing the second question, but if you be **perfect**, sell everything and give it to the poor and follow Him. Because Jesus said, **“the rich will hardly be in God’s kingdom”** most believe Christ is only referring to rich people. Wait, what was Christ’s complete suggestion? **“Follow me.”** So, **“following me”** is Jesus’ complete answer.

Jesus was saying to **give up** what is the **hardest** or **most difficult** for you. That is why He added to the rich man, **“...go and sell that you have, and give to the poor...and come and follow me”** (Matthew 19:21-24). His Disciples said to him, **“who then can be saved”** (Matthew 19:25)? Now, you have **“another question”** asked by His Disciples.

Christ answered, **“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible”** (Matthew 19:26). This last statement by Christ relates as to how God can save everyone. To be able

to live **forever** is a **matter of grace**. You can do nothing to be saved. Only God can change you (so you can be **saved**). This was Christ's answer as to how to be made **alive** or **saved**.

To answer "**the other question**" such as being in God's "**kingdom**" you must understand only God gives this gift. "**Rewards**" are different than "**being saved by grace**."

The "**works**" humans must do are different than what only God can do, which is to be in God's "**kingdom**." To enter God's "**kingdom**," known as New Jerusalem, on The New Earth, demands **perfection** (to be "**holy**") **like God and Christ** (Ephesians 1). Only God can arrange for you to choose "**correctly**" and be able to do so through Christ by God's gift of The Holy Spirit. To be invited to The Wedding Feast you must receive permission to attend The Son's Marriage, by being in *The Marriage Registry*, which is *The Book of Life* (Revelation 22:19 and Revelation 21:27).

The questions posed by the rich man and Christ's Disciples cover many aspects of God's "**house**" in The New Earth. There is a difference between being in God's "**kingdom**" or to **live forever**, which is **salvation**.

Different Rewards

To be in God's "**kingdom**" mandates a change of nature to become **perfect** and **holy** like God and Jesus with them as your "**tutors**" or "**counselors**." Only Christ and God have the power to do this. Read what Jesus said when The Pharisees asked, "**When the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you**" (Luke 17:20-21). The Kingdom of God is

not a place. God's "**kingdom**" resides on The New Earth, God's "**house**." But God's "**kingdom**" is a **condition** which requires everyone, in it, to be of "like mind" or eventually to be "**perfect**" and become "**holy**" (Ephesians 1). God's "**kingdom**" is a **gift** only given to those who by their **free choice** have **faith** to believe God can change them to be "**holy as He is**." You must become His very Son, as Jesus (Ephesians 4:13). This is a **gift** which only God makes **possible**. God gives this **gift** as an opportunity to live in His "**kingdom**" forever "**universally**."

Now, mankind's "**works**" determine the different rewards in God's government. These **rewards** continue **universally** for **everyone** with their free choice.

Under God's "**kingdom**," His Sons (by being **made perfect** by God's rule), His "**house**" is composed of **honorable** vessels and **dishonorable** vessels. The honorable vessels are The Sons of God, like Jesus, a ruling Royal (Godly) Family so God can become **all and in all** (I Corinthians 15:28).

Those who live in God's "**kingdom**," known as The New Jerusalem, includes God, The Father, Jesus and His **wife**. Those nations who are **saved** can come to The Wedding as "**guests**" only and can eat of The Tree of Life (feast). Those who are not allowed into The City of New Jerusalem are those who are sinners who went into **The Lake of Fire**. They are reserved in outer darkness, the wilderness, without God, until they, of their own **free choice**, drink the healing waters of the **fountain of life** coming from God's "**throne**." They, potentially, have the chance to grow, but in the beginning they are not allowed into New Jerusalem.

In God's "**kingdom**" there are differing **rewards**. Everyone, by God's **grace** is **saved**, but only the nations which are already saved

can enter **the city** to eat of The Tree of Life. Then, those unsaved who have eternal life (spirits) must be **healed** first (Greek, “therapeia”) by the leaves, as they choose to drink the **living waters**. Now, to cover God’s “**word**” necessitates to complete His “**will**” concerning The **Kingdom** of God.

“**Doctrinal dogma**” hinders “**spiritual doctrine**.” Spiritual doctrine is a teaching which is “**eternal**” like *The Torah* Law which existed before The Law of Moses (which was, later, added to *The Torah Law*). Doctrinal teaching, which is “**dogmatic**” or “**commanded as a requirement**” for **salvation**, contradicts God’s spiritual doctrine which is progressive, over a period of time, until all become perfect.

That is why **once** The Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., by Titus, it ended the ability to follow The Law of Moses (which was added) to *The Torah Law* which was to lead to Christ (Galatians 3:19). That is why Christ told the Samaritan woman from that point on, God only wanted to be **worshipped “spiritually” because He is spirit and you must become as He is**. Prophecy evolves from The Law of Moses under Israel to Christianity “**spiritually growing**” to be like Jesus or have “Christ in you.”

CHAPTER 11

SPIRITUAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul said the purpose of the preaching ministry was for the perfecting of “the saints” (Ephesians 4:11-12). You are to continue growing, spiritually, until you mature, eventually, reaching to the stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

You have just read “perfection” is “a process of growth.” It is like a babe maturing to adulthood, but in this case, growing “spiritually.”

Doctrinal Dogma

“**Spiritual righteousness**” excludes doctrinal commands or human works which cannot and will not change **human nature** (Hebrews 10:19). Spiritual growth cannot and does not occur by what **humans do religiously**. Does it make it wrong for Christians to follow The Law in The Letter? Of course not! Keeping The Letter of The Law can only give you a successful human existence.

Salvation, however, requires you to become **perfect** and **holy** like God and Jesus (Matthew 5:48, Ephesians 1 and Ephesians 4:13). You are chosen by His “**grace**.” What is required except faith? You can do nothing to achieve it. As humans you have nothing to do with your growth from childhood to adulthood. Only God gives you “**human growth**,” as well as, “**spiritual growth**.” To become “**righteous**” can only be done by God, through Christ, with God’s Holy Spirit. That is why Paul admonishes Christianity

to stop “**arguing**” or “**being tossed to and fro**” (Ephesians 4:14). Spiritual righteousness is not some doctrinal dogma, but **a way of life**.

Paul clearly **defines** that **way of life**. “**But speaking** [preaching] **the truth** [Christ] **in love** [a servant], **may grow up into him in all things** [like Jesus], **which is the head, even Christ**” (Ephesians 4:15). Spiritual growth and spiritual righteousness is actually “a simple doctrine” or “teaching” **to understand**. It has nothing to do with human effort or some religious system to observe days or other rituals. It is all in the hands of God, The Father. God is The One who does the **saving**, (Isaiah 59:1) through Christ. There are no doctrinal dogmas mandated by God or Christ.

A Ministerial Conference

Many reading *The Book of Acts* believe the gathering of The Apostles in Jerusalem was to decide whether or not **the uncircumcised** Gentiles must be circumcised and to keep The Law of Moses to be part of The Commonwealth of Israel (Acts 15:5). The Pharisees who posed this question had a very good point. Gentiles could not enter The Temple to worship God without being **circumcised** and had to keep The Law, perfectly (James 2:10). In fact, a Jew could not have **table fellowship** unless they were circumcised and were keeping The Law of Moses.

The **misunderstanding**, however, wasn't “**table fellowship**” or “**worshipping in The Temple**.” The conference really was not about doctrinal dogma concerning The Law. The question was actually about **salvation**, “**And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except, you be circumcised after the manner of Moses, you cannot be saved**” (Acts 15:1).

It wasn't The Apostles who presented the problem, but **the church members** from Jerusalem. Amazingly, no one kicked anyone out of the church, when any member might differ with The Apostles. It wasn't a matter of "**Law**" or "**Grace**" but **Salvation**. Their problem wasn't "**doctrinal dogma**." The two can never be the same. One has to do with "**righteousness**" of The Law (Deuteronomy 6:25). The other is a question how "God makes you righteous." The Conference was about His "**righteousness**" **spiritually changing** your very nature to be like Jesus through God's Holy Spirit! The conference wasn't a doctrinal discussion, but how God **saves** you by **His Holy Spirit**. It was not a "**doctrinal change**" but a "**spiritual change**."

It wasn't The Apostles or **the church** making the decision. It was God who revealed this change by giving The Gentiles His Holy Spirit **without** the necessity of them being circumcised or keeping The Law. This was the point of this conference. They were **seeking** God's "**will**" and not coming together to determine some new doctrinal dogma to be mandated upon **the church**.

That is why James declared that Peter and Paul revealed it was God who gave The Gentiles His Holy Spirit **without circumcision** or the necessity to keep The Law of Moses. God made the decision; **not any man**.

In fact, even The Apostles had nothing to do with the giving of His Holy Spirit. Only God can give **salvation** as a **gift**, which has nothing to do with circumcision or The Law or any effort of works by man.

Only God can change human nature. "**Spiritual righteousness**" is not a doctrinal change but a change of your mind and how you **think**. That is why in Matthew 19, Jesus told His Disciples it is

only possible for God to change each individual to become **perfect** and it is **impossible for man** to change himself. Why do humans keep coming up with **new doctrinal dogmas** in their attempt to find, yet, another avenue to please God?

How God Gives His Righteousness

Since **salvation** is not a doctrinal issue, what is it that Christians can do? Paul said in Hebrews 10:24, “**And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.**” There it is!

What Christians can humanly do, is desire everyone to love each other and, only, do good things. That's it. No doctrines, no other works.

When God sees a change in your **heart** to love each other and only do what is **good** for creation, then, God in **the resurrection**, will give you a new spiritual body without any pulls of the **flesh**. You will be, totally, **spirit** and **holy** like God and Christ. That is **spiritual righteousness**.

You need to stop trying to do God's “**work**” especially trying to develop “**human doctrine**” that cannot change anyone because everyone's **flesh is weak** (Mark 14:38 and Hebrews 7:19). The Law cannot make anyone **perfect**.

Humanity And Christianity

God only expects of you what you, as a human, are only able to do. Salvation is a matter of **faith** or having **trust** in him. Why? Only God can make you righteous in your heart and in your nature. Solomon, as King, and as The Preacher, was able to have and do whatever his heart desired (according to *The Book of Ecclesiastes*).

tes). Here is his conclusion of what a human can do in their life time, **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter [human life] Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”** (Ecclesiastes 12:13). The word “duty” is not used in older manuscripts. Christ, however, did say you should keep **the commandments**. Solomon is referring to **mankind** and what is right for a successful human existence. That is all humanity can do by their own human effort. Job kept **the commandments**. So did John, The Baptist’s parents, Paul and many others, but it did not change their human nature. **Spiritual righteousness** is not a religious system. Being **perfect** and **holy** is a **way of living** through **God’s Holy Spirit guiding Christians by faith**.

“Spiritual righteousness” is not a written doctrine but God placing Himself (His Holy Spirit) “in Christians” through Christ. That is **“Christ in you”** (Colossians 1:27).

When reading God’s literal plans, from beginning to end in *The Book of Isaiah* you will find God’s **“will”** and what God is doing to perform His **“will”** through Christ.

CHAPTER 12

WORLDWIDE CHANGE

You can now understand how significant *The Book of Isaiah* is in “biblical prophecy.” It carried a theme which discloses Israel’s and Judah’s sins to the point God had His two chosen nations go into captivity. The Ten Tribes of Israel are enslaved by Assyria and, finally, dispersed among the nations of the world. They become known as The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel to this very day.

Judah is taken captive by Babylon 134 years later. They remained in captivity for seventy years. Then, some return to Judah to rebuild The Temple.

Isaiah prophesied these events which were, yet, to occur. But what is the significance, especially to you and the rest of the world?

Rule Over God’s Kingdom

From the day Adam and Eve were in **The Garden**, it was God’s “**will**” to make mankind in His image by having them eat of The Tree of Life and becoming mature Sons of God. They were in God’s **kingdom**.

When they ate of The Tree of Good and Evil, it was, then, God’s “**will**” or “**plan**” to restore His “**kingdom**” on earth through “**a**

promised seed.” This was through Adam and Eve’s progeny (Genesis 3:15). This has been God’s purpose to the time of Isaiah.

Through Abraham, from whence **the promised seed** should come, Isaac was born “**miraculously.**” It was from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to The Twelve Tribes of Israel, “**the restoration**” of God’s **rest** and **kingdom** were to take place. Israel rejected God and His Law by becoming like the other nations around them. They ended in **idolatry** and became liars, bigots and criminals following the ways of the other nations they were involved with. God, therefore, because of their sins, had to reject them and decided to let them go into **captivity**. Since they desired to be like their neighboring nations, they had to learn their lesson in how to only follow The True God and, in **faith**, to **trust God**.

Time Of The Gentiles

In Daniel, there were to be four ruling World Empires which came out of The Great Sea, The Mediterranean. Daniel 2 concludes with **a fourth beast**, which is a composite of the former three, which bears a resemblance to a lion, a bear and a leopard.

In world history, they were Nebuchadnezzar, “**the lion**” of Babylon; Cyrus, King of Media Persia, “**the bear**” and Alexander, The Greco-Macedonian, “**the leopard.**” The fourth, being a composite of the former three: **lion, bear, and leopard**, was **the most violent** – The Roman Empire (Daniel 7:4-7). And, once again this fourth beast’s image is to reemerge in a world ruled by Ten Kings or rulers in all The Ten Nations known as **The Image of The Beast**.

And, yet, “**end-time prophecy**” reveals it will be a time of great world prosperity. Anyone not following this world government, will not be able to be in business or likely to stay in business. This

union is partly of iron and clay (Daniel 2). Together, these nations are militarily powerful but held together by clay and stay together for their own greedy benefit, only. It will be based upon, only, world competition with each nation looking out for its own survival. This is The Mark of The Beast in Revelation 13:18. These are known as The Times of The Gentiles.

When World War III breaks out between The Kings of **the north** and **south**, they meet at The Battle of Armageddon where Christ stops “**world suicide**” by destroying those nations and introducing God’s “**kingdom**” with its reign (Daniel 2 and Daniel 7). The Time of The Gentiles is over and peace comes to the world for 1,000 years. Israel and Judah come together, as one nation, under King David with Christ as King of Kings and **the saints**, who are The Bride of Christ. After a short battle over Jerusalem, Jesus as King of Kings defeats Gog and Magog and God causes the old world and heaven to pass away establishing The New Heaven and The New Earth where God makes **all things new** (Revelation 21:5).

Pivotal Point

The Book of Isaiah lets you in on a **great biblical prophetic event**. The event is worldwide change of God’s **house (the earth)**. Instead of God’s chosen people, Israel (The Twelve Tribes), He passes the responsibility to The Gentile Nations to bring Israel to their senses. After Israel pays all their penalties, they will, then, worship **The One True God** and **His Son, Jesus**. God’s “**house**,” the earth, is turned over to The Gentiles until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled. Israel wanted to follow The Gentiles, so God gave them their wish to become like **The Gentiles, themselves**. In this critical time in world history this monumental change had occurred.

It is very much as Isaiah said that His children, (The Tribe of Israel), dishonored their Father, God so He turns Israel over to their lovers, The Gentiles (Isaiah 1:2-4). This pivotal point affects the entire world and it is why *The Book of Isaiah* is so significant “**prophetically.**”

The Book of Isaiah covers **all** of world prophecy from the captivity of both Israel and Judah until Christ **returns** to establish God's “**kingdom**” right into The New Heaven and The New Earth. This is the importance of *The Book of Isaiah* in relationship to the entire world. When you read *The Book of Isaiah* it behooves you to rely on it for prophecy from the captivity of Israel and Judah to The New Heaven and The New Earth. To benefit prophetically, Isaiah relates all prophecy which, eventually, must become **history**. There is the theme or methodology to *The Book of Isaiah* to interrelate with the rest of *The Scriptures* of both *Old Testament* and *New Testament* to help you understand **world prophecy**.

Isaiah's Theme

Some accuse God of forsaking His chosen people in *The Old Testament* when Israel and Judah went into captivity. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Since the time of Moses until Isaiah, God continually pleaded with Israel. In the beginning, Israel consistently disobeyed and dishonored God, their Father. God constantly sent His Prophets to warn Israel to stop disobeying His Laws. By the time of Isaiah, God realized telling Israel how to be a righteous witness to the world, wasn't going to happen. The time for verbal teaching was **over**. **Disciplinary measures** had to be taken. The direction of Israel left to their own devices wasn't getting the job done. Stern measures had to be employed.

At the same time, God wanted Israel to know He wasn't forsaking them by turning them over "**to their lovers.**" He really wanted them to learn their lesson and have **faith** and follow their Father, God.

Isaiah's prophecy follows a cycle of forty years. During Isaiah's time of prophecy, God continually warns Israel and Judah about depending on or following the local nations around them (Syria, Tyre, Babylon and Egypt). He tells them to return to His Law – to be honest, dependable, just, fair and stop negotiating with bribery for peace with all their neighbors. Then, a prophetic pattern evolves each and every time God declares what He will bring to pass. He first warns Israel, The Ten Tribes and Judah that captivity and slavery will befall them. Because of this captivity and mistreatment of His chosen people, God will, finally, destroy the nations who mistreated His people. During this period, a **remnant** of Israel and Judah are saved and come under God's protection. God calls this **remnant**, His **jewels** (Malachi 3:16-17).

During these prophecies God declares how He will, ultimately, **save all Israel** through His **servant, The Messiah**. Then, God returns Israel to The Promised Land, God's **rest**, ruled by Christ and King David (Romans 11:25-26).

Isaiah's prophecy continues through "**the millennial rule**" when the world will be invited to The Wedding Feast, which occurs during The Time of The New Heaven and The New Earth. "**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw The Holy City New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**" (Revelation 21:1-2). Clearly, The Wedding Feast occurs at the time of The New Heaven and The New Earth with

Christ as The Bride's Groom. This is the complete "**theme of the prophecy of Isaiah.**" Remember, the name of "Isaiah" in Hebrew means "God saves." Isaiah is The Prophet who declares "the entire prophecy of God's plan from **the captivity** of Israel through The Time of Gentile rule, to Christ's **return**; then through The Very Kingdom of God." It is time to initiate God's "**will**" and His "**plan.**"

CHAPTER 13

GOD'S KINGDOM RULES

Satan is “the god” of this World (II Corinthians 4:4). Since Satan, the adversary, is looked to as a god in this world, does that mean Satan rules this world? Satan, as a god in this world, is not the ruler of this world. “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (II Corinthians 4:4).

There it is, Satan does not rule this world, God does. As long as those who do not believe The Gospel of Christ exists, Satan is allowed to blind them and is their “god” or “ruler” which, knowingly or unknowingly, they follow.

God Is The King

Isaiah prophesies world events from the time of Israel's and Judah's captivity. Since God is **The Supreme Ruler or King of The Earth**, then, **only, God can predict the events** to come from Isaiah's day until The New Heaven and The New Earth. It is God's Plan of **Salvation** and no one else's.

If Satan was in charge, then, God's “**plan**” or “**will**” would **fail!** For example, Satan knew he had to receive permission from God concerning Job. Job was perfect, upright and one who feared

(honored) God (Job 1:1). A time came when The Sons of God came before God, including Satan. God declared what a **good** man Job was. Here was Satan's reply, "**Then Satan answered the Lord and said, doth Job fear God for nought**" (Job 1:9)? Satan stated Job does what you tell him because of **all the blessings you have given him** (Job 1:10). Satan added if you take away everything you have **given him** – "**Job will curse you to your face**" (Job 1:11). God gave Satan the authority to take everything Job had, but not to harm him. Later, God allows Satan to take away his health, also, but he could not kill him (Job 2:4-6). Satan was never and is not, the **king** or ruler over this world. Only God is! Why then, does Satan fight against God and His "**will**" or "**ways**?"

"King," in Hebrew and Greek is "the one who builds" or "creates." He supplies, takes care of and keeps those under his rule **safe**. He is "**the archon**" (Greek) who is "**the top**" or "**head**," "**the first above everyone**." God is **The Almighty King of the entire creation**. Even Satan knows that (James 2:19). God is **The Only Supreme One** and in charge of His **entire creation as Supreme King Almighty**. God is the only one in charge and controls the **entire universe or creation**. God's "**will to be done**" means what it states. Why did Satan become an **adversary** to God?

History Of Satan

The name "Satan" is not a being's name but can explain what "**the being**" does. In Isaiah 14:12, "**How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**" Here The King of Tyre is likened to Lucifer, "the son of the morning." Why? You will, **scripturally**, prove anyone who sets himself/herself above God Almighty as the **supreme king** is compared to Lucifer. Who

is Lucifer?

First, the name “Lucifer” is not from the Hebrew but the Latin and was translated by a Catholic priest hundreds of years later. In Hebrew, the word is “heylel.” “Heylel” is defined as “**brightness, the morning star.**” In Latin, it is “**the light bringer.**” This is Christ’s title in Revelation 22:16. Before Satan, literally became Satan, he could have been “the morning star, the sun or light bringer.” Notice this is exactly what Christ is called in Malachi 4:2.

In Latin, “Lucifer” means “light,” something like Lucite. The title “Satan” is not a name but “a **definition.**” That is why The King of Tyre carries the same meaning in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. He is like “**the light bringer.**” But, notice, God reveals the source of that title in Isaiah 14. How did this “**light bringer**” in Hebrew become “Satan, the adversary?” Isaiah predicting God’s theme of delivering His people, Israel and “**The World,**” through Christ, prophesies the downfall of Tyre and Satan (who should have been a **light bringer**). Isaiah 14:12 says, “**How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, [light bringer] [Heylel] son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**”

What caused Satan’s fall? Why does God remove him? “**For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the height of the clouds; I will be like the most High**” (Isaiah 14:13-14).

There is **the biblical answer.** Satan became so pompous and egotistical that he believed he could be higher than Christ, **The Real**

Morning Star or **Light Bringer** (Revelation 22:16). In fact, he thought he was so **smart** that he could be **equal to God**! That is what he told Eve in **The Garden**. She could have chosen to be like God, Himself. It was Eve's decisions as to what was "wrong" and "right" for her to follow. Satan became the **adversary** to God's "**will**" and "**ways**." He was smart enough to know he couldn't replace God, who is **supreme**, but was content to be "**an equal**" **to God**. That is what The Pharisees accused Christ of doing by calling Himself, The Son of God.

There were two differences between Satan and God's Son, Jesus, The Christ. Jesus only spoke God's "**words**" and only did God's "**will**." Wow! What a difference! That is why, when Jesus was in the flesh, Satan was known as **the devil** or **the destroyer**.

Satan, as **the adversary**, is, also, **the devil** or **destroyer** of God's "**will**" or "**purpose**." Satan is trying to prove his way is better. Jesus, The True Light Bringer, on the other hand, always does God's "**will**" **according** to His "**word**." Only God is The One Supreme Being and The King, Almighty. God rules the earth, always including The Gentile Kings.

Gentile Rule

When Israel was in captivity, God turned over the rule of the world to **The Four Gentile Kingdoms**. God did this to teach all Israel to repent of being in the Gentile "**wilderness**" run by Satan. These kingdoms all originated around the area of the great sea, The Mediterranean. These four kingdoms are known as Babylon, Media-Persia, Greco-Macedonia and The Roman Empire. After 400 A.D., the decline of The Roman Empire was eminent and by 700 to 800 A.D. had pretty much vanished. One more world kingdom, "the eighth," was of The Seven Roman Kings, is to be an exact copy

or image of The Fourth Beast – Rome. This image or likeness of The Fourth Beast in Daniel 7 is to be crushed by Christ. This last image, The Mark of The Beast, consists of a “lion,” “bear” and “leopard” is completely violent and **economically** and **militarily** very competitive. It is led by The Ten World Leaders who will be crushed by Christ at His Second Coming (Daniel 2).

God, however, is the one in charge of the world and only allows these kingdoms to rule within and by His authority. What did God do to King Nebuchadnezzar who was “The First Gentile Beast” ruling **The World from Babylon**?

When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was at the height of his success he started to take credit for his kingdom's power. God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to have a dream where “**a great tree**” housed the entire world and God “**cut the tree down.**” Nebuchadnezzar asked Daniel, God's Prophet, to interpret his dream. Daniel answered, “**It is thou, O King, that are grown and become strong: for your greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and your dominion to the end of the earth**” (Daniel 4:22).

God likened Nebuchadnezzar to the great tree and gave him this warning, “**That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times [7 years] shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will**” (Daniel 4:25). This is exactly what occurred to King Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven into the wilderness for seven years, as a beast, until his senses came back and he acknowledged God was The Real Ruler of The World.

God's "**kingdom**" in heaven always rules the earth and directs His "**will**" to be **fulfilled** or **completed**, even, when He turned over "**the rulership**" to The Gentiles.

God predestinated **a plan** as written in Ephesians 1. God is allowing Satan and humanity to rule themselves as to what is **right** and **wrong**, but God directs **events so everyone** will ultimately **fulfill** God's "**will**" and "**purpose**" (Isaiah 46:10).

God allows **free choice** to choose "**salvation.**" To do so, **salvation** must be potentially available through **all dispensations** by God. God is always **The Almighty God** and in control of **the world**. God can and will change His direction, if necessary, to achieve His "**will**, but God never would abort His ultimate purpose for Him to be "**all and in all**" (I Corinthians 15:28). You need to fully understand prophecy to know how God achieves His "**will**" or "**desires**" by an individual's "**free choice.**"

CHAPTER 14

THE BOOK OF LIFE

The Book of Life includes all the individuals who will enter God's "kingdom." The rest will be thrown into The Lake of Fire (Revelation 20). The question you need to ask concerning God's "will" is what, exactly, does *The Book of Life* contain?

God Is The King

As long as God gives humanity the "spirit in man" they are "living human beings." Once, God takes back "the spirit in man" that person is a **dead soul** or **no longer alive**. When a person dies, "the spirit" returns to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Only God has "life" in Him to give according to His "will" (John 5:21). Now, God has given that "life" to save the world to His Son, Jesus (I John 4:14). That is God's "will."

The Book of Life, therefore, is a scroll, whereby one's name is listed as having **access to receive "life eternal."** It is *The Book of The Living* because they are in God's "kingdom" What do those in New Jerusalem receive, which takes place during God's "kingdom" on **The New Earth**? "**Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city**" (Revelation 22:14). Do you **perceive** what continues in God's "kingdom," which is **The New Jerusalem**? The **potential** for **salvation** continues in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. The Tree of Life (salvation) is there!

God's "**house**" – The New Jerusalem continues with **spiritual growth** in The Kingdom of God. The access to The Tree of Life will exist in The New Earth (Revelation 21 and 22). Then, in Revelation 21:24, in addition to those who dwell with God in New Jerusalem, are other **nations** who are **saved**. "**And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.**"

The last group, those who are liars, abominable and defiled will not and cannot **enter New Jerusalem** (Revelation 21:27). These are those who are left outside or without The City of New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:15).

Jesus states, emphatically, His purpose when He will **return**, "**And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be**" (Revelation 22:12). You know "**eternal life**" is a **gift**, completely unearned, but as you have proved, your **rewards** can be earned. Period! This is the great **reality**, every man receives His personal reward in God's "**kingdom.**" This is the continued **potential**, in God's "**kingdom**" for the **whole world to be saved**. "**Every man**" means "it excludes **no one,**" **which, in turn, means "it includes, absolutely, everyone."**

In The New Heaven and The New Earth, besides "**the gift of eternal life,**" all humanity receives a **reward** based upon individual **works**. Those in *The Book of Life*, either, directly live in New Jerusalem as Christ's wife or are **the saved nations** who are allowed to visit God's "**kingdom,**" New Jerusalem. The third group, are those left outside the city who must continue their **spiritual growth** by drinking the rivers of waters with the healing leaves to **spiritually grow to "the stature" of Christ** (Ephesians 4:13). **In God's "kingdom" salvation continues as repented individuals**

who mature will become Sons of God (Revelation 21:7). But those who are written in *The Book of Life* receive a **special reward**. But who are they?

Marriage Registry

The Book of Life is a special book, reserved for a special group of people, so everyone will know the reward each individual will receive. *The Bible* tells you who that group is, “**And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**” This cannot be written any clearer (Revelation 19:9).

All those written in *The Book of Life* are invited to **The Marriage Supper**. *The Book of Life* is a **Marriage Registry**. Amazingly, *The Book of Life*, only, includes those who are allowed to attend **The Marriage Feast** of The Groom and The Bride. Besides God, The Father, only, those “**invited guests**” are allowed to attend. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 22:14, “**For many are called, but few are chosen.**”

Because of Christ’s statement, some believe only a few of the world’s population will be saved. Again, Jesus said, “**Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it**” (Matthew 7:13-14). *The Bible*, obviously, does not speak of many who will be in *The Book of Life*. The errors assumed by many are, besides those who are saved, that **the potential for salvation** does not continue in God’s “**kingdom**” at the time of The New Heaven and The New Earth. The Tree of Life proves salvation which contin-

ues in God's "**kingdom**," but one must grow, **spiritually**, to be allowed to enter New Jerusalem. One must take the first step to spiritual growth, i.e., keep *The Ten Commandments* in order to enter God's "**kingdom**" (Revelation 21:6 and Revelation 22:14).

The Marriage Feast

The marriage of Christ to His Bride is dependent on who qualifies to be His wife. At one time, The Bride was Israel, but they rejected Jesus when He came, so Christ turned to The Gentiles who were more receptive and, thereby, more worthy (Matthew 21:43). Matthew 22:1-14 reveals God sends the invitation to The Wedding Feast at three different times. Once, from **the time** of The Garden of Eden to the flood. Secondly, at the time of Christ's coming in the flesh, and until His death and resurrection. From that point, God sends The Wedding Feast "**invitation**" to everyone in **all the world**, both to the **good** and to the **bad**, until Christ **returns**.

Notice Matthew 22:9-14, "**Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find, bid to the marriage.**" This announcement covers the entire world, including The Gentiles and all heathens. This invitation includes **all people, good and bad** (Matthew 22:10).

At the time of The Wedding some will try to enter The Marriage Feast without the "**proper garments.**" In Revelation 19:8 requires the garment worn to "**the feast**" to be **righteous** or **holy**. If not, here is what happens to those not accepted, "**Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; but there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**" (Matthew 22:13). Matthew 22:14 declares, "**For many are called, but few are chosen.**" Contrary to some, who believe only a few are **saved**, this is after The Lake

of Fire and those not allowed into The Wedding Feast which is on The New Earth. Those, who went through Gehenna are **still alive** but not allowed into The Wedding Feast, in New Jerusalem (Revelation 21 and 22). Always remember, **salvation** continues in God's "**kingdom**" in The New Earth.

Those attending The Wedding will include God, The Father; Christ, His Son; The Bride of Christ and The Guests or other nations who are **saved**. The rest are left outside the city (Revelation 22).

The Book of Life is a *Marriage Registry* only, and does not include everyone who will, eventually, be saved. The "**spiritual growth**" process continues in God's "**kingdom rule**" in The New Earth. To have "**free choice**" to be able to enter New Jerusalem is ongoing for "**ages and ages.**" Only those properly dressed in God's **righteousness**, can enter the gate.

Greek Grammar

Revelation 20:15 prophesies, "**And whosoever was not found written in *The Book of Life* was cast into The Lake of Fire.**" All who are not allowed to attend The Wedding Feast in New Jerusalem are thrown in Gehenna, The Lake of Fire. Those not allowed into The Marriage Feast, after being thrown into The Lake of Fire, are resurrected and reserved to live in outer darkness.

In Greek, the grammar for the word "**written**" referring to "*The Book of Life*" is in the perfect passive participle. The perfect tense represents an action that was completed. The English would be, "**it has been written or completed.**" The passive voice represents the subject as receiving the action as, "to burn" or "burn – as being inflamed." The participle is a verbal adjective that is a modified action of the verb. An example would be, "receiving

the gift.” Putting the Greek together signifies “an action which is completed by meeting the requirement of its purpose.”

As long as you grow into **spiritual righteousness**, then, your name will be in *The Book of Life*. It is a process which is potentially ongoing, forever, or ages upon ages. It is the very “**purpose**” or “**work**” of God’s “**kingdom**” in The New Jerusalem.

The Book of Life is a *Marriage Registry* which is potentially ongoing in God’s “**kingdom**” forever. What a loving merciful God, when He shows Himself so patient to wait for everyone to finally decide to repent and become like Christ.

CHAPTER 15

TWO REVELATIONS

Did you know there are two revelations in *The Book of Revelation*? Revelation 5 reveals Jesus is worthy to open *The Book of Revelation*. That is the first revelation. The second revelation is Christ's Bride becomes worthy to be His Wife. The end of *The New Testament* comes from the Greek word, "apokastasis." The meaning is "to restore to a former condition." This restoration requires an uncovering or unvailing to get to the original state. That is why Jesus said in Revelation 1:8, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty."

This book is an unvailing of two different beings. Can you understand who they are?

True Love

In *The Book of Revelation*, Chapters 2 and 3, explains how Christ warns His Bride, **the seven churches**. All of them have something spiritually missing. Even The Philadelphian Church has only "a little strength" (Revelation 3:8). These Philadelphians know **The True Christ**, but only have a **brotherly love** for Jesus as opposed to having an **agapé** love. What is the difference?

When Christ was resurrected, He directed The Disciples to come

and dine with Him. While they were eating, Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you **love** me?” Twice, he used the word **agapè**, that is, asking him if he (Peter) loved Him **so much he would die** for Him (Christ)? Peter answered and said, “You know, I **philia** you,” or have a deep friendship for you. Then, the third time, Christ merely stated, “Peter, do you **philia** me?” Again, Peter answered, “You know I **philia** you.”

Christ was testing Peter to see if he learned his lesson when Peter said before Jesus was **martyred**, he would go to the **death** for Christ. Then, he **denied** Jesus, three times, before the cock crew. Peter knew Christ was The Son of God just like The Philadelphians in Revelation 3, but as Peter, they hadn't loved Jesus enough to die for Him. Christ knew The Philadelphian Church needed to grow **spiritually** from “brotherly love” to “**agapé love**,” just as Peter should have done. Therefore, The Philadelphians are spared from going into tribulation but warned to **hold fast** to what they have, so the rest of the world could learn they, too, must grow from “brotherly love” to “**agapé love**” (Revelation 3:10).

The lesson needed by **all seven** churches of God was to learn to have **agapé love**, that is, to love Christ, so you are willing to die for Him. Why?

The Bride

The Book of Revelation is an unvailing. What kind of unvailing is it? Revelation 1:7 reveals, “**Behold, he [Jesus] cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth [all humanity].**” The unvailing has to do with **The Return of Christ**.

What does Christ's **return** have to do with this revelation or un-

vailing? One unvailing has already taken place. The second unvailing is prophetic and still to come. Read about the first unvailing which concerns *The Old and New Covenant* known as **Law and Grace**.

In II Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul describes the difference between The Law of Moses, which was in *The Book of Deuteronomy* and The Law, which is now, being written in your heart and mind by God, through Christ.

The veil over Moses' face was there every time Moses came before The Lord (II Corinthians 3:13-17). When Moses approached the people, this veil was over his face and the people feared to come before God's "**glory**," known as "The Shekinah." This veil remained in *The Old Testament* until Christ came and removed the veil from **the temple**. "**But even unto this day** [Paul's time], **when Moses is read** [The Law], **the veil is upon their heart**." Nevertheless, The Lord, shall take away the veil (II Corinthians 3:15).

Now, The Lord is that "**spirit**" and where "**the spirit**" (Holy Spirit) of The Lord is, there is **liberty** or **freedom**. No longer are the legal demands of The Law required as administered by Moses. Remember, a change of The Priesthood changes **The Administration of The Law**. Christ removed the veil of The Law of Moses and manifests *The New Covenant, Torah*, as it was in Abraham's day, as administered by Melchizedek. You are now ready to learn about this unvailing and place, in context, the second **revelation** (or unvailing).

The Slain Lamb

Revelation 5:1-10 covers **the first unvailing**. II Corinthians 3:13-

18 states Moses' face had a veil over it because The Israelites were afraid to look on "The Glory of God." This veil hid The Glory or Shekinah of God which covered Moses' face. God's "**glory**" is all of God's goodness (Exodus 33:19). This same veil blinded The People of Israel into Paul's day. What did Israel not see? II Corinthians 3:18 reveals it was The Shekinah, or God's "**glory**," which now is changed to **Christ's "glory."** II Corinthians 4:4 declares it is Satan who blinds The Israelites' mind to not be able to see Christ as The New Glory (II Corinthians 3:11). Now Jesus, The New Shekinah Glory, who is the **image** of God, will shine on them. Christ was in God's "**glory**" (John 17:5).

What made Christ **more glorious** than The Shekinah Glory under The Administration of Moses and The Law? A new song was sung, "**Thou art worthy to take the book [Revelation], and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred [everyone] and tongue and people and nation**" (Revelation 5:9). That is "**the potential**" for Universal Salvation. Christ's **blood** paid for everyone's sins. All that is necessary is "**repentance**" or "**free choice**" on your part. This is The First Revelation or "unveiling." Christ's **return** for The Bride is guaranteed. That is why the veil was rent in The Temple. Access to God's **mercy seat** was, now, available (Hebrews 9 and 10). Jesus, The Christ removed **the veil** and the marriage can, then, take place. God, The Father has given His approval. The veil was rent and, now, you have **direct access** to The **Holy Place, God's house**. Christ is **ready**, at any moment, "to return" for His **Bride**.

The Second Unveiling

Everyone asks when The Christ, The Messiah is going to come. Some say it must all be a myth since thousands of years have

lapsed and The Messiah hasn't returned. Even some Christians are beginning to doubt His **return** (II Peter 3). Why doesn't Jesus return?

At the end of Revelation, Christ said, "**I come quickly**" (Revelation 22:12). What is holding up **The Return of Christ**? When Revelation was written, Jesus was "**ready to return.**" In other words, Christ was ready to come, but only when the people are ready to repent and finally acquire **agapé** love.

Jesus, The Messiah is **worthy** and ready "**to return.**" Christ had given His **Life** for His **Bride** (with all mankind to come), to The **Wedding Feast**, both **good** and **bad** (Matthew 22:10). The first revelation is that Christ had to be The **Son of God**, so He could be The **Groom**. God, The Father is well pleased with Jesus and approves His Son's "**Marriage.**" What is the delay?

When Jesus came, originally, for His Bride, what did Judah do? "**He came unto His own and His own received Him not**" (John 1:11). John, The Baptist said, "**He that hath The Bride is The Bridegroom: but the friend of The Bridegroom, which standeth and heareth Him, rejoiceth greatly because of The Bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled**" (John 3:29). Christ, The Groom came for His **Bride, Judah**, to announce The **Wedding Feast**. What did Judah do? Judah rejected Christ and here is His answer, "**Therefore say I unto you [Pharisees and Scribes, etc.] The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof**" (Matthew 21:43).

Christ's Bride has to be worthy to become **The Wife of The Messiah**. How? "**For John came unto you in the way of righteousness and you believed him not: but the publicans and the**

harlots believed him: and you, when you had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that you might believe him” (Matthew 21:32).

There is God's answer. Your Father in heaven would never allow His Son, Jesus to **marry a woman not worthy** (or righteous), **who has not** proved Herself **worthy** by giving Her life for The Groom. Christians must prove themselves worthy (as The Bride) by giving their life for Christ, The Groom.

Some denominations, erroneously, try to determine the **date** of Christ's "**return.**" There is **no set date** "biblically." Only God determines when Christ can **marry His Bride** (Acts 1:7).

Why did God **not allow His Son's Wedding Feast** until certain **conditions take place**? What must **biblically "transpire"** before Christ can return? "**Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him [Christ]: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready**" (Revelation 19:7). There is your answer. Jesus will not return until His **Bride is ready to be His Wife.**

How does The Bride become ready? Just as John, The Baptist announced, "**The Bride must become clothed in "righteousness"** (Revelation 19:8). When it is revealed that The **Bride** is dressed "in the proper wedding garment," Jesus will come and **marry His Wife.** Now, The Bride is ready to be **revealed** or **unveiled**, just as The **Groom** had to prove He was ready to marry, by **giving His Life for His Bride.** These are the **two revelations.**

Now, you are ready to understand what "**righteousness**" is and, then, discover the **process of your "spiritual growth."**

CHAPTER 16

CARNAL SIN AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Did you know you can find two separate definitions of “sin” in *The Bible*? One definition has to do with the carnal man and is known as “carnal commandments.” The other has to do with “spiritual growth.” One deals with The Letter of The Law and the other with The Spirit of The Law. But, remember, The Law is never done away.

Changes Of Priesthood

You are about to discover exactly how The Law is kept; it will always depend upon The Priesthood. There is a remarkable aspect of how The Law is to be kept. **“For the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change of The Law”** (Hebrews 7:12). Quite a statement! The question is, “How is The Law changed by a new Priesthood?” Jesus answers the above question in regard to Himself and His Disciples breaking The Sabbath by harvesting and eating ears of corn.

In Matthew 12:6-8, Christ revealed that He was **greater than the temple** where **sacrifice** was made for **sin**. Christ’s sacrifice for sin is greater than animal sacrifice for sin in the temple.

Then, Jesus makes a **profound statement** in regards to The Sabbath, **“But if you had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day”**

(Matthew 12:7-8). Jesus, as **Master of The Sabbath**, said rather than have a sacrifice for sinning on The Sabbath, now, He would rather see **mercy** or **forgiveness** for **sin**. Christ is The One who brings you to God's **Sabbath Rest**. Christ came to remove the curse of The Law (Galatians 3:13).

Christ moved from The Letter of The Law with its "**curses**" or "**penalties**" for Sabbath-breaking to a higher standard of "**Law keeping**" in **the spirit**. That is why Paul said The Law or *Torah* is "**spiritual**," while a human is **carnal** and sold under **sin** (Romans 7:14)

The Letter of The Law and its curses for sin demand sacrifices or death. With the change of The Priesthood, The Law no longer has "**the curses written in the letter**" as stated in Deuteronomy 28. Christ did away with "**the curse**" of The Law by His **death** or **sacrifice** (Hebrews 10).

Remember Jesus came to **magnify** The Law and make it more honorable (Isaiah 42:21). Christ, besides **magnifying The Law** will **reveal God's righteousness**. Christ truly states, "**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment [justice], mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone**" (Matthew 23:23). The **weight** of Christ's statement is astronomical. Jesus said being **just**, **merciful**, and **faithful** is of "**greater significance**" in The Law than breaking "**a lesser part**" of The Law. Doing **works** of The Law, as tithing, putting out leavening, fasting on Atonement were **far less important to Christ and God**. The **works** of The Law couldn't give **salvation** or stop sin.

Magnifying what The Law is about is much more honorable than

breaking some smaller requirement of The Law. God considers “**mercy**” **far greater** in His Law than picking corn and eating it on The Sabbath. **Observing** The Sabbath as “**a memorial**” or “**shadow**,” is not as important as doing “**good**” for human life on The Sabbath. It isn’t “**the observance**” of the day that counts under a new Priesthood as much as “**saving life**” or doing good for another Christian. That is why Jesus said **justice, mercy and faith** are of more importance in *The Torah* than picking and eating corn. **Salvation is the point!** One is God’s spiritual intent of “**Law keeping**” as opposed to “**the futile demands**” of The Letter of The Law.

“Barus,” in Greek signifies “**weight**” or “**burdensome**” the exact word “**weightier**” was used by Christ in Matthew 23:23. When God’s Law in The Letter creates “**a burden**” upon humans, then they are considered sinning against a higher requirement. This is and should be observed, because The Real Sabbath signifies God’s “rest” where there are no human burdens. All is **very good** (Genesis 1:31). That is how “**The Keeping of The Sabbath**” really is what God is and His **plan** for you. It is a “**spiritual keeping**” of The Sabbath. By spiritually keeping God’s Law, it truly gives more honor to God and who **He is!** Spiritually keeping The Sabbath means you do good works to save life, always. Your burdens are all lifted in God’s “**rest**” (Matthew 12:12), The Truth of God’s Sabbath Keeping.

Now, the difference between sinning in The Letter of The Law or breaking “**the spirit**” or “**intent**” of The Law is being “**unrighteous.**”

Committing Sin In The Letter

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin

is the transgression of the law.” I John 3:4 is famous for defining **sin**. However, this explains sin for “**carnal people**” only. Hebrews 7:15-16 reveals The Priesthood of Melchizedek is not made after a carnal commandment or for carnal individuals (I Timothy 1:7-10). The Priesthood of Melchizedek isn't weak like The Letter of The Law because, even if they keep it as perfectly as they possibility could, it still brought only **death** (II Corinthians 3:2-6). The Letter or doing works of do's and don'ts is “**a curse**” and can bring only death while “**the spirit**” brings **life**. That is the **weightier part** of The Law. Spiritually, *The Torah* is all about salvation. That is why Paul said The Law is made for unrighteous men, which judgment requires sacrifice or death (I Timothy 1:7-10).

All Unrighteousness Is Sin

Many are unaware there are **two major definitions** “**for sin.**” One, in I John 3:4 which is for those who have a wrong **heart** and need **right** and **wrong** spelled out in detail, because they do not have God's **heart** or **mind**.

Now, “**the definition of sin**” for those who magnify The Law to a higher standard, which gives more honor to God's *Torah* Law. “**All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death**” (I John 5:17). This definition includes an act of sin by rejecting The Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:13-32). This sin can be forgiven by repenting, **becoming perfect** and receiving God's **holy spirit** on your road to becoming like God (Matthew 5:48). Jesus defines “**unrighteousness**” in Matthew 19 in the account of the rich man who asked Christ what must he do to inherit **eternal life**. Christ tells the rich man to keep the commandments which the rich man declares he had kept since he was a child, and because he did keep the commandments, Jesus loved him. But keeping those com-

mandments, as perfectly as is humanly possible, still cannot earn a person **salvation**. So, the rich man asked Christ what he was lacking. Quite plain! Keeping **the commandments** does not give you **eternal life**. Why not?

Luke 17:10 reveals, “**So likewise you, when you [rich man] shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.**” Keeping The Law of Moses never promised **salvation**, but gave a good human existence. To be given “the gift” of **eternal life** you have to **allow God, by His Holy Spirit**, to make you **perfect** and **holy** like **Him**. It must be a **gift**. How does God decide to give a Christian that gift? Jesus answers how you get to be made “**perfect.**” “**And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life**” (Matthew 19:29). That is Christ’s answer for your own personal **salvation**. You must be willing to die for Christ and your neighbor. You must fulfill **The Great Commandment** in Deuteronomy 6:4-6.

It is a matter of **complete faith** “in Christ,” just like Abraham’s faith, when he was willing to sacrifice Isaac. Then, God by His Holy Spirit makes you **perfect**. Only God can make you “**holy,**” like Him. That is exactly what Jesus told the rich man when he wouldn’t give his riches to the poor and follow Christ to the death. It is by **faith** you are saved. Christ’s answer to all the doubting Thomases “**With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible**” (Matthew 19:26). Physically keeping The Letter of *The Ten Commandments* cannot make you perfect.

Christians can do nothing on their own to be saved, whether keeping The Law of Moses or any human effort cannot make you like

God or Christ. Only God can do this for you by His Holy Spirit. Only then, Christ will be “**in you**” and you can be made **perfect by faith**. Wow! What a loving Father. You need Christ’s **righteousness** which is God’s **righteousness** and, then, you will keep God’s Law on a spiritual level through His Holy Spirit which is “**love**.” “**Love**” fulfills or completes The Law on a higher level or standard and, thereby, magnifies The Law and makes it more honorable (Isaiah 42:21). “**Honorable**” in Hebrew conveys “the meaning of **superior** to The Letter of The Law” (Romans 13:10).

“**Carnal sin**” requires “**A Written Law**” because one’s nature is carnal to the extent of being beast-like. That is why the **transgression** of The Written Law is **sin**. God, by *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant* defines the difference between these **two agreements** by God always remembering both. Neither is ever done away. Both are always in force showing the different levels or stages of the converted or unconverted. Always remember both agreements are **holy, just** and **good**. *The Old Covenant* in its time had its place until Christ came and died and then *The New Covenant* was in force.

The Old Covenant must be kept perfectly, without a mistake. Since it cannot change human nature, one must not transgress any part (James 2:10). That is why God destroyed **the temple** in 70 A.D. Until **a new temple** is built The Law of Moses cannot be kept perfectly. Therefore, not The Law, but *The Old Covenant* is abrogated until **the millennium**, when “**a new temple**” is built. Under *The New Covenant*, replacing *The Old Covenant*, which never could be kept perfectly; God writes The Law in your heart by changing your very nature by The Holy Spirit through **love** and **faith** (Romans 13:10). From God’s love “**in you**,” you can grow to a higher standard of The Law (perfection) and stop all “**unrighteousness**” [sin] (I John 5:17).

CHAPTER 17

KINGDOM OF GOD

Some believe God's "kingdom" is like any physical government on earth. Others believe it is a Spiritual Kingdom. Who is right? Amazingly, you are about to find out *The Bible* confirms both.

A Physical Kingdom

Before Jesus ascended, The Disciples asked him, "**Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel**" (Acts 1:1-7)? This obviously is a **physical government** with a King, Queen, Prince, Courtiers, etc.

This is clearly the restoration of a Royal Government. Notice Christ's answer, "**It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power**" (Acts 1:7).

God's "**kingdom**" is a real **kingdom** with royals and servants to serve Him. What is a Royal? In Hebrew and Greek the word "**king**" has far deeper significance than our fairy tale ideas. Most believe a "**king**" is "**one who is served by others.**"

All a "**king**" does is tell others what to do. Here is Christ's answer so one can be the **greatest in God's "kingdom."** "**Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 18:4). The greatest is "**the top**" or "**archon**" in Greek. "**Archon**" in English is "**The King.**"

God is the **greatest servant**. He created **everything**. He provides for all mankind. He keeps you safe and prospers you. There is no **greater servant** and in Hebrew it is “**el elyon**,” “the most high God.” He is **king of all** and, therefore, **gives the most**. That is **God's goodness!** That is the biblical definition of “**a king**.”

Since ancient times a **king** was considered **divine** depending upon how **great a servant** he proved to be. Some pharaohs were considered **divine** or **godly kings** just as some Caesars in Rome. If not, they were not looked to as **gods**.

The prince, as a son of the king, went out and performed what the Father's “**will**” was. That is why Jesus, only, did The Father's “**will**” on earth and only spoke God's “**word**.” Christ, was doing exactly as The King wanted Him to do. The queen, who marries the son or prince, must prove worthy, first as the **bride**, before she can be the **wife**.

In The New Heaven and The New Earth “**the prince**” marries “**the bride**” and she becomes The Wife of Christ at The Marriage Feast. Now married, the wife and husband consummate the marriage by producing Children of God to be The Very Sons of God. The Kingdom of God, ruling The New Heaven and The New Earth from New Jerusalem is The **Mother of all** (Galatians 4:26). This is the potential for Universal Salvation.

The Kingdom of God is a **physical kingdom**, as promised to Abraham which will be ruled from Jerusalem.

However, to be in God's “**kingdom**” you have to be **holy** and **perfect** like God (Ephesians 1). **Kind** after **kind** as God intended from the **beginning** (Genesis 1:26). That is why God is “The Alpha and Omega” which means the “beginning and the end.”

Jesus, as God's Son is, also, the beginning and the end since He only does God's "will."

Without Observation

In Luke 17:20 they asked Christ when **the kingdom** would come. All The Pharisees wanted was for God to remove them from **The Roman "captivity"** and restore the **physical** Davidic kingdom. Here is what Jesus said, "**The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.**" He explained this statement concerning God's "**kingdom within you.**" "**Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you**" (Luke 17:21).

First and foremost, God's "**kingdom**" is a real government based upon The Abrahamic Covenant. Secondly, this **kingdom** only accepts citizenship of a particular or a peculiar type of beings. How are they different?

Paul said all Christians must be built on The Foundation of Christ (I Corinthians 3:11). To be in God's "**kingdom**," you must be in "**the image of Christ.**" In later chapters you will cover each stone which will represent Christ, as the chief corner stone, and every other stone in God's **temple** must be exactly like Christ. Notice, The Apostle Paul's statement in I Corinthians 3 after he declares The Foundation of Christ is how **the temple** of God should be. "**If any man [teacher] defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are**" (I Corinthians 3:17). The stones in God's "**temple**" must all come from the same quarry! How clear! To be in God's "**kingdom**," one must be exactly like Christ who is exactly like God (Hebrews 1:1-3). Now you can begin to know what God's "**kingdom**" will be like. It is **a real government with laws and a specific place,**

The New Earth, in The New Jerusalem. These Laws are **spiritual** because they are in the very nature of its citizens just like Jesus and God. They do not need to be written. However, you can not be in God's physical kingdom unless you take the steps to become like Christ. The New Earth and The New Heaven are **spiritual** as well as a true government ruling over nations on The New Earth.

Christ The Foundation

A **temple** is God's **house** where God is worshipped with His family. Notice this **temple is a spiritual** one and not physical. Revelations 21:22 tells you about God's **third house** which is "**spiritual.**" "**And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb [Christ] are the temple of it.**" There is your answer. This is a temple where access and worship of God is direct – face to face (I Corinthians 13:12). Those who live in **New Jerusalem** are all in God's "**spiritual temple.**"

I Corinthians 3:1-3 reveals denominational Christianity (according to The Apostle Paul) is **carnal**; they are only "babes in Christ." Why? Denominational Christianity is based upon competition or survival of the fittest. It is Christianity which is divided rather than united in Christ's **love**. Spiritual Christians, who are growing spiritually, learn to love one another regardless whether each one is at the same level of **spiritual understanding** (growth) **or not**. Read all of Romans 14.

Ephesians 4:12-14 warns Christians if you are spiritually growing toward perfection, becoming exactly like Christ, then you, as all Christians, should no longer be thrown to and fro, over differences of doctrine.

Unless you learn to love each other enough to give your life for

each other, like Jesus, you are only **carnal** or **beast-like** and always in competition with each other. Christianity is not complicated but simple “**in Christ**,” and you are to mature or **spiritually grow** to **His stature** (Ephesians 4:12-13). What has this to do with “**the temple**” and **God’s “kingdom?”** “**Now if any man build [preach] upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble: Every man’s work [preaching] shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is**” (I Corinthians 3:12-13).

All denominations, by their “spiritual growth” shall decide whether or not they are growing spiritually. How can they tell? I Corinthians 3:11 says, “**For other foundation can no man lay [preach] than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**” God’s “**house**” or “**temple**” must be built, by God. Each stone which is laid in this building (temple) must be just like God’s Son, Jesus, The Christ (the corner stone). God will not accept any other stone for His **spiritual temple** (I Corinthians 3:22). Can’t be any clearer!

Paul warns that, “**If any man [preaching] defile [not like Christ] the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are**” (I Corinthians 3:17). Christians are to be exactly like Jesus, loving each other, in spite of differing doctrinal understanding and willing to give your life for each other in **the unity of Christ**. Christ is the **foundation of God’s “temple”** which means **all Christians are to be an exact stone or image of Christ**.

A Spiritual Government

Besides God’s “**kingdom**” being a real government, ruled by **royalty** (God’s) and in the **same family**, each person in God’s “**king-**

dom” must be in the **same image** and **character**. Unless you are **holy** and **perfect** God cannot give **eternal life** as a **gift** to the world. Only by being in God’s **exact likeness**, can a **peaceful, successful, abundantly happy, prosperous, existence** last forever. This is God’s “**will**” which gives Him pleasure and is a pre-destinated **plan** by Him (Ephesians 1).

God’s “**kingdom**” is a royal ruling family in which **everyone** is **named** (Ephesians 3:15) after God, The Father. All the **world** must become like God and His Son, Jesus, The Christ. This is God’s **kingdom** when completed, “**In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord**” (Ephesians 2:21). Then, will The Son, Jesus, turn **the kingdom over** to God so God can be “**all in all**” (I Corinthians 15:28).

It is vital you, **biblically**, understand what God’s “**will**” is, in reference to building His “**house**” and where His “**temple**” will be. This process is God’s original and perfect plan which fulfills His “**will**.”

CHAPTER 18

PROPHECY BECOMES HISTORY

It has been God's predestined "plan" and "will" to make mankind in His "image" (Genesis 1:26). God's Good News, The Gospel, is for you to become exactly like Christ who is exactly in the image of God (Hebrews 1:3). God is to be "all in all" so every man and woman can be in God's "kingdom." That was God's purpose from the very beginning of creation. That is God's "will." God revealed His "plan" or "will" as prophecy, which as it occurs, eventually, becomes history.

God's Will

Notice, God's "will" in Ephesians 1:5, "**Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.**" Paul reveals it is God's "will" because it **gives God pleasure to adopt you** from human parents, to become God's **very sons** to be **exactly like Christ**. This is God's "will" which is not a **command** but a **desire**. God's **desire** is to have everyone "saved" by Christ (I Timothy 2:4).

Since it is God's "will" or desire to have everyone **saved**, does God **bring His desire to pass**? **Does He fulfill His pleasure**? Remember, God leaves it up to you to have a **free choice to decide**. Is God able to **complete His desire** by allowing humanity to make their own decision to **live or die**? Are God's "**thoughts**" so much more **intelligent** and **greater than human's** thoughts

that God can save the world (I John 4:14)? (Read God's answer in Isaiah 46:10). "**Declaring the end [omega] from the beginning [alpha], and from ancient times *the things that are not yet done* [prophecy], saying, My counsel [Ephesians 1] shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure [history]."** How much clearer can it get?

Whatever gives God **pleasure** from ancient times, the beginning to the end (history) will occur. God's "**will**" is to **make it happen!** You have just read God's purpose for you to be like Him by **His Son, Jesus**. God will bring His "**will**" to come to **pass** because God receives **pleasure** in doing it! That, my friend, is **Universal Salvation**. All of God's pleasure must, **also**, come to pass by bringing everyone to **repentance**. You are, now, ready to cover God's "**will**" in **saving the world** through **His Son, Jesus, The Christ**.

Adam To Christ

In The Garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve the opportunity or the **potential** to receive **salvation**, if they had made the **right choice, freely**. Adam, "**being the first Christ**" could have saved His wife and future family. But, Adam and Eve made the **wrong choice**, and so, a need for the **second Adam – Jesus, The Christ**, became necessary (Genesis 3:15 and Romans 5:17). How does God bring this prophecy to pass? Christ, the second Adam, must, also, save his family "**universally!**"

God's Word

Before Jesus became flesh or a human being, He was God's "**word**." John 1:4 states this **Word of God**, (who was God), made **all things** (John 1:3). God's "**word**" or **The Holy Spirit**, in the

beginning, created **all things**. Genesis 1:1 states, “**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**” How? It was God’s “**spirit**” which moved over the waters of the created earth and God said, “**Let there be light.**” It was God’s very “**word**” by God’s Holy Spirit which **created all things**. God’s “**word**,” was God’s “**very words**” that created everything. God’s “**words**” manifested the very power of God’s “**spirit.**” God’s Holy Spirit is God’s very power by His love (II Timothy 1:7).

Then, John 1:4 reveals that, “**In him [God’s “word”] was life; and the life was the light of men.**” This includes everyone created. God’s “**word**” has the **power of life, itself**. That **Word** of God gave **light** or **truth**. John 1:17 states, “**For the Law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth came by Jesus Christ.**” Why? Keeping The Letter of The Law does not give “**truth**” for spiritual growth or “**life.**” The Law merely reveals **sin** but does not offer or give **salvation**, which only **Christ can do**. That is what John 1:16 states!

The answer as to why Christ gives **mercy** and **truth** is revealed in John 1:14, “**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace [mercy] and truth.**” Jesus was made flesh or human by God’s “**very word**,” The Holy Spirit – or **God’s very “glory”** or “**goodness**” (Ephesians 3:14-21). God, as Christ’s Father, by His “**word**,” had begotten and hath declared Him (Christ) His Son, which is in the **very bosom** of The Father (John 1:18).

Just as Isaac was a “**miraculous birth**” just as Christ was born by a miracle and was fulfilled with God’s **Holy Spirit** (John 3:34); Jesus, from His human birth, was filled with God’s Holy Spirit which is why He only speaks God’s “**words.**” Christ, in the hu-

man flesh, speaks God's "**words**" because **He is The Word of God**. Christ came from The Father as God's "**very word**" to **save the world** (I John 4:14). How does Christ bring God's "**will**" to pass?

Law To Grace And Truth

How will Christ **save the world** (I John 4:14)? Referring to God's "**word**" which became **flesh**, Christ as a human being, is a prophet fulfilling His mission in John 1:16-17, "**And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.**" Universally, Jesus became human to give "**grace to grace.**" Christ came to **perfectly be the embodiment of mercy or "grace" for everyone in the world**. Christ came "**to give mercy**" because it is by "**grace**" you are **saved** (Ephesians 2:5). "**Grace to grace**" (mercy) for all. Notice the next statement made in John 1:17, "**For the law was given by Moses [Law of Moses], but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**" Wow! The Law of Moses **cannot give "mercy"** and "**truth.**" "**Grace**" as a **gift** and God's "**truth**" can come only from Christ. He exemplified the **very image of it**, as Christ was **The Very Image of God**. Breaking The Law of Moses (sinning) only gives death. Only Christ gives "**mercy**" or "**grace**" for sin.

Both, The Son and The Father are identical in **every way** and are able to give "**grace**" and "**truth.**" You, therefore, can only receive **salvation** and **truth** through Jesus from God, The Father. **Spiritual growth** cannot come from The Law of Moses, but only from Christ. Christ reveals "**the truth.**" This is God's **predestined** purpose. That is why there is **no other name** under heaven by which you **can be saved**.

Humans cannot save themselves by works or by keeping The Letter of The Law of Moses. **Grace** and **truth** can come only from

Jesus, The Christ; that is why He was born to **save** you! Plainly, Jesus tells you when you keep The Commandments of God, even though it is your **duty** as a human being to do so, you should regard yourself as **unprofitable** or a **useless servant** (Luke 17:10). In Greek, “**achreios**” means “to be **set aside** as no longer **useful**.” Christians know the keeping of The Letter of The Commandments is humanities’ duty, but is useless to get into God’s “**kingdom**.”

Spiritual growth must go far beyond the keeping of The Commandments. Keeping *The Ten Commandments* in The Letter, (what’s written) is only for **carnal** or **unconverted people** (II Timothy 1:7-10). That is why it is **your responsibility** to keep them for a **successful human existence**. That is why Christ said you are to be **more righteous** than the **scribes** and **Pharisees** who just kept The Letter of The Law. Notice, that is **exactly** what Matthew 5:20 tells you, “**For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the *righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**” Keeping The Letter of The Law or The Commandments does not give **salvation**.

Then, Christ, in the rest of Matthew 5, 6 and 7, describes what it is to be **more righteous**. You must become **perfect** in your spiritual nature like God, The Father (Matthew 5:48). This can only happen through Christ, who gives you “**grace**” and “**truth**” (John 1:17). Christ is exactly like God and you are to become exactly like Jesus (Ephesians 4). That is what Christianity is all about!

Knowing God

To understand how prophecy, (God’s “**predestined purpose**”) becomes history, you must first and foremost come to know who **The True God is!** The Law written by Moses never brought Is-

rael to the place to know and understand God. They saw God only as “The One” to **fear** but never understood **The Love of God**. They saw Him as an unforgiving, unmerciful and a destroyer of **life**. “**Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways**” (Hebrews 3:10). There it is! Israel did not know who God was. All they understood was to **fear** him.

Many do not know who **The Real God is** or His “**plan**.” Some only see Him to **fear** and **obey Him**. Remember, biblically, **The Fear of God** is “only the **beginning of knowledge**.” You can only come to know **The True God** by and through His Son, Jesus. That is exactly what Christ said, “**That they all may be one; as you, Father, *art* in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me**” (John 17:21).

When you grow “**spiritually**” means you are coming to the place you know who God **really** is. How He “**thinks**,” what is His inner most feelings and heart, as well as, knowing His “**will**” and **pleasure**. You become God’s “**friend!**” Unless you are growing **spiritually**, that is you must become **like Christ** (Ephesians 4:13), you can never know The Real True God and what His “**will**” really is.

Does God destroy life? Is God **merciful by discrimination**? Does God approve of suffering? Is He harsh? Some believe this is what God is like. Does God **punish** to watch humans in **pain** and **suffering**? Do you really know The True God?

Is God “**all-forgiving**” no matter how much sin you commit? Does God **love everyone**? Even those who are evil whom He must punish? Does God only **allow human suffering for hu-**

manities' good or profit? Does He **ultimately want everyone saved?** Does God's "**thoughts**" only think of how He can make your life and all Christian's better? On and on it goes.

Many times you misunderstand your own parents and believe they are not on your side. How can you **understand a being's real intention** and "**purpose**" is for a person's good?

When you are first born and as you grow you understand God (or know God) by your environment, education and personal experience. Your judgment can be quite in **error** unless you really know the **truth of someone's heart**. This applies to knowing **God Almighty** and **His Son, Jesus**. Christ came to reveal **The Father** (who and what God really is). Until you grow "**spiritually**," changing your **nature**, you cannot know **God**.

This is your first baby **step** to learn **the truth**. Only by Christ can you know what your **heavenly Father is like**. You will begin to know God's "**will**" and "**purpose**" once Jesus reveals The Father to you.

What begins as a **prophecy**, which become (future events), can only be **understood** as you grow in **The Grace** (mercy) and **The Truth** of Jesus, The Christ. Isaiah said to see future history, you must know The Real God, your Father through and by His Son, Jesus, The Christ (Isaiah 46:10).

CHAPTER 19

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

In John 4, Jesus told the Samaritan woman, at Jacob's well, that the day would come when worshipping God would no longer be in Jerusalem or Samaria. In 70 A.D. "the temple" was destroyed and no longer was any "temple worship" possible.

Jesus related that God is a spirit and from that time on, God wanted Christians to worship Him "spiritually," in spirit and in truth.

Spiritual Worship

How can Christians worship God **spiritually**? Since God is a **spirit**, you must become just **like God**, who is **just like Christ** (Hebrews 1:1-3). There is the "**biblical**" answer. Since God is "**holy**" and "**perfect**" by nature, His divine **spiritual nature** must take place "in you." Christ "in you" is God "in you" having His **very divine nature by His Holy Spirit**. II Peter 1:3 reveals that because Christ is divine, through Him you can partake of God's very nature, "**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these [promises] you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust**" (II Peter 1:4). How clear!

Through Christ "in you" you become just like **The Father** which is as **His "divine nature."** What a difference from world Christi-

anity, today, which makes you spend your **precious time arguing “doctrinal” differences.**

You are about to “**biblically**” discover, most of you Christians, have been **wasting your time with differing doctrines** which Paul called “**dead works**” in Hebrews 6:1. Notice Paul states how you, as Christians, should be spending your **spiritual time and that is to worship God.** “**Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on unto perfection**” (Hebrews 6:1). These are Doctrines of Christ and “**as babes in Christ,**” you need to **learn** them, but **strong meat, spiritual meat** is for Christians to **gain perfection.** You are either **growing spiritually** or **not.** If not, you are only “**babes in Christ**” and Paul says those who are “**babes in Christ,**” are, literally, **carnal** (beast-like) (I Corinthians 3:1-2). How clear! Knowing “**doctrine**” doesn’t put Christians in The **Kingdom of God.** You need to become **spiritual,** having God and Christ’s **divine** nature to be “**in the kingdom.**”

What Is Carnality?

The Greek word for “**carnal**” is “**sarkikos**” or “**fleshly.**” Animals and humans are of the same **flesh** and both return to **dust** when they die. Since philosophers and scientists believe both animals and humans are the same, as both must **survive** or **die,** survival of the fittest (or strongest) is the **issue.** “Carnal” is “one who is **beast-like** and devours others in order to **survive.**” That is what Paul meant when he said, **new Christians** are “**babes in Christ,**” because initially you come to God because you **fear death.** Spiritual growth, which occurs over time, as each person takes on the **maturity** to the point of being willing to **die** like **Christ.** You must become perfect and willing to die for Him. Remember, “**The Fear of The Lord is the beginning of knowledge**” (Proverbs 1:7). “**Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**” (John 1:17).

To become “**spiritual**” is **ultimately** to become like Jesus, who, in turn, is **exactly like God** (Hebrews 1:1-2).

You must take on **God’s divine nature**. That is why keeping The Letter of The Law is being considered **sinless**, but does **not** change your **heart or nature**. You must become like God within your **very character**. That is what God said in a very significant statement when He gave *The Ten Commandments* to Israel, “**O that there were such a heart [nature] in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever**” (Deuteronomy 5:29). Can’t be any simpler! That is why God gave this “**added**” **Law of Moses** to *The Torah* because of their **wrong hearts** (I Timothy 1:7-10).

It is Christ’s purpose to change your very nature to be like God by His Holy Spirit. Christians must **worship** God “**spiritually**” because God is a **spirit** and you must **ultimately** be like **Him** in **the resurrection**.

The Good Tree

Christ said you are to know Christians by the **fruit** they produce. If you are of **The Tree of Life**, having God’s Holy Spirit, you will find you can **only** produce **fruit** that is **good** known as “**good works**.” If you are of The Tree of Good and Evil your **fruit** will be a combination of confusion or without “**goodness**.” Christ said only God is **good**, so you must become like Him (Matthew 19:17). It is quite **simple**. Notice the **personality** of a person producing **The Fruits of God’s Spirit**, “**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law**” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Did you notice the first **spiritual fruit** is **agapé love** or willing to give up everything like Jesus for God or neighbors? But, even more, “**against such is no law.**” Even God’s Law doesn’t apply as far as being required for **salvation** in God’s “**kingdom.**” Wow!

That is why Jesus came to **magnify The Law** and make it more “**honorable**” or “**superior**” to **The Letter of The Law**. **The Letter of The Law produces death** but **The Spirit gives “life”** (Isaiah 42:21 and II Corinthians 3:6). **The Letter only reveals**, but **spiritual growth** changes your **nature** or **very heart** to receive **life**. Christ **magnifies The Law** to a more **honorable** or **superior level**.

Justice, Mercy and Faith

Judgment (justice), mercy and faith carry more **weight** or significance in God’s Law than tithing or other Works of The Law (Matthew 23:23). Why? Because it cannot change your nature by God’s Holy Spirit unless you seek **justice, mercy and faith**. These are **spiritual characteristics** that completely change how you are as **Christians**.

Doing **good works** on **any day** is “**lawful**” even on **The Sabbath** or on any **Holy Days**. The issue here is that God could have **provided food** for David and his men so they wouldn’t have had to break **The Law**. That isn’t the **point**. **Mercy** is what Christ was revealing which carries **greater weight** in **The Law**. Christ **magnified The Law**. Now, “**Sabbath keeping**” is to be done by **doing good works**. This is exactly what Isaiah **prophesied**.

To Perfection

The Law is composed of many **conditions** and many **variables**.

In *God's Story* you have read that *The Torah* was written as part of God's "**will**" with Christ as **The Executor** (Ephesians 1). God, upon the fulfillment of His "**will**," then, distributes the **benefits of God's "household."** In the **fullness or completion** of the times God rewards each person according to **his/her specific works** earned when they were human as to their **usefulness** in God's "**house.**" Those who are **unprofitable** are not **allowed** into **God's "house"** but **end up in outer darkness** (Matthew 22:13).

You have proven that keeping *The Ten Commandments* in **The Letter**, is a duty for **every human**, but it only benefits a person's human existence. It does not give you God's "**kingdom**" (Matthew 5:20). Luke 17:10 declares keeping *The Ten Commandments* **still makes you useless or unprofitable** to be in **God's "kingdom."** What makes the difference? Jesus in Matthew 19:20-21 said, "**If you will be perfect, go and sell all you have.**" Perfection is required as Christ continued in Matthew 5:21-48. It **all** has to do with a **change of heart**. Finally, through "Christ in you" at the **resurrection**, you are **made into the exact image** of Christ and The Father (I Corinthians 13:12). How does God's Holy Spirit, Christ "in you," make you like God?

Jacob's Ladder

Dr. Gileadi in his book, *Isaiah Decoded*, reveals that there is a **ladder or stairway** to God's "**house**" in **heaven**. After Jacob left his father's house in Palestine, he journeyed to Haran to take a wife from his father, Isaac's family. On the way, as night approached, he decided to spend the night in Luz. He took a **stone** as a pillow and fell asleep. "**And he dreamed, and behold a ladder [or staircase] set up on earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it**" (Genesis 28:12).

God reveals it is **through Jacob and his progeny**, He will **dwell** with them in **His household** (Genesis 28:13-15). In fact, God promises, **all the families of the earth will be gifted with Universal Salvation**. When Jacob awakes he is frightened, “**And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven**” (Genesis 28:17). Can't be any clearer. It is through Jacob's children, Israel, that God permits the **world** to be part of His “**house**” – The Kingdom of God.

The prophecy in Revelation 21:12 reveals The Twelve Tribes of Israel are responsible for allowing anyone into New Jerusalem on The New Earth. Notice what Jesus said was **necessary** for any one to enter into this “**gate in heaven**” which “**comes down**” to **The New Earth**. Matthew 7:13 Christ declared, “**Enter you in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at.**” My how **simply said**. You must become **perfect like Christ!**

The “**path**” to God's “**house**” is narrow, as is “**the gate.**” However, that **ladder** begins with Jacob's **ladder** all the way to The Gate of God's “**house.**” When Jacob awoke, he knew what God told him and he changed the name of “Luz” to “Bethel” which in Hebrew signifies, God's “**house.**”

God's very angels are helping Israel get to God's “**house.**” Hebrews 1 reveals that is the purpose of the **angelic host**. They are to help mankind enter God's “**house.**” Now, what happens? Israel and Judah reject Christ, the **promised seed**, and Jesus goes to a nation more **worthy** and Israel, now, becomes **last** and The Gentiles are, now, to be **first** (Romans 11). Now, The Gentiles are to have **first choice**.

A New Ladder

In John 1:11 Christ is rejected by The Jews and Jesus, then, called a nation more **worthy** (Matthew 21:43). Jacob's children lose their right to be first and are now replaced by The Gentiles, where The Ten Lost Tribes are scattered. The **ladder** moves from The Israelites to the **rest of the world**, which includes The Ten Lost Tribes.

Israel rejected The Original **Marriage Feast Offer** and, now, Christ reveals the invitation to **attend the marriage feast** goes out to **everyone** in the **world**. **Both the good and the bad** (Matthew 22:9-10). Now, everyone is invited to The Wedding Feast even those who are bad and evil. This is **universal free choice**.

With the switch from Jacob's **ladder**, *The Old Covenant* is replaced with *The New Covenant* with **new requirements beyond The Letter of The Law**. What is the difference?

Christ makes an astounding prophecy, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man**" (John 1:51). Now, Christ is the **stairway or ladder to heaven**. It is now, through Christ and **not Israel**, that Christians enter God's "**house**" which is presently in heaven. The angels, now, help Christians to become **like Christ** (Ephesians 4:13). In Christ, it becomes a **spiritual process** whereby you are to **become perfect**.

CHAPTER 20

WHAT IS MAN?

The Apostle Paul quoted Psalm 8:4, “What is man that you are mindful of him?” God, who is a Supreme Being, why does He have any concern for mankind? God has made all humans slightly lower than the angels. Angels do not die as humans do. Yet, God gives mankind special care. In fact, He loves mankind to the point God would die for you through His Son, Jesus (Hebrews 2).

The Inheritance

God wants you to inherit everything He has and everything He will have – all **He created and He will create** in the future. You are to be **rulers over all the earth**. But what is the training process God uses to give you such an inheritance?

God made you **lower** than angels by you being **temporary** in your body and, then, you die. Death is caused by sin. Sin is the transgression of The Law. Sin is your **enemy**. It must be **destroyed**. Why did God give you a **body** that could die?

By conquering death (through Christ) you **learn to completely trust** or have **faith** in God. **Absolute faith** guarantees an **eternity** of **joy** and **peace** in God’s “**kingdom**” **forever**, therefore, you must become like Christ. Death, which God bequeathed upon humanity, is overcome through Jesus, as **victor**. Victory over death comes only when God teaches you to have **His “love,”** which is **to**

die for each other and, then, God grants **The Free Gift of Salvation**. But how does God teach you the lesson of **no fear**, to the point **you are willing to give up your life**?

Spirit And Flesh

Christ answers the question of **life** and **death** by making you know, through God's Holy Spirit, about what being human is really all about, "**It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth [profits] nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**" (John 6:63).

"To quicken" in Greek is "**zoopoieo**" or "make alive." Quite clear. Your human body is useless, but it is the **spirit** "in you" which **gives life!** Being a human is a **great contradiction**. You always strive for existence. But, human **flesh** is the problem. Human bodies do nothing in regard to helping them get "**salvation;**" from the day they are born, **struggling at all costs to live**.

Jesus reveals that to have **life** is all a matter of **your spirit** and not the life you live each day. Yet, you do everything to survive, at any cost. But, it goes without saying, "It certainly is a **dichotomy**."

Christ tells you what you must do to resolve the issue between the **flesh** and the **spirit**. "**And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life**" (Matthew 19:29).

"**Survival of the fittest**" is the prime thought to human nature, yet in Matthew 19, Jesus tells the rich man to give up all his riches and give it to the poor if he wants to be **perfect**. The rich man couldn't do it. What is the answer? Christ clarifies the prob-

lem, “**With men [humanity] this is impossible; but with God all things are possible**” (Matthew 19:26).

Only God has “**the way**” by your own **free choice** (willingly) to give up your human body and its existence for a **spiritual and eternal one**. Jesus reveals the difference to Nicodemus, who was a master scholar of the day. Nicodemus comes to Jesus and Christ tells him, “**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**” (John 3:3). God has to change you from **human to spirit**. How does God do it? Jesus said, “**That which is born of the flesh [human] is flesh [human]; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**” (John 3:6). You cannot be both. You must be one or the other. One must **die** to be **reborn “a spirit,”** but what is the **process**? How does God do it? Jesus tells Nicodemus, “**Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God**” (John 3:5). The way God resolves the issue of dying in the **flesh** (body) and growing in the **spirit** is by **baptism** (water) and receiving God’s Holy Spirit (willing to **give up the flesh**). As long as you remain desirous of being human first and not willing to bury yourself, you cannot receive God’s Holy Spirit. Without God’s Holy Spirit you cannot know the truth to choose **life over death**.

That is why Jesus asked John, The Baptist to baptize Him. Notice what Jesus said, “**Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill [complete] all righteousness**” (Matthew 3:15). Christ knew this was the **first step** to changing you from a human to **spirit**. Right after that, what happened? God had His Holy Spirit descend like a dove upon Christ. Now, Jesus was sealed by God to reveal His Father’s **agapé love** when He gave His life for the world.

By His death, Christ was a **living example** of **growing** from the

flesh, being human and becoming **perfect** by His death, He was then, **The Firstfruits of God** (I Corinthians 15:20).

As God's **first begotten** Son, He now becomes **The Author of Your Salvation** (Hebrews 12:2). It is the **death of your flesh and your free choice "willingness to die," like Christ**, that **guarantees you eternal life in the spirit**. That is why it is **appointed** unto all men (mankind) to die once. Either of your **own free choice** you give up life (die) or you will have to face the judgment (die) in The Lake of Fire. Everyone must willingly die of their own **free choice** or they must, willingly, **die in The Lake of Fire!**

Reason For The Lake Of Fire

Once you die, why would God require two deaths? If mankind is destined or **appointed** to die once, then what is the **reason** for a **second death**? A loving God always considers everything for His **creation**. God's **vengeance** is to win or fulfill His "**will**" and "**purpose**." God's "**will**" is to **save the world** (I John 4:14). God gets **vengeance** on the **wicked**, "**For they [fathers] verily for a few days chasteneth us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit [good], that we might be partakers of his holiness**" (Hebrews 12:10). Can't be any clearer! Since to be **perfect**, like Christ and God, you must willingly **die**, put to death your body as Jesus did. Once you show that **faith** in God, like Christ, God, then, gives you a **holy body** which is **forever**. Wow!

There is a certain process for God to give The **Gift of Salvation**. You must show your **faith** in God, completely, (like Jesus) by being **baptized** in water and, then, receive The Holy Spirit to guide you to more truth so you can have a **sound mind** (II Timothy 1:7). The Greek for a "**sound mind**" is defined as one who is **disciplined**; which humans call "common sense" or "wisdom."

The evolution from human to **spirit** is first with a baptism by **water**, which denotes a **death of self** (Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12). With God's Holy Spirit your mind becomes **disciplined** or develops **wisdom** and you will, then, come to the **truth**. **The truth** is the willingness to die completely, knowing in **faith**, as Jesus, God will **resurrect** you to **spirit** and give you **eternal life** so that God will be **all in all** (I Corinthians 15:28).

If by **free choice** one does not **grow spiritually** to be like Jesus (Ephesians 4), then that person must **die a second time to give up his or her life** as a free choice "**sacrifice**" to God. This is the "**purpose**" for The Lake of Fire. It is the **end of death**. That is why before anyone is thrown into The Lake of Fire, death and the grave (hell) must first be burned up.

Next, the wicked are burned in The Lake of Fire. That is a **sacrifice** God accepts for **sin**; the **goats**, which are thrown in the fire. The goats, which are a sacrifice that is acceptable to God, are thrown into **the fire**. Then, they are changed in a "twinkling of an eye" to **spirit**. Then, they receive **salvation** but cannot, as yet, be in the "**kingdom**." It is the **goats**, (clean animals) used for sacrifice, which God accepts as a sacrifice for sin. Those who enter God's "**kingdom**" are not the goats, but the **lambs** (Matthew 25:31-34). Why are the goats, which are clean animals, thrown into The Lake of Fire acceptable to God to **forgive sin**?

Sin can be forgiven, **spiritually**, only when the **entire person** dies; the **body, spirit** and the **life** or soul is dead (Matthew 10:28). Lambs follow the shepherd even to their **death**, willingly. The **goats do not follow the shepherd**. They **buck** and **kick**. These are those who refused God's Holy Spirit or resisted it (Luke 12:42-48). But, **everyone** confesses that Jesus is The Lord or Master Judge. Before The Lake of Fire "**all**" **will confess**. However, they

are the **goats** who **bucked** and **kicked** and **blasphemed God's Holy Spirit**, which is the **sin** that is **not forgiven**.

“All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death” (I John 5:17). Jesus made a profound statement, **“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the Holy Ghost [spirit], shall not be forgiven unto men”** (Matthew 12:31). Can't be put any simpler!

All sin is forgiven. The White Throne Judgment is not about sin. Everyone's **sins** are **forgiven** long before The **Lake of Fire**. That is why **everyone**, **will universally confess Jesus is Lord** and therefore, **be forgiven their sins**. You must believe what **Jesus said** (Matthew 12:31-34).

When you **refuse to accept** or **hear God's Holy Spirit**, it is a **sin unto death** (complete **ruin** or **destruction**). All will **die once** (completely) or you face the **judgment** because you have refused to completely **die** like Christ. You, then, **commit the unpardonable sin**. **“And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him [universally]: but whosoever speaketh against [refuses] the Holy Ghost [spirit], it shall not be forgiven him [unpardonable], neither in this world, neither in the *world* [God's “kingdom”] to come”** (Matthew 12:32). This is Christ's definition of the **“unpardonable sin,”** the **sin to death**.

Complete **death** (**body, spirit** and **one's very life** or **soul**) must **die**. Then, you will be **judged** in The White Throne Judgment. By confessing Jesus is Lord, you acknowledge Christ is The Master and you repent that you **bucked** and **kicked** not wanting to **hear** or **accept** God's Holy Spirit. You now are a clean animal for **sacrifice and willing to die for Christ** and are therefore, **“saved”**

(Romans 10:13). There it is, so how do you come to **accept death willingly like Christ** and become a **Lamb** who follows **your shepherd**?

CHAPTER 21

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Paul said, “Being confident of this very thing, that He [God] which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until The Day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). The question is how does God make you holy, perfect and divine like Him?

It’s All About Gifts

If Adam and Eve would have eaten of The Tree of Life, they would have received all its nutritional benefits or gifts. Adam and Eve would have matured **spiritually**. Spiritual growth has nothing to do with The Letter of The Law but how God writes The Law in your heart and mind (Hebrews 10).

God gave The Letter of The Law to Israel because they **did not** have a **right heart**. God would not **write** The Law in their hearts and minds because they **refused it** just like Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve both chose to decide to struggle for survival by themselves because they ate of The Tree of Good and Evil.

Also, Israel, made the same decision but for a different reason, i.e., because they feared God. They were willing to do what God told them because they were afraid of Him. Israel did not want to **die**, just as you do not want to **die**. Paul said, “**To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect**” (Hebrews 12:22-24).

God judges your **spirit** or mind and heart (conscience) to decide who, with their free choice, are ready to be made **perfect**. It is God who can make you **holy**, but you must make the initial choice to allow God to do so, even if it means you lose your very life. That is what **repentance** and **baptism** is all about. That is why Jesus said when He was baptized by John, The Baptist, **baptism** is the **first step** to fulfill **all righteousness** (Matthew 3:15). Then, a voice from heaven said, "**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**" (Matthew 3:17). It is God's acknowledgement that His Son was willing to die for mankind. This definitely completes all righteousness which is **agapé love** (John 15:13). Now, you understand the beginning and ending of "**spiritual gifts**" from God.

You first must **repent** and be willing to die for Christ and God and, ultimately, be willing to die for **everyone**. "**Repentance**" is the first **step** to **perfection** and **love** is the **fulfillment** of God's "**perfect predestined plan**." It is all about **spiritual gifts**. Gifts which only God **can give** you! You do not receive it from a minister, priest, bishop or preacher.

God's Glory

In Exodus 33:13-23, God told Moses He would allow Moses to see all of **God's presence** (spirit), but not God's "**spiritual body**" (for to do so, Moses would have died). Then, God **revealed** that His "**glory**" or "the **shekinah**" in Hebrew is "**all of God's goodness**." Christ said, "**only God is good**" and now Moses saw that **Goodness of God**. It was God's very "**glory**" (Exodus 33:19). God made a **powerful** statement to Moses in Exodus 33:19, "**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 shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.**" Do you get the point?

Becoming **perfect** and **holy** is in God's **hands so it is beyond your human fear**. You must first **repent**. God brings you to the willingness to change your mind and heart to **the point you are willing to die**. Then, and only then, does **God** become **gracious** and **give mercy**. "**Salvation**" is a step-by-step **process** which begins with **repentance**, the willingness to **change your mind and heart** and, finally, to the **point of your death**. Then, God gives "**mercy**." Why?

In psychology, most agree one is not willing to change for **good** until he or she **bottoms out**. God has known your nature from the beginning, which means mankind wants to **survive** at all cost – even to commit murder. That is why Jesus had to tell you, "**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it**" (Matthew 16:25).

This is the reason God allows **such human suffering**. You **must bottom out**. You must come to the place, you no longer worry of saving yourself which causes you so much **fear**. Instead, you are willing to obey and **trust** God at all costs. That is what **real faith is!**

Some believe God is "**unfeeling**" about your suffering. Why does God allow human suffering? Peter gives the answer, "**And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation**" (II Peter 3:15). God realizes that unless He allows you to choose for yourself "**right**" from "**wrong**," even at the cost of horrible suffering, **you cannot be saved**.

God **suffers** with each and **every one of you** because His "**love**" is so much **greater than yours** that He commiserates with all your suffering. Why? The **Gift of Salvation** is too great to give to anyone not willing to die for it. It is **The Pearl of Great Price**.

God is **total goodness** and only total goodness can come from God. He always decides for your **profit** or **good** so you can become **perfect**. “**For they [our fathers] verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit [good], that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening [suffering] for the present seemeth to be joyous [happy], but grievous [horrible]: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit [product] of righteousness unto them which are exercised [experienced] thereby**” (Hebrews 12:10-11). This is God’s answer to you who suffer. God suffers “**with you**” while you suffer as a Father who, out of love, punishes his child to make the child remember an evil **act**. Thinking one can change a child by **words**, just doesn’t always **work**! How do you know? God gives you **His “word”** in *The Bible*, but **too many do not believe Him**. It is the only **righteous act a loving Father can do for you**.

If God bestows the **gift of eternal life** upon you, you **must be ready to do what is right and good for everyone**. If anyone thinks of **self first**, it breaks *The Ten Commandments* and, then, produces gross **unhappiness for everyone**. **God, above all, cannot allow this in His “kingdom.”** God, being **selfless** or full of **agapé love**, tolerates the **suffering** with those **suffering for their good**. Now, you know the overall purpose as to why God made you human or subject to **death**. You can conquer death through Christ by God’s Holy Spirit. By so doing, God is bestowing His **goodness** or **spiritual gifts** upon you, so you can be **victorious over death**. **Death is your Father’s enemy** and, also, your enemy, “**The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death**” (I Corinthians 15:26).

God's Gift

Paul said, “**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Je-**

us Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). It isn't a Law which stops or destroys **sin**. The **Law** can, only, reveal **sin**. The **Law** cannot **change human nature as only God can by giving you His “spiritual gifts.”** These are God's blessings because you do **not deserve any of these** gifts because you are **carnal** and it takes time to throw off “the old man.”

God gives these **gifts**, when you, by your free choice, give up **your way of thinking** and your **desires**. Read the difference between God's thoughts, desires or **pleasure** and man's **desire** and **pleasure**. “**Through desire a man, having separated himself [from God], seeketh and intermeddeth with all wisdom”** (Proverbs 18:1). When humans decide **right** from **wrong** and do not have **wisdom**, your human nature is subject to self survival. When you are concerned about self-survival, you may not make **wise decisions**, especially when your very **life** is **at stake**. Self-survival comes first.

When you are so concerned, God calls that concern “**carnal**” or “**beast-like**” since as a Christian you must rely on Him and His Son. Why? Because beasts, whenever threatened, will protect themselves, even commit murder if they feel an enemy keeps them from their **desires** or **pleasures**. God's pleasure is to **save** you. Mankind's only desire is to **save self!** God and a carnal person's nature are complete opposite solutions. The fiercest beasts like a **lion, bear** or **leopard** are the most **violent**. God calls humans in this state, **the mark of the beast** or one who is most destructive of the land, the animals and all humans. (Revelation 13:17-18). Godly nature is like – **sheep**, willing to **give up their** life for the shepherd. God gives you this “**willing nature,**” undeserved **gifts** or **spiritual blessings** because repentant people can be and are **truly changeable**. The following are the steps you need to climb

to reach Godly Love. It reveals a visual ladder which gets you to truly change **spiritually**:

- Step 1 Repentance by Fear of God**
- Step 2 Mercy**
- Step 3 Wisdom**
- Step 4 Understanding**
- Step 5 Faith and Hope**
- Step 6 Justice (judgment)**
- Step 7 Godly Love**

Fear

Jacob's ladder has these "**steps**," which can be followed to reach God or "**perfection**" (Genesis 28). Angels go up and down this stairway helping those, who in **faith**, are striving for **righteousness** (Acts 10:34-35). The Apostle Peter discloses the process God uses to start someone up "**the stairway**" to God. "**But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him**" (Acts 10:35). This is the formula you will follow so you can enter God's "**kingdom**."

Peter said most come to God through **fear**. You and most others do not want to **die**. God planned for you to have limited life by having God's **spirit** "**in you**," when you were **born**. **Inherently**, you **desire life**. Life hates death. Fear of death stimulates your heart and mind to strive for **life** or survival of the fittest. It is **fear**

which motivates humanity to **live**. God is The God of **The Living** and not of **the dead**. God hates death. When God makes you a **living being** (soul) at birth, you have God “in you.” **Fear is the first step** towards receiving **the gift of eternity**.

Depending on your **environment** at **birth**, you come to **understand** how you can have **life**. Your experience **growing up**, of course, may not have had an environment that could allow you to understand this wisdom.

If you are born into the nations according to the blessings of Abraham, you will learn to seek **righteousness** from **God**. You, because of death turn to God. Because of God’s **spirit** “in man” you are driven to love. In this way you become “**God-fearers**.”

Adam and Eve knew God because they knew they were born of Him. Cain was exiled from God and his lineage grew into pagans. Pagans are those who originate their own ideas of worshipping a “**god**.” Paul declared that, “**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men [human origin], who hold the truth in unrighteousness**” (Romans 1:18). Pagans do not have God’s blessings because through Cain, they know, only, that there was a God, but did not know The Truth of God. Pagans, because of their environment worship God in unrighteousness. Today, many believe in no God at all.

After the flood, the same thing happened to Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah’s sons. Noah was the eighth preacher of righteousness which included his three sons (II Peter 2:5). Noah chose Shem to follow The True God. Ham and Japheth went on their own like Cain. There you have the beginning of “world history” to this present day. Depending upon environmental influences,

you become what you know and understand. Remember, God created you to have free choice. Paul reveals the outcome by saying those who did not know **the truth** start to worship God's creation rather than God. Many nations in South America and Native Indians in The United States honor the trees, mountains, stars, etc. (Romans 1:19-25).

Having free choice, you have your "polyglot of creation ideas" and little "gods" such as the sun, moon, nature and animals. Some however, who fervently sought God Almighty, "**el elyon**" and God's "righteousness," received God's blessings through Abraham. Then, there are the atheists, agnostics, pagans along with God's people. Who are His people?

From the **time** of Jacob (because of God's **promise** to Abraham), Jacob and his family are **chosen** to be God's people. Jacob's stairway to God only applied to His chosen nation, Israel. In John 1:10-11, Christ was rejected by **His own** (Judah). Then, God turned to **all other nations** as **His people** as Peter said in Acts 10:35. Now, anyone who **fears** God and wants to be **righteous** can be **accepted** of God. Jacob's stairway to God now **changes** to **Christ "spiritually."** "**For the law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth came by Jesus Christ**" (John 1:17). Can't be any plainer! Now, Jesus is the way to God's **truth** or **the literal stairway to God!** Christ said, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending [Jacob's ladder] upon The Son of man**" (John 1:51). How clear!

From the **time** of Jesus' crucifixion, the entire world could have their **sins forgiven** when **they repented**. Now, because of Judah's rejection of Christ, The Promise of Abraham comes through Jesus and not The Law of Moses. *The Torah* is now a **spiritual matter**

and **not through** or **by The Letter**. *The Torah Law* must now be written into your very nature.

When you are “in Christ,” “**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus**” (Galatians 3:28). God does not discriminate between woman and man, nor any culture. You are **all** “**One in Christ**.” That is why “**all**” must become Sons of God, like Jesus.

The Bible states you are **all to be Sons of God**. You are to be Sons, not because of culture or gender, but because you are **all like Christ, God’s Son**. You must **all** become like **Jesus** and as God was well pleased with Jesus, He will be well-pleased with you (Ephesians 4:13).

You are **ready** to perhaps take another step up the **stairway** as “**the promised one**” with Christ to enter God’s “**kingdom**” according to **God’s “will!”**

CHAPTER 22

THE WAY TO GOD'S HOUSE

Jesus is “the way” to God’s “house.” “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets. Hath in these last days [Roman Empire] spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

From this time forward until God’s “kingdom” comes to The New Earth, Christ is the stairway to God’s “kingdom” for everyone. “For we know the law [*Torah Law*] is spiritual and He [Jesus] will magnify the law” (Romans 7:14 and Isaiah 42:21).

Called By Fear

Now, you understand the steps to **salvation** by Christ (step-by-step plan) as God’s Holy Spirit **leads** all those of every nation, who fear God, first, and seek His “**righteousness.**” The **righteousness** of **The Letter of The Law** doesn’t get you **God’s “righteousness.”** Now, through the **righteousness** of Christ, you achieve the “**spiritual righteousness**” of *The Torah Law*. God’s **rest and He, doing “the work,”** is the key. **Not by man’s work!** Israel was **right.** When Moses brought Israel out of Egypt to God’s “**mountain,**” He made a “**covenant,**” only with Israel **and not with their Fathers** (Deuteronomy 5:3). This “**covenant**”

was a Holy, **righteous agreement** with God and Israel. God is **always just**. At Mount Horeb, God gave Israel *The Ten Commandments* and **added nothing more** (Deuteronomy 5:22). God described the **spiritual state** of The Children of Israel. “**O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children [posterity] forever**” (Deuteronomy 5:29)! God knew they were **carnal** and, therefore, gave them **The Letter of The Law** (by Moses) which was **added** to *The Torah*. That is why Paul said this **Letter of The Law** is made for the “**unrighteous**” and not for the “**righteous.**” The **righteous** must **continue** on Christ’s stairway to The Kingdom by having **faith** with a **righteous heart** (I Timothy 1:7-10).

Notice, keeping *The Ten Commandments* is required for **all humanity** for a successful **human life**, even if they have a **wrong heart** (Luke 17:10). Solomon said the same thing for all **human existence** (Ecclesiastes 12:13). God knew Israel was **carnal** having a **wrong heart**. Israel was taking the **first step** on **Jacob’s ladder** to “**the kingdom.**” What was the **first step** – **fear!** “**And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not**” (Exodus 20:20).

This was God’s “**purpose**” for Israel. God knew Israel had a **wrong heart**. Therefore, He gave them **The Letter of The Law** so they could be God’s people as long as each time they **sinned**, they had a **penalty by giving a sacrifice**. With each sacrifice they became much more aware of their sin. (Hoping with each sacrifice they would change). However, murder or breaking *The Ten Commandments* generally requires **capital punishment** or **death**. Why? Since, as God’s “**witnesses**” to the **world**, they were to be **holy** or **clean** without sin.

The benefit of **capital** punishment for a nation is not that it **stops any heinous crime or murder**, but it keeps a **society civil** and livable for the ones who are not criminals. Capital punishment is **only necessary when** a nation or **carnal people** have a **beast-like nature**. People who have a **right conscience or heart**, need “**no written law**.” It is their **nature** that keeps them from breaking *The Ten Commandments*. They have a **right heart**. They love to keep *The Commandments*.

God knew they were only taking the **first step** up “**the ladder**” to God’s “**kingdom**.” **The promised seed**, Christ, would come and lead them to the second and third step (John 1:17) to receive “**mercy**” and “**truth**.” Those who took the first step based on **The Letter of The Law** alone, which was to fear God, did not have the faith to take the second and third steps; “**mercy**” and “**truth**.” Later, you will see some Christians do have “**fear**,” but their fear is they are afraid to take the second or third **step**. This is the parable of The Ten Talents. Those fearful only take one talent and bury it, refusing to grow.

Fear Is Righteousness

When God was ready to destroy Israel and build a new **holy nation** of The Tribes of Levi, Moses pleaded that God keep Israel as His people. Moses was right and now for God’s answer, “**And the Lord heard the voice of your words [Israel], when you spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me [Moses], I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto you [Moses]: they have well said all they have spoken**” (Deuteronomy 5:28). Israel was right. God knew they had only taken the first **step** (fear) **spiritually** in their attempt to get to **God’s righteousness**. That is why God said Israel, His people were well-spoken. They took the **first step to perfection, then stopped**.

God, therefore, **added** *The Book of Deuteronomy*, the rewriting of **The Law**, to *The Torah*. Why? Without faith they could not take the **next step** in their attempt to become like **God**. This “added” **Law** was a set of do’s and don’ts so they could, eventually, be led **to Christ, The Messiah**. Originally, they rejected Christ, and therefore, could not **receive** the **second step** or **talent** from God (**mercy**). Remember, only Christ could bring “**mercy**” with **His sacrifice** (Hebrews 10).

No Mercy

Many do not understand (**spiritually**) God cannot **extend mercy** until **humanity** becomes **pliable** and **teachable**. That is what Isaiah said in Isaiah 28:9-12. You must become innocent, like a child and remain **teachable**. If not, God willfully **blinds you**. Why? So you are not held responsible **for your sins** (John 9:41). God is a very **just Father!** Read what God did to Israel to prove or test them because of their **unbelief**. Because Israel **feared God**, He kept Israel as **His people**. Now, God had to **test** them in the **wilderness**. Why? “**Beware of him** [God’s messenger], **and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name** [authority] **is in him**” (Exodus 23:21).

No longer would God lead Israel, but God’s messenger, probably an **angel**, would **now** be responsible just as with **Jacob’s ladder** with **angels** ascending and descending upon it. Angels are God’s messengers to help God’s people (Hebrews 1). What is important is they would **receive no mercy** or **grace** until they come **to Christ**. Some believe *The Old Testament* God is **harsh** and **cruel**. This applies to **Christians** who refuse to remain teachable with faith, as little babies on **milk** (I Corinthians 3:1-3). You are only held responsible for **what you understand** (John 9:41). Suffering comes only for your own benefit, i.e., when you **refuse** to **have**

faith or trust in God, completely. Through suffering, you **bottom out** and by your **free choice come to the conclusion only God's "way" leads to an existence which is successful.** Then, God can **give you the ultimate gift** to live in His **"house" – The Kingdom of God.** You will, then, be in **God's "rest"** where God does all the **work.** You must learn that you do not know how to create a **civil society.** That is why God allows suffering so you might wake up to **reality.** **Without God** there can be no **eternal life.**

Fear Leads To knowledge

God acknowledged Israel had said the truth when they agreed to obey God only because they **feared him.** They had a long way to go up the **stairway to God's "house"** before God would, once again, dwell in their midst.

Israel couldn't even be given **mercy** lest they would **sin** again because of their fleshly natures. Just as a little **babe,** God had to watch Israel as the angel led them through the **wilderness.** They had **no idea** where they were going. Israel was in the wilderness. They had a choice to decide for themselves where they were going or **completely trust God "in faith"** that God knew what He was doing for them. This is the reason for the **tabernacle,** God's temporary **earthly house,** where God appeared only in His **"glory"** to guide Israel (Hebrews 3, Exodus 13:21 and Exodus 40:34-38). Just imagine leaving a new born baby to himself/herself for long periods of time. Or, not being there when they are learning to walk. That babe, at birth, is in outer darkness knowing nothing.

Your first lesson is to learn when you are able to **walk,** does not mean you know what you are doing. This is a tendency with human nature, you begin to learn and, then, believe you know it

all. Teenagers start to learn how to drive and believe they are good drivers. All their senses work perfectly but they do not **have experience**.

Israel, as babes in God, started their training program for **successful living**. That is why God gave them **The Letter of The Law** with **all its curses**. They were grounded like kids. The curses were built-in reminders of sin! God began with the **basis** of all successful human existence – *The Ten Commandments in The Letter*. This was the first step on **Jacob's** or **Israel's ladder**. It was **their duty to keep** *The Ten Commandments* as Solomon and Christ said.

The People of Israel could not make **one mistake** in The Law because they were **only babes**. No **mercy** could be **given** as any training to **win a race must be almost perfect** to become a **champion**. Israel, as a nation, was to be a champion to the world. They were to be God's **mentor to the world**. They had a **long way** to go to get to the top of **the ladder**. **Fear** is only a beginning. "Fear" is the first step on "the ladder!" Fear just begins wisdom.

Beginning with *The Ten Commandments* this is what Solomon had to say in Proverbs 2:1-2. "**My son, if you wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with you.**" This was beyond **The Letter of The Law**. David said to make *The Ten Commandments* part of your nature. How does that happen? "**So that you incline your ear unto wisdom and apply your heart to understanding.**" In Hebrew it means, "**perk up the ears.**" Make it your heart's desire to listen to *The Ten Commandments* because you will **learn to know wisdom and get understanding**. Wow! Now you know why **The Fear of God** is a good idea to start with by keeping *The Ten Commandments*. By doing so, it leads you to **wisdom and understanding**.

“**Wisdom**” is a personal **attribute** of God which comes from **personal experience**. To be wise is one who, over time, can see an **existence in reality** known as **the truth**. That is why **wisdom** leads to **understanding**. Humans, being a **mixture of good** and evil, without **life’s experience** of the **right type**, always **leads to Babylon or confusion**. God calls it being **in the wilderness** or in **darkness**. You really **do not** know where or what you are doing.

That is why God wants you to honor your **parents** and **elders**. Those who “**live life**” by *The Ten Commandments* are experiencing a growth in **wisdom** and **understanding**! “Understanding” in Hebrew means “to have **insight into reality**” or “**what is the truth!**”

Those who follow life the human way, good and evil becomes more and more **confusing**. That is why societies who do not have *The Ten Commandments* as its **basis of Law** continually **create** more and more laws which in The United States become **The Library of Congress**. As Paul said, “[For] **ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**” (II Timothy 3:7). As The Gospels declare, there **is no end** to the writing of many books.

“**Fear,**” by keeping **The Letter** of *The Ten Commandments*, leads you to wisdom and understanding. Notice what Solomon said in the beginning of Proverbs about the **words of wisdom**, “**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**” (Proverbs 1:7). Truth starts with **fear** – fear of death. This is why God created you **subject to death**. You need to suffer **death** so you can have a **knowledge of truth**. Experience leads to **wisdom** and, then, you will begin to **understand** what life is **all about!** Fear, however, is **just the beginning in getting knowledge**. Israel and the rest of the **world** have a long way to go to get to **God’s “house” via the ladder**.

CHAPTER 23

MERCY TO LOVE

In the parable of the talents, God shows He gives various spiritual talents to each and every human being. The first talent is “fear.” After fear comes mercy, then wisdom, understanding, faith, justice and, finally, love.

The person who never grows past “fear” has the one talent taken away and given to the one who increases those talents by ten. Notice, the one who has FEAR and doesn’t grow, is not destroyed in The Lake of Fire but ends up in outer darkness and is wailing and gnashing their teeth for their obstinacy (Matthew 25:14-30).

Fear

“Fear” is naturally inbred within you when you were **born** because you find, through **pain** or **suffering**, that as a human, ultimately, you still **die**. You, therefore, avoid pain, suffering and death. That is known as **survival of the fittest**. The talent of “the survival of the fittest” can bring you to **ignorance**, **foolishness** or finally, through pain, to ask God for His protection.

The parable of the **sower** and the **seed** is explained in Matthew 13:18-23. Some are too busy with the human existence and choose to be involved with this human life and choose not to think of **death**, **preferring to remain ignorant** of The World Tomorrow.

Those who become aware of their purpose on earth, but are persecuted by others when discussing **life** or “life eternally,” are distracted and do not pursue further “truth.” In doing so, they avoid further hassles or trouble **by buying** into such theories as **evolution** or **life just being an accident**. God calls them **foolish** – since they begin to think there **is no God**.

Finally, those who refuse to be **ignorant** or **foolish** seek **the truth** in fertile **good earth** and begin to **grow spiritually**. They find they **must grow** beyond **fear** of death and **only fear God**, which is the **beginning of knowledge**.

Mercy

Because Israel only **feared God** and, therefore, agreed to **obey Him** out of **fear** of **death**, couldn't do it because of the **passion of their flesh**. Over **ten times** they refused to have **faith** in God (in the **wilderness**) and, then, blamed **God for the penalties for their rebellion**. So, they, therefore, **could not** receive **mercy** but had to **strictly keep every aspect** of The Law of Moses (James 2:10). **No mercy**. A change of **mind** must **first occur**.

In Galatians 3:24, **The Law of Moses** was only supposed to bring Israel to Christ (as their **schoolmaster**). John, The Baptist, has an answer for “**the way**” to **mercy**. John **warned** The Pharisees and Sadducees, who were obeying God out of **fear**. Because of fear, they came to be baptized, trying to avoid **God's wrath to come** (Matthew 3:7). They knew the prophecy about **the-day-of-judgment** but only because of their **fear**. Then, John said, “**Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance**” (Matthew 3:8). There is the answer to receiving “**mercy**.” Peter said God only **accepts those who fear Him and seek His righteousness**. They feared God but did not work **righteousness**. Repentance

requires **fruit** which Paul stated in Galatians 5:22. They only believed in the **righteousness** of **The Law**, but not **God's "righteousness,"** which **requires "spiritual growth"** (Matthew 3:8). They refused to advance on the stairway (ladder) to God's "**kingdom**" to receive **mercy**. They **only feared God** and **The Letter of The Law**. They sought their "**righteousness**" by **their own personal ability** and did not want **God** to change **them**. **Repentance is necessary** before **God can offer mercy**. Why? Because **repentance** makes you like **babes**, totally depending **upon God** in **faith**. That can be a **total change of mind from "human fear" to "faith" in God**. Then, God can bestow "**mercy**" because you are willingly **growing!** That is why Jesus said **faith** is a **weightier (a greater) matter of The Law** (Matthew 23:23). Christ came to **magnify The Law**.

From Fear To Faith

Now, to go through the seven steps to finally achieve **spiritual growth**. In the parable of the **talents**, God gave gifts of one, two and five talents. The one with 5 talents gained 5 more for a total of ten. The one with 2 **talents** ended with 5 talents. Now, the one with one didn't gain any because he **was afraid** (Matthew 25:25). Why didn't the one-talented person **fear God** and go on to **mercy**? It is by **faith** you are **saved** and **not by fear**. The person who is afraid is really telling God, he or she **lacks faith** in Him. To have **faith** is to be at the **level** of such **faith** or **trust** in God and Christ that Christians are willing to **die** for **Jesus**. To become **like Christ**, you must be willing to die. How do you **spiritually grow** to have no **fear**?

The **biblical answer** is revealed in I John 4:18, "**There is no fear in love; but perfect [mature] love casteth out fear: because fear has torment. He that feareth is not made perfect [mature] in**

love.” Of course, the word for “**love**” in this case in Greek is “agapé.” Its meaning is “loving someone so that you trust them implicitly.” You are willing to **die** for them. That is a **saving faith**. God tries to teach Christians to be in the **first resurrection**, to be in *The Book of Life*. The Greek word for “**fear**” is “**phobus**.” In psychology it is known as “**a phobia**.” It means a **false fear**, one that isn’t real or based upon fact. Once you **yield to God’s Holy Spirit** which reveals **His truth**, you **grow in faith towards Him** because you see and believe **God’s agapé love!** Now, one fears God by honoring Him and His love.

The word “torment,” on the other hand, in Greek is “kolasis.” The English word “**colossal**” from this Greek word means “**overwhelming**.” Without **faith in God’s love**, **fear** overwhelms you and because you are **so afraid** God knows you cannot change and, therefore, cannot **give you mercy**. Are you starting to **understand the reason for The Lake of Fire?**

Forgiveness of **sin** can only occur when your **human fear of self-preservation**, even the **fear of losing salvation**, cannot keep you from growing **spiritually**. Once your **sins** are forgiven and forgotten, God reads your **heart** to see if you are **truly repentant** and at **baptism** are willing to die for Christ. Repentance is a process. That is why John, The Baptist, wouldn’t baptize The Pharisees. How simple and clear!

Once you see God’s “**love**” you no longer **fear Him** for your **own safety**, but you **fear God** for what He wants to do out of His “**love**” for you. Through God’s love, your fear or reverence for Him and what He can **do** is to be desired, rather than **fearing God for the good of your personal life**. God’s “**mercy**,” after “**fear**” (for **self** is gone) is a **gift from God**. No one **deserves it**, but God gives **mercy** because now God’s **gift** will change you in your heart.

Mercy

You need to come to your **spiritual senses**. II Timothy 1:7 reveals that after **fear** is gone, you are **given a sound mind**. “A **sound mind**” in Greek relates to “a **disciplined mind**.” That is why colleges and universities call their degrees “a **discipline**.” It is an **intense study to find truth**. Since Christ came to **give you truth**, then **your mind and heart must desire wisdom**.

The Apostle John relates that the anointing of God’s Holy Spirit is what leads you to truth. There are physical disciplines such as earning college degrees, but **spiritual** discipline is what only God can give through Christ.

Physical discipline does give you valuable **truths about *The Bible*** whereas God’s Holy Spirit reveals **spiritual facts about **The Mystery of God**** only from God’s “**word**,” *The Bible*. Both can be extremely valuable. You need to know how *The Bible* was written, as well as, what humanity has done to God’s “**word**” with their human translations.

It is only from having God’s Holy Spirit whereby you can discern wisdom to understand God’s **truth** about The Mystery of God through Christ (Colossians 1). Here is what John said, “**But the anointing which you have received of him abideth in you, and you need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, you shall abide in him**” (I John 2:27).

No matter what any preacher or author tells you, you must “**judge**” **on your own the truth God reveals** to you with His “**word**” (I Corinthians 14:29). That is why, when Paul preached to The

Bereans, he called them “**more noble**” because they checked up on Paul and his ministers to determine if they preached from *The True Scriptures*. Having God’s Holy Spirit leading you to **truth** and **according** to your **spiritual growth** you will find God seeing what, next, you are **ready to understand**. First, you must have an **open mind**, **no darkness** or personal **agenda** (self-desires) and, then, with **wisdom** and **understanding (God’s gifts)**, you can come to have **more faith** to be able to have “**just judgment**” (ultimately **based upon God’s love**).

The Greek word for “**anointing**” is “**charisma**” or “a special **talent** or **gift** from God.” **Your faith** or **absolute trust** in God’s “**will**” determines (by God’s judgment) where you should be on God’s spiritual stairway to God’s “**house**.”

The very top step you must climb to God’s “**house**” is to have “**agapé love**.” That is why Paul said in Romans 13:10; that **agapé love** fulfills or completes **The Law**. Once you have spiritually **grown** from “**fear**” to “**repentance**” then “**wisdom**” to “**understanding**” and then “**faith**” to “**just judgment**,” you finally come to “**agapé love**.” Notice what Jesus said this final **step** to God’s love will do for you, “**You shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul [life], and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, you shalt love your neighbor as yourself**” (Matthew 22:37-40). That **love is agapé love** because it demands you give up your life.

Dr. Gileadi, in his book *Decoding Isaiah*, said when you grow spiritually to this step and enter God’s “**house**,” (God’s “**temple**”) he or she achieves the **seraph level**. The **seraphim** are the **six-winged** angels who guard The Ark of The Covenant, God’s **very mercy seat**. Notice, Isaiah did not believe he was **worthy** to be

in God's presence, God's **glorious goodness**. In vision, Isaiah found himself before God's **holy presence** (Isaiah 6:1-7). "**And one** [seraph/angel] **cried unto another** [seraph/angel], **and said**, "**Holy, holy, holy, is The Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory**" (Isaiah 6:3). This depicts a future time when the **entire earth is full of His glory, His goodness**" (Exodus 33:19). "**Woe is me! for I am undone** [I'll die]; **because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord** [master] **of hosts** [the world]" (Isaiah 6:5).

Isaiah completely knew he was an **earthly man, in the flesh** and therefore, still subject to the **flesh**. You are about to learn why some must go into The Lake of Fire! "**Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth and said, Lo, this hath touched your lips and thine iniquity is taken away and your sin purged**" (Isaiah 6:6).
Wow!

God **purges sin from your mouth by fire**. God does not have you thrown into **The Lake of Fire** to kill you, but to **purge sin from your very mouth and entire being**. In Lazarus and the rich man, when the rich man was in The Lake of Fire, he cried out for a **drop of water** for his mouth because of the **torment** in the flames. This is why Jesus said, "**it isn't what one eats that defiles oneself**" (Matthew 15:11). Isaiah knew he was in the **flesh** and, therefore, **still carnal**. Since Isaiah was at the **seraph level** of God's "**temple**," the angel had to **purge sin** from his **fleshy mouth** so Isaiah could prophesy **accurately only words given to him by God!** You are now ready to **biblically understand the complete reason a loving God has "some" go into The Lake of Fire!**

CHAPTER 24

APPOINTED, ONCE TO DIE

“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this The Judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Since you only have to die once for sin just as Christ did for everyone’s sins, then, why does The Lake of Fire follow The Judgment? Why do some have to die twice?

Wages Of Sin

Paul answers the question as to why Jesus does not have to die over and over again for each human or for your sins which you commit after **baptism** (Hebrews 9). **“For the wages of sin is death.”** Once you die, you no longer have any **sins**. You have **paid the full penalty**. You are **completely dead or destroyed**. You no longer **exist**. However, notice the rest, **“but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23).

When you die, you’ve **paid the last farthing** (Matthew 5:25:26). The question becomes, once you are **destroyed**, who **resurrects you**? In the account of the resurrection of Martha’s brother, Lazarus, Jesus answers her. Your brother shall **live again**. She replies and knowingly states, **“At the last day.”** Martha knew **everyone is resurrected the last day, The Day of Judgment**. Christ amazingly makes this statement, **“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead [destroyed], yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall**

never die.” That is **eternal life for salvation** (John 11:25-26). Once you die and you “believe in me,” you shall never die or remain dead. When **all confess Jesus is Lord** (belief), they will be resurrected. Christ in this verse **acknowledges Universal Salvation**, “**Though he were dead, yet shall he live.**” Death holds **no one**. **Death will end and everyone will live.** This is **Universal Salvation out of Christ’s mouth!** Can you understand the magnitude of Christ’s declaration? Jesus proves, later, that He is referring to **Universal Salvation**.

When Jesus cried out just before He **died** (completely destroyed), “**My Father, My Father, why hast thou forsaken me?**” He knew exactly what he was saying. Read John 5:21, “**For as the Father raiseth up [resurrection] the dead, and quickeneth [makes them alive] them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**” Christ knew when He died or was destroyed **The Father** had to **resurrect Him**. The Father had to leave The Son, because of everyone’s sins Christ had to carry to be totally dead. Once Christ died and paid the **penalty for everyone’s sins**, that is **all The Law demanded**, and, now, **The Father had to resurrect Him** as your **High Priest!** This is **exactly** why, only, The High Priest could go into The Holy of Holies and offer a sacrifice for **Himself** and **all the people** on **The Day of Atonement**.

Jesus died as a sacrifice (High Priest) for your **sins** but, also, to have **power to resurrect those He chooses to resurrect**. That is what The Apostle Paul was referring to in I Corinthians 15. Is there a **resurrection?** Once you are resurrected you will **bibli-cally** prove why, ultimately, “**all must be saved.**”

Two Resurrections

You are about to discover there is **no need** for **three resurrec-**

tions as some believe. Jesus said that only **Two Resurrections** are to come. Remember, a **resurrection** is only necessary if you are completely **dead** and no longer existing. Only if the **penalty** for **sin** has not been, totally, **paid** will you still have to **die** and, then, followed by a **resurrection**. You are only **appointed to die once!** Christ said you should “**Fear Him [God] which [who] is able to destroy both soul [life] and body [soma] in hell [Gehenna]**” (Matthew 10:28). The second is a total destruction of a person’s life itself. It is the **spirit** “in man” which, **also, must die**. That is what **salvation** is all about – a **new spirit**.

David’s Repentance

King David committed two dastardly sins of adultery and murder. How rotten can a person get? But through it all, David had a right heart. What does that mean? In spite of David’s sinful nature he still looked to God in **faith** after repenting and was **climbing Jacob’s ladder**. David completely looked to God! Especially, when he cried out, “**Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions**” (Psalm 51:1).

David knew **The Law** demanded **death** just as in the case of your sins. However, David repented, just as Christians do today. David was at the second step of Jacob’s spiritual **ladder**. “**Repentance!**” David knew **The Letter of The Law** offered **no mercy** for **carnal (unrepentant)** people. When David killed Goliath, he also, exercised **faith** in God. This was David’s “personal Goliath” and he knew **The True God** and believed in His **mercy** by having great **faith**.

David, in Psalms outlines what real repentance is about (Psalm 51:3-6). First, he admitted he sinned, but more than that, he said

his **sinful** acts of adultery and murder would never allow him to forget how **evil they** were and how evil he was in committing them.

He explained from the day he was **born** he had a **sinful nature**. David was a scoundrel. He even knew what had to be changed in his **being**. In Verse 6 David declared God wants an honest person by **being truthful with oneself in the secret parts of their mind and heart**. Then, he concludes by admitting only God, Himself can give **wisdom** to understand the **truth** of your true self. David was growing **spiritually**. David knew only God could change his nature by **purging his sin** and, then, he shall **be clean** (Psalm 51:7-12). Realizing how sinful he was, he had real repentance.

Finally, David gives the key to **salvation**. “**Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me**” (Psalm 51:10). It is the **spirit “in man”** (self-survival) that **must die** and God, then, **gives you an honest spirit** by His Holy Spirit. David, “**in faith**” prayed God would not leave him or take away His Holy Spirit from him. David had God’s Holy Spirit and he implored God not to take it away from him. David knew, with his repentance, God would kill the **wrong spirit** in David and make it a right **spirit** once again.

The Hebrew word for “**create**” is “**bara**.” The same as in Genesis 1. It signifies “a creation” which only God can do. It virtually means, “bringing into existence.” Only God has this type of **creative power**. It is like making “something from nothing.” Only God knows how to do this kind of **creating**.

David was asking God to take the human **spirit** He gave him at **birth** which desires to survive and make a **new kind of spirit** in him with His **Holy Spirit**. David said, “**kill or destroy my spirit**

and the **nature** I was **born with** and create in me “**Your Spirit.**” This is exactly what Jesus tried to tell Nicodemus when He told him, he had to be **born again** (John 3). That is what **faith** is **all about** – **to have the right heart** or **truth** that David understood, only too well, about **himself**. That is why God readily forgave him and why David received **mercy**. This is the **key** or **essence** in understanding there are only **two resurrections**.

First And Second Resurrection

Remember, “**resurrection**” demands “**death**” before you can be **resurrected**. Obviously, “**resurrection**” means to “**quicken**” or “**make alive.**” To do so, you must **really be dead**. If a part is **alive** no one can be **totally dead**. David knew his spirit had to die in addition to his body which, also, had to **die**. Once the **body** (flesh) and **spirit** (human desire) dies, then, the **total soul** or **life** in that person is completely **dead**. God will make a miracle or a new creation (bara) – a new resurrection. As Dr. Giliadi states, “**from ruin to restoration.**” This is what Jesus tried to explain to Nicodemus – to be born again.

It is obviously clear, now, what Jesus said had to take place in Matthew 10:28 for **salvation** to be given as “**a gift.**” Both body, spirit and soul must die before you can be **born again** as a new creation by God. That is the reason for the first and second resurrections. Total death must occur before a new birth can be given. Otherwise, a second resurrection is needed for those who need to completely die. The wages of sin demands it according to The Law (I John 3:4 and Romans 6:23).

Since you are only **appointed** to **die** once, then a **second resurrection** must transpire for you to **die twice** or **totally be dead**. The **first resurrection** is a **special resurrection**. It is known

as the **resurrection of the firstborn** (I Corinthians 15:23). It is known as **the resurrection of the firstfruits** [firstborn] because those in the first resurrection are **born again** after Christ. Jesus was the original **Firstborn Son** because He, as a **human in the flesh grew spiritually** to the **top of Jacob's ladder** of "agapé love." He, first, gave His Life for you. In this way, He became **The Author** (or **beginner**) of **Your Salvation**.

Those in the **first resurrection**, also, must **grow "spiritually"** to become **like Christ** by completing the steps of **Jacob's ladder**. Jesus was The First Begotten Son (mono-genes) and The **Bride** must, now, become **worthy** to be Christ's **wife** (Revelation 19:7). These, are those who will be in the **first resurrection** and be **born again** into **spirit beings** like **Jesus**. Those **special Christians are to become** Christ's wife because **The Bride** has made **herself ready**.

The Second Resurrection, being **The Last Resurrection**, as Martha well-understood (and there is no need for a **Third Resurrection**). She told Christ if He were there, her brother would not have had to die. Then, Jesus said "**I am the resurrection**" (John 11:25). Christ was The **One to give "salvation."** A **resurrection** is **proof** Jesus paid for your sins.

That is why Paul referred to those Christians as only **asleep, not being dead** (I Corinthians 15). Jesus said those who believed in Christ and followed Him, **death** had **no power over them** (John 5:24 and Revelation 20:6).

Therefore, those in the **second resurrection**, are both, the **faithful** and the **unfaithful**. The **faithful** "in Christ" are not worthy to be Christ's wife, but they were **growing spiritually** up **Jacob's ladder**. They were Christ's sheep and needed more spiritual growth,

but they will enter **the kingdom**. They had not blasphemed or rejected God's **spirit** (Matthew 12:31-32).

The others, in the second resurrection, are the **goats** (Matthew 25) and refused to die and are still kicking and bucking. They will go into **Damnation**. Jesus said, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice [shepherd] of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live [resurrection]. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority [power] to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all [last resurrection] that are in the graves [sheol] shall hear his voice. And shall come forth (resurrection); they that have done good [faithful], unto the resurrection of life [eternal life]; and they that hath done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation**" (John 5:25-29).

That completes **two resurrections**, The **Firstborn** Christians as **Christ's wife**, and the last or **second resurrection** when everyone else, who is dead is **made alive**. Those who have done good, **the faithful ones**, enter **God's "kingdom."** Those who refused God's Holy Spirit, not knowing **right** from **wrong** and did a great deal of **evil** are **damned**.

The word "damned" in Greek is "**krisis**" which really means "**judgment**" or a "time of **crisis**." The "crisis" being they must go into The Lake of Fire.

So, there are only "two resurrections" but "**three different groups of people**." Those in the **first resurrection** are composed of The Bride of Christ who become **worthy** to be **His "wife"** (Revelations 19:7). They, are of The **Firstborn**, to be "**born again**."

Therefore, those in the **second resurrection** consists of two groups of people, the **faithful** to God by accepting God's Holy Spirit and the second group, who had **rejected** God's Holy Spirit and do **evil**, not knowing "**right**" from "**wrong**." They have not completely **died** in their first death but their human nature is still kicking like **goats**. You are coming to a very **spiritual understanding** about **sheep** entering God's "**kingdom**" and **goats** going into **The Lake of Fire**, (hell).

It is important for you to realize the difference between **the sheep** and **the goats**. Remember, in God's eyes, **both** are **acceptable for sacrifice**. Both **animals** are **clean animals** and **do not have the mark of the beast** (a lion, a bear or a leopard).

Read Christ's comments concerning these two animals, the sheep and the goats and their **outcome!** "**And before him shall be gathered all nations** [last or second resurrection]: **and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats**" (Matthew 25:32). Sheep follow the shepherd, while goats do not. "**Then shall the King** [Christ] **say unto them on his right hand** [sheep], **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**" (Matthew 25:34).

The sheep enter God's "**kingdom**" and later in Revelation 21 and 22 you find they are the **nations which are saved** and can **enter** God's "**kingdom**," **New Jerusalem** with their "**glory**." Now, what happens to **the goats**?

This is what Christ said through *The Scriptures*, "**I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not**" (Matthew 25:43). "**Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least**

of these, you did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal” (Matthew 25:45-46). Everlasting **punishment** is not **destruction**. This punishment is **everlasting** so they are **not destroyed**.

What a difference. The Christians, who had helped the needy, will go into **life eternal**; these are the sheep that **enter God’s “kingdom.”** The goats end up into **“everlasting punishment.”** Amazingly, the **goats** go into **The Lake of Fire** and **“everlasting punishment.”** What is this? If they go into **everlasting punishment** they **cannot be destroyed in The Lake of Fire**. What then happens to them? This sounds like a contradiction. You need to have these questions **“biblically”** answered.

CHAPTER 25

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

The word, “**holy**” in Greek signifies “**purity.**” The Holiest place of all in The Temple is The Holy of Holies where God’s “**glory**” was (Hebrews 9:3). God is the ultimate purity. There is no blemish or impurity in God. “In him [Christ] was life; and the life [Jesus] was the light of men” (John 1:4). Referring to salvation or life, life and light are defined as meaning the same thing. And the “**light**” shineth in “**darkness**” and the darkness comprehended it not.

Not A Place

God is **Holy** or completely **pure** and manifests that Holiness by **light** through Christ, who is “**the light of the world.**” Since light and life are the same, **the darkness** will, therefore result in death of the whole human being, body, spirit and soul (life). Clearly, those in “**darkness**” cannot understand “**light.**” Light makes it possible to see **reality** or **truth**. It is complete **purity**, no **blemish** to **darken** one’s vision.

It becomes scripturally simple that “**darkness**” is **not a place** since it has to do with how one **thinks**. It has to do with how one chooses to see things. It is how God and humanity **comprehend** what is God’s view of “**good**” and “**evil.**” That is why Jesus said, “*there is none good but one, that is, God*” (Matthew 19:17). Humans are a **mixture** of “**good**” and “**evil**” and each must choose.

The choice is either **light** or **darkness**. Humans are all **partly** in the **dark**. All humans have a **blemish** or **impurity** in their **heart** and **sight**.

God And Darkness

John is delivering a **message** to Christians. “**God is light and in him is no darkness at all**” (I John 1:5). Since God is the “**holiest**” or “**purist**,” He is completely in the “**light**.” He does not have a **speck** of **darkness**. God knows, understands and sees everything as they are in reality or truth. Since **light** and **darkness** have to do with how you comprehend or understand things, while God never has a doubt. Why? Because God consists of **agapé love** and only thinks about what is good for His creation. His thoughts are **always light** or **truth** without a drop of **darkness** in **Him**.

John declared how Christians are to be, “**But if we walk [live] in the light, as he [God] is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**” (I John 1:7). Then, Christ will resurrect you.

Yet, The Apostle warns in I John 1:6, “**If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness [confusion], we lie, and do not the truth.**” Wow! God is quite clear. God is only motivated in **His heart** for “**good**” and “**reasons**” only with truth and nothing but **the truth**. God only has a **sound mind** and never decides anything having any doubt. That is why God gives you His **Holy Spirit** because only God’s **spirit** can give you a **sound mind** (II Timothy 1:7).

Self-preservation causes **confusion** or **Babylon** as opposed to having God’s “**love**” for others. Humanity, without God, cannot have a **sound** or **logical mind**. That is why Jesus only did The

Father's "**will**" and only **spoke God's "word"** (John 5:30, John 3:34 and John 7:16).

What Is Darkness?

Darkness is not a **place**, **but consists of a mind and heart** which are **totally confused**. People who have a **demonic mind** are so because they are completely **confused**.

Remember, when Satan and his angels rebelled against God they were put into **chains of darkness** (jail). Read *The Book of Jude*. One way you keep **evil** from "**sane humans**" is to blind them or put them into a dungeon.

One of the good works Christ would do is cast demons out of people. "**To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house**" (Isaiah 42:7).

How plain! "**Darkness**" is God's **jail or prison**. In Hebrew the word for "**prison**" means "**to separate**." God's **bars** are a **state of mind**! That is your biblical definition for "**darkness**." When one is demon-possessed it does **not mean** Satan or one of his fallen angels has **jumped** inside of the demonic person. There wouldn't be enough Satans or demons to possess all demonic individuals.

Jesus gave the example of a person who had demons and was clean but put nothing into his/her mind and heart that was **real** or **true**, he or she could end up with a **legend of demons**. Now, their **mind** is in **complete darkness** or **outer darkness** near **no light** or **truth**. What does such a person do? "**The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single [full of light], thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole**

body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:22-23). That is outer darkness or complete confusion or Babylon.

Christ, Himself, just clearly defined **light** and **darkness**. It is how you decide to **choose** to **see things**. If you see things **God's "way"** your eyes only see **truth** or **reality** because you have God's **mind** and **heart** with **God's Holy Spirit"** (II Timothy 1:7).

If you **refuse** to see things or **life** through **God's eyes**, (which is **light**), you, then, can become in **complete darkness** which is "**outer darkness.**" Wow! Look at the **outcome** (Matthew 8:28-34). Two demonic people were so possessed in **darkness** no one could pass by the two possessed individuals because they were so **violent**. Jesus warns about a person, who no longer is demon possessed, but doesn't grow spiritually. This individual ends up with seven demons worse off than he was when he started (Matthew 12:43-45). These verses are right after Christ describes The White Throne Judgment. Notice what the demons are worried about when Jesus comes by them. "**And, behold, they cried out saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time**" (Matthew 8:29)?

To be in "**torment**" in Greek is the word "**kolasis**" which means "**overwhelming.**" The word "**colossal**" carries the same meaning. It is "**more than one can bare.**" But "bare" what?

Human Desire

What is the cause of "depression?" Perfect **love** casts out **fear**. The word "**fear**" in Greek "**phobus.**" A "**phobia**" is "the **fear** of something **not real.**" Fear of heights, small closed room or walk-

ing down a dark place etc., are examples of what **can be false fears**. Standing near the edge of a high cliff can, also, be frightening. Those who have a **phobia** of high places, even though they are standing on a **cliff**, are **safe** from falling over. This is a **false fear** which can **cause torment** (I John 4:18). If one **loves God** and **others**, they can have the **absolute faith** God will do nothing to them which is not for **their good** (Hebrews 12:10). That is why there is **no fear in perfect** (complete) **love**.

How do you open yourself to **false fear** and **depression**? King Solomon answers the question in Proverbs 18:1-4, “**Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddeth with all wisdom.**” So, **your desires** can cause you to **lose wisdom** which is one of the steps **on Jacob’s ladder**.

God gave Solomon “**wisdom**” to rule Israel. Solomon definitely understood **true wisdom** but never grew any further. A good desire chooses **wise choices** instead of intermeddling **desires** where **wisdom is lost**. “**When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt [resentment], and with ignominy reproach.**” In Hebrew the meaning of “**reproach**” is “**shame.**” “**The words of a man’s mouth *are* as deep waters, *and* the well-spring of wisdom as a flowing brook**” (Proverbs 18:3-4).

So, false desires cause **shame** because of not having any **wisdom**. A person who desires what is “**not true,**” not having **wisdom** or steeped in **deep dark waters**, **lose their sight**. The deeper they go, **they find themselves in darkness**.

A person who has **truthful** desires has **more wisdom**, since it is like a **sprouting spring** which keeps running **down stream**, **being able to see the bottom** with **their eyes all the way**. How clear and simple! They finally understand. A running brook without

pollution (blemish) is **clean** and one can **safely drink it and be refreshed**.

If you have **false** or **wrong desires**, it becomes your personal private **idol**. Paul said **idolatry** is **caused** by **covetousness** (Colossians 3:5). The same verse declares you should “**Mortify** [avoid] **therefore your members** [flesh] **which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry.**” God reveals truth by His Holy Spirit.

Any time a person's **desire** is leaning towards **evil**, to the point where he/she cannot **live without it**, they have **no wisdom**. They cannot think **right** and, finally, are in **complete darkness (outer darkness)**. No longer can that person discern or **think logically** with a **sound mind**. They need God's **Holy Spirit** to **lead** them into **truth**. They are **truly in outer darkness**. That is the cause of **depression** and **phobias which lead to torment**.

It isn't The Lake of Fire which causes **eternal torment**. The Lake of Fire makes certain you are **completely dead** as **all are appointed** once to die! Any desire which keeps your human nature determined to **survive above all else**, must **totally die**. **The Law** dictates **death for idolaters**.

Those in the **light** continue growing in **wisdom** until they achieve **God's love** which **fulfills The Law** (Romans 13:10). With God's **understanding** and **faith** to **The Love of God**, as **sheep** following their **shepherd** to the **death**, **need to enter God's "kingdom house."**

What finally occurs to those **goats** who are still kicking and bucking who do not want to **die**? Jesus describes the **faith** of a Roman

Centurion. Jesus said to The Jews after He healed The Centurion's servant. "**But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**" (Matthew 8:12). Those in **outer darkness** are **repenting** by weeping and gnashing their teeth.

God does not end a person's life who goes into The Lake of Fire. (Details come later). Here you find in the **time** of The Kingdom of God, those who were in the fire still exist. Where? They are cast into **outer darkness, God's prison for rehabilitation**. As long as they remain in **outer darkness they are in everlasting punishment!** They are **the goats**.

The sheep, who have **faith in God**, are in God's "**kingdom**" while the goats are in **outer darkness** (in a form of **God's prison**).

CHAPTER 26

WHO GOD ACCEPTS

The main difference between “the goats” and “the sheep” are: goats resist death and need to completely die as appointed by God for salvation.

When do sheep become like Christ, willing to die for everyone? Both the sheep and the goats are clean animals that God accepts as a sacrifice. So Christ, as your High Priest, after The Order of Melchizedek is a Priesthood of “faith.” Hebrews 5:1-2 reveals men are those who are ordained by God for sacrifice. Now, for a surprise! God, also, accepts sacrifices for those who are ignorant but, also, all others. That is Universal Salvation (Hebrews 5:2). God has different sacrifices for each type of individual, such as a lamb or a goat. That is why both are clean animals and can be sacrifices for sin! However, since both animals are accepted by God for sacrifice, just how or on what basis does God accept individuals for eternal life?

Two Priesthoods

The Priesthood under Melchizedek covered a longer timespan in *The Torah*. The Priesthood of Aaron of The Tribe of Levi was instituted because of sin. *The Book of Deuteronomy* is The Law of

Moses written only to Israel as *The Old Covenant* (Deuteronomy 5:3). This *Old Covenant* as Deuteronomy 5:3 states was not in force prior to Moses. Before Moses, individuals, such as Abraham, were under Melchizedek who was a Priesthood of **Faith**. This Priesthood offered **salvation** as The Tree of Life in The Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve. This Priesthood of Melchizedek had “**mercy**” versus “**no mercy**.” That is why Cain was not put to death and was even protected by God. Lamech, a great-great-grandson, knew this and when he killed two men, said “he should be forgiven 70 X 7.” That is why Christ told His Disciples the **same thing about 70 X 7**. Christ was of The Melchizedek Order and **not Levi**, who had no mercy.

The Commandments and Statutes kept by Abraham had **no judgments**. That is why, when Jesus died for your **sins**, He removed The **Curse of The Law** which were The Judgments. Abraham kept The Commandments and Statutes because he chose by his **faith to do so** (Genesis 26:5). He, therefore, received **mercy** just like Christians under **Melchizedek's Priesthood** of Christ.

What is the difference between *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant*? In both cases **The Law** is in force. I John 3:4 states what **sin** is, “**sin is the transgression of the law**” but under **Levi**, the **curses** and blessings in Deuteronomy Chapters 27 and 28, are still in force. Under Melchizedek without any **curses** there is **no longer** any penalty for breaking **The Law** as long as you have **repented**. The Apostle John states, “as long as you remain **in Christ**,” under His **blood you cannot sin!** That is a part of the difference between being under *The Old Covenant* as opposed to *The New Covenant*. What else is different?

Jeremiah told you in Jeremiah 31:31-34 that The Law is now changed by The Law being written in your “**heart**” and “**mind**.”

The Law is now, by God, written into your very **heart** and **mind**. The Law becomes a **spiritual requirement** by **faith** which requires Christians to ascend Jacob's ladder and, finally, be helped by Christ. You, now, know the difference between *The Old* and *New Covenants*. With the change back to Melchizedek, it **necessitated** a change in **The Law** (Hebrews 7:12). How did **The Law** change? Isaiah 42:21 prophesies that God **is pleased** with His "**righteousness**" and, therefore, had Jesus come to **magnify** or **make larger** or **greater His Father's Laws**. The **enlarged Law** can bring **more honor to it**. This is wonderful!

The Restoration

What did Christ come to do? "**For the Son of man** [in the flesh] **is come to save that which was lost**" (Matthew 18:11). Christ did not come to bring a new **Law**, but to bring back what was originally **lost** in *The Torah*. Jesus came to **restore** the **entire Law** with The Added Letter of The Law to Israel. When Israel or Judah rejected Christ, He went to another **nation** who showed themselves more **noble**, **The Gentiles**.

In Acts 15 The **Gentiles** were now **accepted** by God, without The Added **Letter** of **The Law**, by allowing The Gentiles to receive **The Holy Spirit**" without the requirement of circumcision. Always remember The Letter of The Law only ended up producing **death** and could never give **life**. Paul said from now on it is "**the spirit** [of The Law] **which gives life**" (II Corinthians 3:6). The Letter could only give death because it was for carnal or unrighteous people who kept sinning. They needed to repent so they could learn "right" from "wrong" in their hearts (I Timothy 1:7-10).

Christ was now **restoring** The Tree of Life, God's Holy Spirit,

to *The Torah*. Those, now being called, had **repented** and therefore, were **no longer under curses or judgments**. With **repentance** they had **no sin** to be covered by Christ. They **now had access to God's Holy Spirit**, which was writing The Law into every Christian's **nature**. How? By **enlarging or magnifying The Law** to include Jacob's **ladder** through Christ as The **Restorer** to Melchizedek, which could give **mercy**. What did Jesus say to The **Scribes and Pharisees**? "**But I say unto you, that, in this place is *one* greater than the temple**" (Matthew 12:6-7). Do you get it? "**But if you had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless.**" They did not know Jesus was **restoring** The Melchizedek Priesthood of **Faith** not based upon judgments in **The Letter of The Law**, but Christ **magnifying The Law** to a **spiritual status** (Romans 7:14). The sacrifices for sin served a different purpose in The Letter of The Law.

Christ was **greater** than "**the temple**" because **sacrifices for sin** could **never take away sin** (Hebrews 10:4). Hebrews 10:1 reveals earthly "**temple worship**" with The Letter of The Law and the **sacrifices** in force could **never make anyone perfect**. Only Christ's sacrifice could **take away sin** and change your **very nature** to have **God's Law** written within your heart and mind. Read **all of Hebrews 10**.

The Law and The Prophets are never done away with, but must be **fulfilled** where **The Law** or *Torah* is **magnified**, making them **more honorable**. Christ came to **restore perfection**, then **magnified The Torah Law** so Christians could keep **growing** upon **Jacob's ladder** receiving God's **love**, (the **seraph level**) to be able to **enter God's "house" and "kingdom."**

Another question to answer is if God left His own and turned to

The **Gentiles**, who exactly, does God **accept**? Is there only one **faith** or perhaps One True Church? Who does God actually **accept** as **His**? **Believe *The Scriptures*** and allow *The Bible* to reveal who **God accepts**. “**Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him**” (Acts 10:34-35). Can’t be any clearer! It is not some **true church** or **level of faith** in any doctrine. It is an **individual matter**. That is why Paul called those Christians, who were always fighting **over doctrines** or what **preacher they preferred, were carnal** or “**babes in Christ**” (I Corinthians 3:1-3).

God will accept any individual who fears Him and works “righteousness” by doing good works. That is why He said even on The Sabbath, if you do good works, it is lawful or OK. Get it? Read all of it. Even if you think it is a sin to drink, don’t correct another person because he or she (Christian) is at a different level in their Christian growth. Paul said, “**whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**” If you believe one doctrine is important for salvation, you are not to make an issue out of it (Romans 14:23). Paul declares, “**That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind [teaching] of doctrine**” (Ephesians 4:14-15). Doctrines are not to be dogmatic, but merely “a teaching” to lead you to perfection. The purpose of the preaching ministry is to lead all Christians to perfection (Ephesians 4:10-13). Perfection is the requirement for salvation (Matthew 5:48 and Matthew 19).

Paul said to **move on to perfection** leaving the baby doctrines (Hebrews 6:1-2). You need to leave principles of Christ and go on to **perfection**. **Spiritual growth** is not **static** working at one level only, with **one talent**. Growth necessitates change. More and more spiritual understanding creates spiritual growth. When you

were a baby you did not look or act the way you do **today**. You must **grow** to the **stature** or **maturity of Christ**, which means real **truth** comes by **loving each other** and not at what **level** of **doctrinal growth** you have **achieved** (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Peter simply revealed who God **accepts** as **His**. **Fear** God and “**work righteousness**.” That’s it – **biblically**.

CHAPTER 27

ISAIAH TO REVELATION

Part I

Many scholars believe there are two *Books of Isaiah*. The one *Book of Isaiah* is from Chapter 1 to 33. The second *Book of Isaiah* is from Chapter 34 to 66. Because of this, theologians say Isaiah 34 to 66 is not written by Isaiah. Some of them say it is written later, perhaps by Jeremiah. What nonsense. *The Book of Isaiah* is about history and prophecy. History is recorded in Isaiah's day to King Hezekiah. From then on, God's chosen people, Israel and Judah, go into captivity and The Time of The Gentiles begins, till Christ returns and then He ends The Gentile Kingdoms in Daniel 12.

Let's divide Isaiah into two parts. Part I covers history from Isaiah's day to Christ's first coming. Part II covers the second coming of Jesus right into The New Heaven and The New Earth in God's "house" and "kingdom."

Prosperity To Destruction

Isaiah said in Isaiah 1, that both The Ten Tribes of Israel and Judah, God's children, had rebelled against Him. They were "temple worshippers" who sacrificed, were Sabbath-keepers and kept The

Holy Days; but they were a gainsaying and unjust people. Bribery, cheating and lying were their way of life. They became very prosperous and greedy and the poor were ignored and forgotten.

They were following the way of the idolatrous Gentile countries around them. Assyria, Egypt, Edom, Syria and Babylon were their lovers in business. God decided to allow the countries around them to harass and take them into captivity.

Isaiah prophesied by warning them to return to God with a right heart. They refused, except Hezekiah who trusted God. God added fifteen years to Hezekiah's life, but Isaiah told Hezekiah that after his death, Judah would be taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Over a hundred years earlier The Ten Tribes of Israel were taken captive by Assyria and dispersed into The Gentile Nations. At this point, history changed in the known world.

Israel and Judah no longer were God's witnesses nor were any other nations (Acts 10:35). The **Time of The Gentiles began** until **Messiah** would come and restore Israel and Judah as His People.

Seventy Years

Through The Prophet Daniel's constant prayers for Israel and **faith** in God, he was loved by God and told "**the prophecy**" about Israel and The World until **the end of days**. God revealed that in 70 years, which was the lifetime of a king, Judah would go back to Jerusalem and restore **the temple**. This began in King Cyrus's day, ruler of The Persian Empire.

Daniel was told there would be **troublesome times** for Judah. They surely were from Persia's rule to Alexander, The Great, cul-

minating in **The Fourth Beast**, The Roman Empire – Rome, controlling Judah, now restored in Palestine. Judah was waiting for The Messiah to come during Rome’s rule. **The temple** would be completely restored over forty years by King Herod, an Edomite.

The reason Judah expected The Messiah in Herod’s time was the prophecy given Nebuchadnezzar by Daniel in Daniel 2, when Rome, The Fourth Beast was ruling. Here is how The Time of The Gentiles were to end, “**And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever**” (Daniel 2:44). This was to be the completion of The Times of The Gentiles with Christ’s coming. They were **the last days** (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Apostles knew they lived in the last days. “**God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken [Apostles] unto us by His Son.**”

The Apostles knew when Christ was born in the flesh, He came to deliver His people, Judah, from **The Fourth Beast, Rome**.

Isaiah 40:1-2 states, “**Comfort ye, comfort ye my people [Israel], saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.**” War for Israel was to be over when Christ was born. Mary was told by the angel, about Jesus, “**He [Jesus] shall [would] reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end**” (Luke 1:33). The shepherds were told when Christ was born, “**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men**” (Luke 2:14). Jesus, The Messiah could have had to come only **once** (Isaiah 40).

If Judah, His people, would have accepted The Christ, and listened to John, The Baptist, to return the hearts of the children to the father, like Abraham, there would not have been a **curse** upon the **world** (which has lasted to the present day). “**And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse**” (Malachi 4:6).

This Elijah, who was to come, was to prepare **The Way of The Lord!** The coming of Elijah as John, The Baptist (Isaiah 40:2-5) and Mark 1 states the exact words of Isaiah 40:2-5 explicitly referencing John, The Baptist. Christ reveals John, The Baptist, is “the Elijah to come” (Matthew 11 and 14).

If Judah would have received Christ, as King, when He rode on the mule, then Judah would have hailed Jesus as **their Messiah**. Rome would still have taken Christ and crucified him and, in three days, He would have been resurrected and as Christ said, God would have sent a host of angels and they could have done nothing. The Millennium would have started.

Because Jesus was rejected by His people, **The Bride of Christ**, a **curse** came upon the earth and now Jesus had to come a **second time** for His Bride. Instead of **peace on earth**, now the **curse** written in Matthew 24 has to come to pass for a **good reason** before Jesus, The **Groom** returns.

The Wedding Feast

There are three different periods of time when God calls mankind to a wedding feast of His Son (Matthew 22:1-14). This feast takes place in God’s “**house**,” New Jerusalem, at the time of The New Heaven and The New Earth (Revelations 21 and 22).

The first time was pre-flood or in Enoch, The Prophet's time. **“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord [Messiah] cometh with ten thousands of his saints”** (Jude 14). That is exactly what Christ told Pilate He could have done (John 18:36).

With the **curse** upon the **earth**, God's prophecy had to be delayed until the curse is completed. Jesus doesn't bring **peace** upon the **earth**, but instead a **sword** (Matthew 10:34).

Change of Bride

Judah rejecting The Messiah as **The Groom**, Jesus states, **“For many are called, but few are chosen”** (Matthew 22:14). In Romans 11, Israel is no longer the first to be The Bride of Christ, but only a remnant of Israel, “The 144,000” of Revelation 7. Later, you will see, relatively few become Christ's **bride**.

Notice, those of Judah, who were invited to The Wedding Feast, did so at the **wrong time**. Matthew 22:4 declares, **“Again, he sent forth other servants, [John, The Baptist and Christ], saying, tell them which are bidden, behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.”** Jesus, The Christ, **The Groom** was only to come **once**. This invitation was given when it was the **time for the marriage**. That is why Jesus said, **“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God And saying, The time is fulfilled [completed], and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel”** (Mark 1:14-15).

Obviously, Christ was to come only once. Clearly, Jesus declared everything was completed as Isaiah 40:1 predicted. The Kingdom

of God was to come at Jesus' first coming. War was to be finished for Israel and **the kingdom** was ready and **The Marriage Feast** was on **the table**. The oxen were prepared. This was more than an invitation to a wedding, as the wedding was prepared to take place. The Bride stood up and turned Him down! Christ was rejected, the **curse began**. These were **truly the last days** and now God's "**kingdom**" and Wedding Feast were delayed. Why?

It all had to do with when Christ returns for His **Bride!** But, there is **no Bride**. What does God do? "**Then saith he [Jesus] to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore [he sent his servants] into the highways, and as many as ye shall find [gather together], bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests**" (Matthew 22:8-10).

It matters not whether one is **denominational, orthodox, independent or whatever**. Even the **bad** with the **good** are now **invited to attend The Wedding**. Later, you will read how The White Throne Judgment takes place **at The Wedding Feast**. Those **bidden** to the wedding were **found not worthy** to be The Bride (Israel) so God turned to The **Gentiles**, all of them, both "the bad" and "the good!" Now, **The Bride** has to prove **herself worthy** to be **His wife**. What does that mean? Peter has already answered the question in Acts 10:34-35, "**Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with [by] him.**" Can't be any clearer! It has nothing to do with any religious **groups**, but whether you **fear God** and **worketh "righteousness!"** God, then, **accepts that person** and **they are called "worthy."** That is your Bible answer!

Check again the modifying words of those God accepts to come to **The Wedding Feast**. What does “**worthy**” mean? (See page 226 “worthy” already explained). The **first** word is “to **fear** God.” It is “**phobea**,” meaning “being **infatuated** with God,” but not like those who have **torment** because their stress is **not real** as **they are overwhelmed**. God is One, **The Only One God Almighty**, The Creator of **all things**. That is **true fear**. To fear God is to honor Him as Father.

The second word “**worketh**” is “**ergazomai**” which means “**very hard work to the death**.” This is why Jesus said in John 6 that He and God do **very hard work**, “**ergazomai**,” to **save life**, even on **The Sabbaths**. He died for you.

The next word is “**righteousness**.” “**Dikaiosune**” in Greek stands “for **righteous justice as dictated by God**.” To be **holy** and **perfect** a **person** must have the **faith to follow God to the death, like Christ**. The final word is “**accepted**.” “**Dektos**,” a Greek verb meaning “to be judged as **right**,” especially as to being **sacrificed** or willing to **die**. Once you achieve this **spiritual level**, a willingness to die for what is **right**, then God accepts that **sacrifice** as **worthy**. There you have it. The wedding invitations are given to **all nations**, both **bad** and **good**, but he or she must **become worthy to be The Bride**. There will not be any **Bride** showing up for **The Wedding who is not worthy**.

The Last Days

Christians in **The First Century** knew they were in the **last days**. In fact, many thought they **missed the first resurrection** and others began to think there was **no resurrection**. After The Day of Pentecost when God gave The Holy Spirit, which started the **church**, not only were they **persecuted** but, also, **deceived**. That

is the first thing Jesus warned His Disciples – there would be many deceivers.

Once the question of circumcision and The Letter of The Law were resolved for The Gentiles (Acts 15), the persecution by The Jews was replaced by a plethora of Gentile philosophies like The Gnostics. The Gnostics' "influence" steadily increased over the next two hundred years in Christianity. Some "**claimed**" to be Jewish. But, they weren't even Jewish. By the end of The First Century, Jude and John were concerned "**the original faith**" was being **lost**. Read all of Jude and I, II and III John.

By The Second and Third Centuries, the **truth** of Christianity was in doubt. Jude warned of false teachers preaching God's "**word**" like Balaam. Others, had no respect for authority especially for The Twelve Apostles. III John discloses Diotrephes, whose name means "friend of Zeus," wouldn't accept real Christians into church fellowship. It was a mess!

Why is it so important for Christians of today to know that much? Much of what is accepted as Christian in contemporary times, is a carry-over from Greek and Roman myth. Even orthodox theology has refused to condemn unbiblical teachings. All are deceived by Babylon or confusion.

The question becomes with The Wedding "invitations" sent to **all nations** is **The Bride, (The Church) a worthy Bride?** Remember, both **bad** and **good** are invited to attend.

It seems "**the church**," by the end of The First Century, was **no more** worthy than Israel. Remember, Matthew 22:14 is a warning, "**for many are called, but few are chosen**" to take part in The Wedding Feast.

These were the **last days**, but Christ could **not** return for His **Bride**.

The First Century

Before Jesus went to The Father, The Disciples asked Him when the “**kingdom**” will be **restored** to Israel. They were asking Him when The Times of The Gentiles would be fulfilled. In Acts 1:7 Christ said, only, The Father has that **power** to let The Son know when He can come for His Bride and establish God’s “**kingdom**.”

Many, erroneously, try to do what Jesus couldn’t do. i.e., name the date of His **return**. Why not? Because **there is no date!** God decides when His Son can be engaged and start His Father’s rule on earth. II Peter 3 clearly states it can be **one** day or a **1000** years. Why? Because God is **longsuffering** for everyone to repent.

The **Return** of Jesus is not decided by a date, but a **specific** condition must take place. What is that **condition**? *The Book of Revelation* answers that question. Christ can come **any time** after something occurs (Revelation 19:7-20). “**Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him [God] for the marriage of the lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready**” (Revelation 19:7). There it is, it isn’t a date which decides when Christ **returns**, but when **The Bride** becomes **worthy** to be **called** Christ’s **wife**. Now, The Bride is **worthy** and ready to be **His wife!** All attempts to set a **date are nonsense**.

Revelation

Many have wondered why *The Book of Revelation* was written. It almost wasn’t part of *The Bible*. Yet, of all books in *The Bible*,

it answers all **The Mysteries of God and His “will.”** *The Book of Revelation* was so important it was **personally dictated by Jesus, Himself** to an **angel** to give to the **only Apostle alive of The Original Twelve.** To complete **God’s “will”** as **prophesied** by **Isaiah** and **disclosed** by **Jesus, Himself** to **His seven churches** and **The 144,000 Israelites,** the entire book is **written** to **His two witnesses,** **God’s two prophets.**

CHAPTER 28

ISAIAH TO REVELATION

Part II

Many people see *The Book of Revelation* as a very mysterious and symbolic book. Those interested in understanding it want to know, especially, about the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven last plagues. Read the book, *Revelation Uncovered* to understand.

Did you know this book is all about revealing God's Mystery which is God's "will?" Simply, the book is about God, The Father, His Son Jesus and The Son's Bride and wife to be. That is why Revelation is, The Apocalypse, or "The Unveiling." The question is "The Unveiling" of what?

Why The Book?

The Book of Revelation was almost not accepted into **the biblical canon**. Without it you could not fully understand God's **Mystery** or "will."

James, Peter, John and Jude were all **eyewitnesses** of **The Resurrection of Christ** and they discuss the same subject. These "**four books**," together, should be read as one book. The latter three books reveal The State of Christianity, at the end of The First Century, long before Christ's **return** and the need for Christians

to return to the **true faith** originally delivered. *The Book of Revelation*, with the details in Isaiah, answers how **The Will of God is completed**.

Revelation or **The Unveiling**, ushers in **God's "kingdom" with all its mysteries**. *The Book of Revelation* is given to the **last true** Apostle of The Twelve on The Isle of Patmos in **vision** by an angel, personally by Christ.

Behold, He Cometh

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7). This opening statement of Christ's **"return"** covers all of *The Book of Revelation* right to **The New Heaven and The New Earth**. *Revelation 2 and 3* discusses **the seven churches** in Asia Minor and their problems. These seven **churches** are symbolized as **Seven Golden Candlesticks**, The **Menorah** in The Holy Place in **"the temple."** Each church has a **star** or angel watching over it.

The Seven Churches

These **seven churches**: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea were on a circular mail route in southern Turkey. These **seven churches** represent the **condition** of Christianity at the end of **The First Century** as discussed in *The Books of James, Peter, John and Jude*. They were in a **mess "doctrinally"** but were all Christ's **churches**. They represented **"the condition"** of Christianity at the end of The First Century. This book, personally revealed by Christ, **The Groom** was issuing a **warning** as to what He required of **His Bride**.

The seven churches lacked **love** for Christ and were interested in other **lovers**, like Jezebel and not interested to bother with The Wedding, but to just barely prepare for The Wedding and lastly, thought **too much** of themselves. How could any of them become The Bride of Christ? These “**seven churches**,” as a type of Christianity, last throughout history right up to The White Throne Judgment. They are not “**eras of the church**” but they are “**the condition of Christianity**” till “**the judgment**.” That is why this book opens the entire Mystery of God which reveals God’s “**will!**” Jesus is warning **His Bride** to prepare herself to be **His wife**. This is **similar** to “**the parable of the ten virgins**” in Matthew 25. Only half of the **virgins** are **worthy**. The parable of the “**one talent to ten talents**” follows The Ten Virgins. Again, some become **worthy** and **some do not**. In this case **the reward** is God’s “**kingdom**” as rulers over cities with Jerusalem as The Mother.

Revelation 4 and 5 show Jesus as **The Slain Lamb** proving His **love** for **His Bride**, is accounted **worthy** to **open The Seven Seals** in Revelation, which represent the **curse** written in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. Since He can open these **seals**, **His return** can be lengthened or hastened as II Peter 3 reveals. **The Time of The Groom’s Return** for **His Bride** depends on when **The Bride** is **worthy** to be **His wife** in Revelation 19. The Bride must **love Jesus** in order to be **His wife just as He loves her**. God, The Father, would never **allow His Son** to **marry a woman** who did **not love Him like He loves her**. The Father, therefore, only allows His Son to return for **The Bride** when she is **worthy**. That is **The Mystery of God** explained in Ephesians 5:22-32.

Becoming Worthy

The opening of **the seven seals** is what Christ must do to prepare His Bride. These curses try the **women** in Revelation 12 and some

of “**the church**” must go into **great tribulation** to **make it**, even though they keep *The Ten Commandments* of **God**. Remember, Luke 17:10 clearly reveals it is **the duty** of **every human** to keep **The Commandments** for a successful human existence, but one is still **unprofitable** to be in God’s “**kingdom.**” You must go up Jacob’s ladder “**spiritually**” to be **Christ’s wife**.

Some Christians, who are **commandment-keepers**, must go into **The Great Tribulation** to **give their lives** to have **God’s love**, which, therefore, **completes The Law** to be **The Wife** of Jesus. Also, **The 144,000 Israelites**, twelve thousand from each tribe (but not The Tribe of Dan) are the **remnant** of **Israel**, who will be in the **first resurrection**. Israel is resurrected physically to become Christ’s wife during **The Millennium** (Ezekiel 37). The **two witnesses** of God, Christ’s church and **The 144,000** go into **The Tribulation** to be **martyred** (Revelation 11).

The Seven Trumpets

The seven **trumpets**, or warnings, usher in God’s direct intervention into **world affairs**. The Seventh Trump concludes at Armageddon with Christ’s **glorious** Return for His Bride, who has **made herself ready to be His wife** (Revelation 19:7).

The Book Of Life

Every Christian wants to be in *The Book of Life*. However, what is *The Book of Life*? Read the answer, “**And he saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God**” (Revelation 19:9).

The *Book of Life* is a **Marriage Registry** which only allows **The**

Father, The Groom, The Wife and The Guests, and those not in The Book of Life or Marriage Registry **are not allowed** into New Jerusalem where The Marriage takes place. How many will be there?

Jesus reveals how one tries to enter the marriage who was not properly dressed (Matthew 22:11-14). He is not allowed to attend. But what happens to him? **“Then said the King to his servants, bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth”** (Matthew 22:13). This is in God’s **“kingdom”** and The Lake of Fire is over.

After The Lake of Fire, those thrown into **outer darkness**, are in **God’s prison**. How many are written in *The Book of Life* so they can attend The Wedding Feast? **“For many are called, but few are chosen”** (Matthew 22:14). Only **a few** can attend The **Marriage**. Most of humanity is not in *The Book of Life*. What happens to them? Do most get destroyed in The Lake of Fire, never to be resurrected? Do they stay in **torment** in The Lake of Fire, forever? You need to find out what *The Bible* reveals. It seems God’s **“will”** sending Christ to **save the world had failed** (I John 4:14)! But, perhaps not, you must continue **prophecy** from Isaiah to Revelation to get **the truth and the full answer**.

Return Of Christ

As Christ descends during **The Seventh Trumpet**, John finds this witness of Christ is **“the spirit of prophecy”** (Revelation 19:10). The events to come are **sure to happen** in God’s **“due time.”** Jesus, as King of Kings comes with **Ten Thousands of His Angels** as Enoch prophesied in Jude. Next, Christ meets His Bride and they are **“the resurrected saints”** in **“the first resurrection.”** At

the same time, all of physical Israel is resurrected to be “**the last**” to become Christ’s **wife** during The Millennium. This is the **engagement** period for The Bride to call the **whole world** to The **Wedding Feast**.

During the 1,000 years, God allows “the world to be called but there is no absolute it will take 1,000 years. Remember, Peter said God is **long-suffering** regarding one day or a 1,000 years can be considered the same. The first chapter in this book, proves God saves, only, people to be in His “**kingdom**,” when they decide to follow Him by their “**free choice**.” That is why God allowed humans to live 1,000 years during the **flood**, but living up to 1,000 years was still not enough time for them to repent.

So, Revelation 19 and 20 continues where Satan and his devils are put into **prison**, “**tartaroo**,” during that **period**. This prison is in a dungeon, in total darkness. God allows no deception during **the engagement time**, but **only truth is revealed**. Isaiah 2:1-4 details the events of this time. Many people will want to go to Jerusalem at this time, to walk in God’s “**way**” and learn *The Torah* Law. Remember, most of the world is **carnal** and must start on the bottom of **Jacob’s ladder** with **The Law of Moses (the first talent)**. Peace will **prevail** and nations will not **learn war** anymore.

Before this period of engagement, Babylon, The Mother of All Whores is thrown into A Lake of Fire with the **false prophet** (Revelation 18). During The Millennial Period not everyone goes to Jerusalem. Gog and Magog end up as God’s **final warfare** (Ezekiel, Chapters 30 through 39). God defeats Gog and Magog, with his nations, by sending **lightening** from **heaven** (Revelation 20). What happens to the dead in The Lake of Fire and what occurs to death itself? Most of all you need to know who is in God’s **kingdom** and what the rest will be doing. You are about to see the

great “**unveiling of revelation**” and what it is! Now, to approach a wonderful, glorious time in world prophecy which begins with The White Throne Judgment.

CHAPTER 29

ISAIAH TO REVELATION

Part III

The engagement period is over. Everyone has had their opportunity to be invited to The Wedding Feast. What must be decided? Who can attend and be part of the unvailing? Those not accepted to attend are cast out into outer darkness, which is God's prison. What is the process?

Christ gathers **all** nations together, (there is no third resurrection to come) (Matthew 25:32-46). This is the **last resurrection** as written in Revelation 20:11-15.

Notice, The Old Heaven and The Old Earth have **fled away**, they are **gone**. All the **dead** stand before **God's throne**. This is The White Throne Judgment. What is **the judgment** to accomplish? Jesus gave the answer in Matthew 25.

When Jesus sits on His throne as Judge this is what He does. **“And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats”** (Matthew 25:32). But, He is The Shepherd of both. Is there any Bible text that tells you what happens to **the goats**? Yes. He sets the **sheep** on his right hand, but the **goats** on the left. Then, The King has **the sheep** enter **God's “kingdom.”** The **goats** end up in a **state of everlasting punishment**. Amazingly, they are not destroyed in The Lake of Fire, but endure **“everlast-**

ing punishment.” How does this occur? The **sacrifice** solves this problem.

Two Goats

The Day of Atonement, where God accepts sacrifice **for sins**, an unusual ritual takes place.

On The Day of Atonement, God told Moses that He would appear in a cloud **upon the mercy seat**. God is able to extend **mercy** on The Day of Atonement where according to The Law “**no mercy**” should be **given** (Exodus 23 and 33). “**Atonement**” is where **God gives mercy**. You will see this **mercy goes** to the **goats**, as well.

Aaron only accepts three types of clean sacrifices, an ox, a ram and **two goats**. No sheep are sacrificed. Why? They don't need to, since they died completely in the first death and were in **the first resurrection**. On this **atonement** no sacrifice is required as they **enter The Kingdom of God**.

What about the sacrifice of the ox and the ram? Ephesians 1:9-10 gives the answers. According to God's “**pleasure**” and “**will**” He reveals His Mystery. God's “**will**” (desire), “**Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness [completeness] of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ**” during The White Throne Judgment. This is Jesus gathering all nations at the time of **the last resurrection**.

Who does this **include**? All “**both which are in heaven and which are on earth**” (Ephesians 1:10). This includes the angels in heaven and the devils and humans on earth. They all stand be-

fore Christ's **judgment seat**. What happens? **“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; and *that* every tongue [universal] should confess [repent] that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, [Master], to The Glory of God, The Father”** (Philippians 2:11-12). This is very **plain**.

Everyone on earth who is still **alive**, those under the **earth** (dead) and in heaven, even the **angels confess their sins**. What follows? Paul declares **salvation** comes by **faith** in Jesus and that is what he preached (Romans 10:1-8). What word did The Apostles **teach**? **“The word is near you, *even* in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if you shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth [faith] unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”** (Romans 10:8-10). How simple!

Everyone in The White Throne Judgment **confesses** with **their mouth**. Once someone confesses **“Christ is The Lord,”** they will receive **salvation**. How clear do you want it? Is God's **“word” good enough for you?** Once confession is made you must be **saved**. Naturally, in **the judgment**, **every one sees Christ, The Master** and **all confess**; they now must be **saved**. But when? There is **no date given in *The Bible*, but it must ultimately occur** (Isaiah 46:10). **Now Jesus, out of His mouth** states when a person confesses **He must save them**. **“And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one [universal] which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day”** (John 6:39-40)

Do you understand? Christ states, The White Throne Judgment is a **time of salvation**. Once confession is made you become the **obligation of Christ to save you**. **Jesus cannot lose anyone**, that is why He came into the world” (I John 4:14).

There is only one question left. Once you confess Jesus is Lord you must be saved, by Christ (Romans 10:9). So states *The Scriptures!* Jesus is now obligated to save them. The only question is – **when!** It happens according to Christ when you **believe** or have **faith** “in Christ” in your heart (John 6:40).

Once your heart is **right** you will be resurrected **that last day on Judgment Day**. *The Scriptures* declare the **last resurrection** has **no one dead** once they are resurrected in **the last day**. Is this **true?**

At this point of “**the judgment**,” the sheep are in “**the kingdom**” and only the **goats are unsaved**. Since they **confessed**, Jesus must **save** them as in the parable of **the ninety-nine sheep** which are safe but Jesus must save the **one lost sheep**. Since only the **goats** are left to be sacrificed that means the ox and rams have become either sheep or goats. Remember, only the goats go into **the fire**. They are, now, **clean** animals for **sacrifice** because they have **confessed** Christ but their carnal hearts **must be sacrificed** so they truly have **completely died, body, spirit (heart) and soul (life)** (Matthew 10:28). The Lake of Fire makes them “**white**” without **blemish, purged of all sin, they must believe in their hearts so Jesus can save them**. What happens to the **goats?** Sin is purged in The Lake of Fire by totally destroying everyone. What destroys **sin** is the complete **death** of body, spirit and soul (life) (Matthew 10:28).

In Leviticus 16:15-28 there are two goats. One goat goes into **the**

fire and is **totally consumed**. There is nothing left. The other **goat** is known as **the scapegoat** or Azazel, which means, one sent away. It reveals **the scapegoat** with all **the sins** of the people (which was laid on the scapegoat) and it goes **into the wilderness**. Two things happen to the **goats**. One is **sacrificed** and the other is sent into the wilderness. Sins of **all people** are put on the **goat's head** (universal).

Scripturally, it is **exactly** what happens to the goats Christ has thrown into **The Lake of Fire**. They end up in **outer darkness** for **everlasting punishment** as Jesus said. “Everlasting” means “as long as **necessary**” or “ages and ages.” Remember, God is long-suffering. Whatever it takes! The one goat, in The Lake of Fire is destroyed (sin). The second goat keeps living in the **wilderness** or **outer darkness**.

Twice Dead

Jude, The Apostle, is discussing **unrepentant false preachers**. Notice, they are not in their own denomination, but actually with Christians attending Christian “**love feasts**.” This is what will happen to them, “**These are spots in your feasts of charity [love], when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots [destroyed]; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever**” (Jude 12-13). Can't be any simpler! Those who **die twice, roots plucked up** (destroyed) end up in **outer darkness**.

It is amazing, “**twice dead**” means “dead to Christ and sin.” This is complete death of the body, spirit and life. That is why it states

“**plucked up by the roots.**” There is **nothing left**. Then, to be **dead**, “**twice**” relates to the **second death** or **The Lake of Fire**. Now, *The Bible* declares they **will be alive** after the **fire**. Jude states what is finally reserved for those **twice dead**, they will **end up in blackness of darkness** like the **stars in space**. They are in **outer darkness** after being in **The Lake of Fire**. Wow!

When Death Ends

One great question, is “**death for everyone**” **going to happen**? Paul states, “**The last enemy [of God] *that* [Christ] shall be destroyed is death** (I Corinthians 15:26). Does that mean “**no death**” from this point on or that “**no one**” is **dead**? There is no place in *The Bible* declaring that Paul was saying **no death** from now on. Biblically, Paul was alluding that **death is totally eradicated**. There virtually will be **no death**, everyone will **be alive**.

There will be a time of a **feast for all people** and God will remove the **vail** of blindness and everyone will know the **truth** (Isaiah 25:6-9). When does this happen? “**He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people [Israel] shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it**” (Isaiah 25:8). Read it again. Death is swallowed up and tears are wiped away from all the faces. That is universal!

Read about this **time-frame**, “**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away**” (Revelation 21:4). What things are **passed away** and **no longer exist**? First, no more **death** even from the past, no sorrow, no crying and **no pain**. Nothing of the **past** is **left**. Nothing at all. Death, sorrow, crying, pain; all these

things are passed away. All former things as any death from the past is gone.

This time-period is during **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. God states **he makes all things new. Nothing is left from the past earth and heaven**. Even “**death**” from the past doesn’t exist.

The Time Period in Isaiah 25 and Revelation 21 is exactly the same. The same incidents occur together time-wise. The feast for **all** nations is The Wedding Feast. Blindness of “**the truth**” is removed and there is no more death, crying, sorrow nor pain. All that is left to prove about **death**, is how Christ defeats death (God’s last enemy). How could Jesus defeat **death** if some are **still dead**? Read what and who Jesus does condemn to The Lake of Fire, “**And death and hell [Hades] were cast into the lake of fire.**” How plain. “**This is the second death**” (Revelation 20:14). That is what Jude said would happen to false preachers – they would literally, die twice (Jude 12). Now, you have the **biblical** definition of The Second Death. Then, those **false** preachers are destined to be in **darkness** or **alive** like wandering **stars** in space.

The word for “death” in Greek means “regular human death which can be temporary.” “Hades” is “**the grave**” for both Christians and non-believers. This is the key as to how Christ destroys **death**. Since **death** and **the grave** are **both** thrown into **The Lake of Fire**, **both** being burned up or **destroyed**. Death can, therefore, **only result into no death. No graves exist so no death exists**. The Second Death is the **end of all death**. Death is an enemy of God and if **any death** exists, then, God still has **death** as an enemy. As long as death of any type exists Christ cannot turn **The Kingdom of God back to Him**. All **death** or the **grave must, be destroyed** (I Corinthians 15:24-26).

The White Throne Judgment is to make everyone “**white**” with “**no blemish**.” That is what The Bride wears when she is **worthy** to be **the wife** (Revelation 19:8). All **death** and the **grave** must no longer **exist**. The **second death** is the **end of all death** – that is why God makes **all things new**. “**New**” in Greek means “qualitatively **superior**, no **enemies left**, even **death!**”

One point before the **unveiling** is how God separates **the sheep** from **the goats**. Many think when *The Books* are opened, all your sins are made known. No, don't worry. Everyone has **confessed** that Jesus is Lord or **Judge**. All humanity throws itself upon **the mercy of the court**. That is why **Christians are witnesses**. In Malachi 3:16, it states a *Book of Remembrance* opens all the **good works** of those who **fear God** and **call upon His Name**. These books are a **witness** of God's people called by God – His “**jewels**.” Now what is **the judgment** about? Christ gives the answer in Matthew 12:31, “**Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men [universally]: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost [Spirit] shall not be forgiven unto men.**”

Sin isn't even **the point**. Everyone's **sins** are **forgiven** (universally). One sin isn't any worse than another. The **wages of sin** puts you to death (Romans 6:23). “**And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost [Spirit], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come**” (Matthew 12:32). There it is!

The **unpardonable sin** is not regarding **your sins**, but refusing God's Holy Spirit and **blaspheming “the word”** or **truth** from The Holy Spirit. It is **the unpardonable sin**, refusing to **listen** to God's Holy Spirit. This is God's “**love**” you may be reject-

ing. The White Throne Judgment is about the acceptance or rejection of God's Holy Spirit which leads you to **truth** and God's **love**. That is what "**judgment**" is **all about**. The **goats** go into The Lake of Fire because they rejected God's loving Holy Spirit. They are still bucking and kicking. God wants the **sacrifice** of their **total death, body, spirit and life** (soul) (Matthew 10:28).

How Sin Ends

Sin is the enemy of God because it can lead only to **death**, God's **last enemy**. Notice, how God destroys **sin**, "**We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last [seventh] trump**" (I Corinthians 15:51-52). This, of course, refers to Christians in **the first resurrection**. How does **death end**? "**So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written**" (Isaiah 25). "**Death is swallowed up in victory**" (I Corinthians 15:54). This is a **resurrection to life** from **The Lake of Fire**.

Death ends in The Lake of Fire so those in The Lake of Fire completely die and **are changed to be incorruptible**. There it is! Paul tells you how **sin** is destroyed, which is **the end of death**. I Corinthians 15:55-57 declares death no longer exists. Why? Because all sin is purged in the fires. The **goat's** nature is changed.

Paul states it is **The Law** that puts you to death. Now, the wages of death have been paid to the **last farthing** (Matthew 5:26). Sin no longer exists and **death no longer exists**. Now, for the wonderful, beautiful unvailing of **God's "house"** and **His "kingdom."** A New Heaven and a New Earth emerges from **ruin** to a **rebirth**. All things are **born again** as Christ said (John 3). The first ruin of God's "**house**" was by **water, The Noachian Flood**. The second

ruin of God's "house" is by fire as II Peter 3 prophesies. Who starts the **fire**? God does! God is a **consuming fire** and causes the "**end of this age of man.**" God's destructive fire is **brimstone** from **His breath** (Isaiah 30:33). God **spans** by **fire** because that is what **God is** (a consuming fire) (Hebrews 12:29). "**And all the host [stars] of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, as a falling *fig* from [the end of] the fig tree [death]. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea and upon the people of my curse, to judgment**" (Isaiah 34:1, 4-5). This ends the **curse** of Malachi. **Judgment** is rendered, "**sin is destroyed,**" **death** no longer exists and, **now, God makes all things** (the universe) **new**. The **unveiling** is ready to take place!

CHAPTER 30

ISAIAH TO REVELATION

Part IV

The end of Revelation ushers in “a new beginning.” Christ is The Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:13). Jesus does God’s “work,” first, as The Word and secondly, as The Son of Man in the flesh. Now, as Melchizedek, God’s “word” He makes all things new, for a time of rebirth.

A Family

The only **One God**, The Father of **all** is now to be “**all in all**” (I Corinthians 15:28). Kind after **kind**. His first born Son, Jesus is, now, ready for **marriage**. His Bride is now **worthy** to be His **Wife** (Revelation 19:7). In conclusion, because of the **unveiling** of **His Bride**, Jesus makes this declaration, “**And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be**” (Revelation 22:12).

All have been **saved** from **death** by “**grace**” and now, each person receives his or her **own reward** by how much they have **grown spiritually**. God has this to say, “**He that overcometh shall inherit all things [God’s “kingdom”]; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son**” (Revelation 21:7). **Kind after kind!** Everyone according to his/her **works** must become like Christ who is **exactly like God** (Hebrews 1:1-2). That is why both men and women are called “**sons**.” All **must** become like Jesus.

Unveiling

It is time for the **unveiling** of **Revelation**. You are about to **see**, The Bride of Christ and how she appears at The **Wedding Feast**. “**And there came unto me [John] one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.**” (Revelation 21:9). The Bride, who has made herself **ready**, is about to **become The Wife of Christ**. God, The Wife’s **Father removes the veil!** What does she look like? (Revelation 21:2).

City Walls

Revelation 21:9-20 describes The **Bride** as New Jerusalem’s “**city walls.**” The angel reveals New Jerusalem descends from **heaven** where God and Christ have been making a **mansion** for The Bride (John 14:1-3). All these human years, Jesus has been working on this **new dwelling place for His Bride**. Here is how it looks. The walls are 212 feet high and surrounding the city foursquare, is 1,500 miles in each direction. The first thing everyone who is **resurrected** sees, are the **walls** and The Bride descending. She is making her entrance up Jacob’s “**ladder**” in God’s **new house** on **The New Earth**. Here is how **she looks**. “**Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal**” (Revelation 21:11). In David Stern’s *Hebrew Translation* this **stone** is a **diamond glowing in every direction** magnifying God’s “**glory**” in all **directions**. A **diamond** is a **girl’s best friend**. However, this is **Christ’s diamond!** This is how Jesus’ Bride will be dressed for her **Wedding Feast**.

Now, Israel who is **last** to be included as The Bride, is responsible

for the **pearly gates**, not in **heaven**, but on **The New Earth**. Peter is **not a gatekeeper**. Israel, as The Wife of Christ, has a **great** and awesome **responsibility** in God's "**kingdom**" (Revelation 21:12). "**On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates**" (Revelation 21:13). Now, one more part, which needs to be completed, is how The Bride is dressed for her **marriage**.

Each gate is a **pearly gate** which is Israel and the **walls** are **the church**, but who is "**the foundation?**" Of course, The Twelve Apostles are the foundation upon which is built **the church** or walls. **Each foundation** or each Apostle has a different colored diamond: yellow, pink, blue, emerald, etc. Peter is one of The Twelve Foundations (Revelation 21:14-21). Isaiah 26:1-3 defines the responsibilities of **the gatekeepers** and **walls** of New Jerusalem. Notice, the context. After **death** is defeated and The Wedding Feast is underway, in Isaiah 26, you find a song is sung which may well be a Wedding Song. "**In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks [foundation]. Open you the gates [Israel], that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth [God's Holy Spirit] may enter in. You wilt keep him in perfect peace [no torment], whose mind is stayed on you: because he trusteth [faith] in you**" (Isaiah 26:1-3).

The **Gatekeepers**, Israel, have the commission in God's "**kingdom**" to decide who qualifies to come into God's "**kingdom**" and **eat of The Tree Of Life**. **Spiritual growth** allows more creating and allows the making of **all things new**. No illegal aliens, everyone **must qualify** to become a **citizen in God's "kingdom."** But, never forget, God makes a way for **illegal aliens!** The responsibility of the **wall is salvation**. In God's "**kingdom**" – "**salvation**" is the **number one job** of **The Church**.

Amazingly, God's **two witnesses** in The White Throne Judgment, in God's "**kingdom**," continue bringing those in **outer darkness**, now "**babes in Christ**," to **perfection** but **still carnal** (I Corinthians 3). Jude 20-23 relates **the church's** responsibility is to **save some** who are in the **fire** while others still have **spotted garments**; **The Wife of Christ** is designated to make the distinction. Why? Salvation is a **matter of free choice** which is an **individual problem**. **The potential to enter God's "kingdom"** will always **be there**, for ages and ages as they grow "**spiritually**."

Israel and The Church of God (The Gentiles) are God's **two witnesses** and with Jesus, who was the **first faithful witness**, will **bring the nations who are saved** and those in **outer darkness** (in God's **prison**) to rehabilitation. This is what God's "**kingdom**" is **all about**. The process of **salvation** or **creation** continues forever (or until everyone is like Christ) **in God's "kingdom."** How does God do it?

Mother Of All

During Paul's day, God regarded Jerusalem like Sodom and Gomorrah, producing **no children** of God. That is why "**sodomy**" is "**sin**." To Christians, **Jerusalem** is **in heaven** where Christ is preparing "**a place for you**" (The Gates and The Walls). The **responsibility** of **The Heavenly Jerusalem** is **now that of The New Jerusalem on The New Earth**. "**But Jerusalem which is above is free** [free choice], **which is the mother of us all** [Universal Salvation]" (Galatians 4:26). What does "**The Mother of Everyone**" have to do? "**For it is written, rejoice, thou barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate** [Jerusalem earth] **hath many more children than she** [Christ's wife] **which hath an husband** [Jesus]" (Galatians 4:27). My, oh my, the **time** has come for The Wife who has her

true Husband to break **forth** and have more children than ever **before**.

Do you realize what you have just read? New Jerusalem in **The New Earth** has the **job** of becoming **everyone else's "mother"** (who are in darkness), when each make their own **choice** (when they repent). That is "**potential**" **Salvation for Everyone**. That is **The Salvation of The World**, which is why Jesus came in the first place (I John 4:14).

A **deathbed repentance** doesn't do it. You still must go into **outer darkness** or **God's prison**, forever, or **until a person is willing to pay the last farthing for his/her sins**. During this **time**, they are **in torment** which is a **fear** that is **phobic** and **not real**. All they must do is to continue **drinking of the flowing river** with **the healing leaves** to become like Christ (Revelation 21:1-2).

In time, they will become **His children and His wife**, being The "**mother of everyone**" (Universally). It is proper for you to see who dwells in The New Earth. God is the **potter** who **molds you**. Only God knows how to make you a **useful vessel of honor in God's "house,"** **The New Earth** with His **canopy** or "**chuppah**" over this **New Earth**.

The **old earth**, where you are now living, is very tenuous. It is filled with catastrophes and **death**. **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth** is **God's true Sabbath's delight**, **God's "rest"** with **no pain, suffering, crying or torment**. **Stress-free, giving complete liberty or freedom** as all become like Christ, **sinless**. This is what "**all**" in God's "**kingdom**" will be doing **forever, with God, The Creator** by **eating of The Tree of Life** – continuously, producing **the good fruit** of God's **love**. How wonderful, how great and **loving is God**, The Father and Jesus Christ!

Who God Rules

So far, God, The Father lives with **men** in New Jerusalem with His Son, Jesus, as The **Husband and His real wife – Israel and The Church of God**. Now, Jesus and His Wife, New Jerusalem, **becomes everyone's mother**. Christ and His Wife bare **children** for The Kingdom of God – **forever** – until all repent.

There are **nations** who are **saved** and did not go into **the fire**, but were sheep and attended The Wedding Feast **as guests**. This **feast never ends**, so they keep **coming and coming, yearly**, to **show their glory or riches**, just as “**the wisemen**” during The Birth of Christ. “**And the nations of them which are saved [guests] shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory [riches] and honor [goodness] into it**” (Revelation 21:24). “**And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there**” (Revelation 21:25). There is just one **more group** in The New Earth, “**And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth [wrong wedding garment], neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in *The Lamb's Book of Life***” (Revelation 21:27).

There are some on **The New Earth** who are **still carnal** and cannot come to The Wedding Feast. Only those in *The Marriage Registry, The Book of Life* can attend. The others are **aliens to God's “kingdom”** and cannot **enter The Gates**. **They are left out**. “**Blessed are they that do his commandments [in heart], that they may have right to the tree of life [spiritual truth], and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without [left out] are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie**” (Revelation 22:14-15). These are those who are still **carnal**, though they

confessed and purged their sins by the destruction of their entire body, spirit and life in **the fire** and, now, no longer have the **pulls** of the **flesh**. That is why there is **no Tree of Good and Evil** on The New Earth. Now, **their torments and fears** are **real** as they drink from **The River of Life's Giving Waters**. That is why they are **wailing and crying** because they **blew it** in their human life by rejecting God's Holy Spirit.

They had a **wrong garment** when they tried **entering The Gates** to The **Wedding Feast** (Matthew 22:12-13). After the **fire** they are in **outer darkness** or **prison** paying **the last farthing**. Now, you know who dwells in **The New Earth** and **New Jerusalem**, i.e., God, The Father of all, His **first begotten Son**, Jesus as Husband and Christ's Wife, Israel and The Church of God. They all live in **New Jerusalem** which is **God's "kingdom," God's "house" built by God and Jesus Christ**.

The nations, which are outside New Jerusalem, are **the guests** to The **Wedding** and bring their honor (spiritual growth) to Jerusalem, annually, to **eat of The Tree of Life** for **greater growth**. "**The last group**," those in **outer darkness**, which is a **state of mind and heart**, are in **God's prison**. It is the job of Christ's **wife** with **God's Spirit** to pull those in **outer darkness** out of **the fire** by bringing them **to Christ**. What is outer darkness?

Outer Darkness

Darkness is a state of **mind and heart**. It has to do with **one's personal desires** (Proverbs 18). You decide or choose to be ignorant in this life because you want to **enjoy human existence more than The Kingdom of God**. To **understand life** and why you are here, but **believe in "no God" or, maybe, decide what type of God you fathom in your mind** is very foolish, indeed.

Thirdly, if you believe in God as a **deist** but do not **seek God's Holy Spirit** or do not **desire** to (because of your **fears** and doubts) and do **not** go up **Jacob's Ladder (spiritual growth)**, you deny Christ, your future husband and God's Holy Spirit to be **worthy**. Now, the question is, "what is **outer darkness**?" "Darkness" is a state of your heart and mind, but what does "**outer**" mean?

God's Temple

Everyone is living on The New Earth, but how about God and His Son, Jesus? Revelation 21:22-23 declares there **is no physical temple** in New Jerusalem. Why? **God and Christ are the temple** because of **God's "glory"** (doxa), "The **Shekinah**." Remember, God gave Jesus, **His "glory"** when He was **resurrected** (John 17:4). This **Glory, God's "goodness," The Shekinah, The Holy Spirit** radiates from God and Christ in New Jerusalem. They are **God's "house"** with **Christ as The Light of The World**. Jesus is the **light or life of all men** (universal). (John 1:4)

Christ is The Temple, a Holy Place and God in The Holy of Holies **sits on the mercy seat**. Jesus, as **light or life-giver** and God who grants **mercy**; they are God's "**temple**" or dwelling place. Jesus, is the chief corner stone of "**the temple**." God built His "**house**" around Jesus, **His Son**.

In Isaiah 28, God acknowledges Israel had made a contract **with death** and with the **grave or hell** (sheol). Because of this God is going to **lay** a chief (great) **foundation stone, precious** (diamond), **tried or tested as faithful and Jesus will disannul death and the grave**. No more **graves**. No **more death** of any kind. Read it in Isaiah 28:15-18.

God is **life**, as well as, **Jesus is life, not death**. Only Satan is "**the**

god of death” (II Corinthians 4:3-6). God has **commanded the light** (Christ) to **shine out of darkness**. This is God’s **“promise”** which is a **command**. **Light must conquer darkness**. **God has so decreed!**

“Outer Darkness” is as far away as one **can get from the light in New Jerusalem** which **is a brilliant diamond glistening and shining in all directions**. **“Outer darkness”** is the farthest edge or limit on The New Earth, but God’s **“light”** will reach them by having them drink **“the living waters.”** Let’s garner the **few hints** God leaves you by Christ’s closing **words!**

Those in **“Outer Darkness”** must drink **the living waters** which come from The Bride and The Holy Spirit, **“And the Spirit [living waters] and the bride [Christ’s wife-mother] say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever [universal] will [desire], let him take the water of life freely”** (Revelation 22:17). The matter of **life eternal will always be of their free choice!**

What is the **time setting** of this verse? It is **during The New Heaven and The New Earth** as **The Waters of Life** flow from God’s and Christ’s **throne** (Revelation 22:1-3). The job of **“Salvation”** will be your task **in God’s “kingdom” forever and forever**. The **“potential for salvation” never stops**.

This potential, into the **future**, without a set date, may very well continue beyond **humanity** on this **new earth**. **Read, the conclusion about “Salvation” as God ultimately Saves The Entire Universe!** The question you should ask is, **“when does God finally fulfill His “will” (desire) and pleasure?”** God’s answer is, **“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure”** (Isaiah 46:10). Do you

realize the **impact** of this **prophecy**? God is **declaring** that His **“counsel”** and **“pleasure”** **“will make it happen”** (Ephesians 1)! God’s **“will”** is His **desire**, as well as His **“counsel”** and **“pleasure”** to **save everyone** (Ephesians 1). God **will** **“Save Everyone.”** Isaiah 46:10 is **absolute**. However, Isaiah doesn’t **give you dates** or **exactly when** but **promises**, not only **salvation for humanity**, but **the entire universe**.

Since **“biblical proof”** is **lacking** you can **only speculate** **“beyond”** **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. **“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory [God’s goodness and riches] which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectations of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity [lies], not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage [slavery] of corruption [death] into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation [universe] groaneth [pain] and travaileth [suffers] in pain together until now”** (Romans 8:18-22). This means **everyone** and **everything**. This is **Universal Salvation**. Every creature waits for God’s Sons. Why? Because these creatures, everyone created is saved from corruption or death! Everyone becomes Sons of God, but we do not know the date.

How **powerful**! This is a **New Mystery** beyond *The Holy Bible*. **“Salvation of All The World”** is **guaranteed**. Isaiah 46:10 makes it **absolute**. No one can put a date as to **“when.”** These verses by Paul go beyond when God **intends to give the entire universe “salvation”** or **“liberty.”** How? When all humanity become **Sons of God**, like **Jesus** and **God**. You can **gather the few hints** God leaves you to think **“universally”** by Christ’s closing **words**!

Christ's **closing words** in Revelation and, then, John concludes *The Book of Revelation* with, “**Behold, I come quickly** [when The Bride is “**worthy**”]: **blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I, John, saw these things and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he [God’s angel] unto me, see you do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. And he [God’s angel] saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.**” It all depends upon the warning to The Seven Churches and Israel. “**He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still**” (Revelations 22:7-12).

Christ, through the angel, is telling John to allow **time** to go on, in reference to everyone, as to how each individual makes the change. “**I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be**” (Revelation 22:12). **Salvation is a gift**, but **rewards** are determined by **your individual works**. The point is, Jesus could **return** before you know it. God could hurry prophecy just as He can **cut it short**, as Christ states He “**might.**”

Then, Jesus through His angel, restates how to get into New Jerusalem. Jesus warns that this book is for **The Seven Churches** and then declares, “**I am the root and off spring of David, and the bright and morning star**” (Revelation 22:16).

King David’s throne is forever because God promised it to David. Jesus, as King is forever, but he is, **also, The Bright and Morning Star** or “**the sun**” which will give life to the world.

This little **earth** is **unique**. Science cannot **find** any other **like it**. Jude relates that those in **outer darkness** are as **wandering stars** who are in **total darkness**, where **no life is to be found** (Jude 13). The **sun** is exactly the proper distance for **life to be on earth**. However, it can easily change by the shifting of the axis (which will occur). **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth** will be for **life to exist**. It will not be “**temporary**” or never needing to be adjusted.

Paul states **the entire universe groans** and **waits for God's Sons** in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. Does Christ in Revelation reveal **A New Mystery** to come **after** everyone is in **God's “kingdom”** and, then, **The Sons of God**, as “**The Wife**” and God's Holy Spirit, **give life** to the **entire universe**? If that **be so**, there is truly “**a great salvation**.” Not merely for **humanity**, but **real Universal Salvation** when **the entire universe** will have liberty and be “**saved!**” God's “**kingdom**” **never ends**. **The entire universe** will **rejoice in God's “house”** according to His “**will**,” **desire and pleasure**. All the **universe** waits for a rebirth!

You must **pray daily**, “**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory [goodness and riches] forever. Amen**” (Matthew 6:9-13)!