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INTRODUCTION

Unlike secret societies and corrupt political and religious leaders, God Almighty is transparent. He has provided all of mankind with evidence of His existence and power. To His people, He has given them all what they need to know about His plan for them and the nations of the world. At the end of the age, God will judge all people; they will be without excuse.

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

The transparency of God is unveiled through His use of imagery, mirroring, parables, parallels and numbers, stories, foreshadows not to mention creation all around us on earth.

God is consistent in His use of His coded language. The imagery in the scriptures can be easily decoded when you understand how to use the key. Unlock the mysteries and enter into the world of Almighty God. You will find treasures never seen before and riveting prophecies lying on our near horizon.

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PRECIOUS STONES

“The foundations of the city walls were adorned with every kind of precious stone: The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, with each gate consisting of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, as clear as glass”

(Revelation 21:19-21).

The imagery God uses is not flippant, but precisely exact. Stones and objects on earth that are designated precious are carefully categorized that way because they are exceptionally rare, beautiful and hold qualities that surpass the ordinary. They are lasting, robust and enduring. This is the message God is trumpeting when He uses precious stones and objects in His language and yet, wisdom and understanding surpass the most precious of all stones.



God’s eternal kingdom is precious, His royal, ruling family members are being polished and perfected. This kingdom is hidden and few find it in this evil age, but those who recognize it, will sell everything to own the property upon which it is found, so that all contents on the property is indisputably theirs.

The evil rulers during this evil age cannot see God’s kingdom in the making. They strut in pride and arrogance thinking earth belongs to them, but cloaked by God, His kingdom of wonder and magnificence is forming.

HIDDEN TREASURE

The treasures of God’s kingdom can be found, but it will take searching and exploring. Jesus revealed the price that few are willing to pay.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).

Giving up everything made it financially possible for him to own the field with the treasure.



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God uses the word “land” as the place where He and the righteous reside. It is the safest place for creation on earth to live and is the place that mirrors growth and fruit development bringing in abundant harvests.

The imagery of hidden treasure is a story of an explorer, a scholar or a researcher combing the world for information, searching for answers to mysteries and marvelling at the wonders found. Then one day, a scholar finds something that is immediately recognized as extremely valuable. It is hidden truth—God’s word. The scholar gives up everything to buy the field—the place among the living—spiritual living. The scholar recognizes the value of the find and is determined to fully explore it. He gives up studying everything else to devote his full attention to understanding God’s word.

There is an exchange attached to obtaining the word of God. Christ said to the Laodicea church, “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see” (Revelation 3:18).

The exchange does not involve money. Isaiah recorded God’s plea to His people. “Come, all of you who thirst, come to the waters; and you without money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money and without cost!” (Isaiah 55:1)

Christ urges believers to exchange falsehood with truth. The price is your complete devotion to learning God’s word and living it. Trading insignificant information associated with the cares of this world with God’s priceless knowledge is the find of great value. Acquisition of God’s word leads to the transformation of an insignificant grain of sand into a beautiful, rare pearl.

PEARLS

Jesus said, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went away and sold all he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46).

Pearls are formed from a single grain of sand that washes into a particular species of oyster, mussel, or clam and irritates it. The mollusk responds by secreting a fluid coat over the irritant. It continues to deposit layers and layers over the irritation transforming it into a lustrous pearl.



*A mussel showing off its pearls on Phu Quoc Island in the southern province of Kien Giang. — Photo
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God is transforming His people who are living in an evil world of corruption, hatred, cruelty, theft and lies imaged as the environment of the sea—the haven for Wickedness. Yet, despite the harsh conditions, through irritations of the trials and testings, something miraculous occurs—a love for God’s way burns off bad behaviour and a new, glossy covering appears. This

transformation is the process of overcoming and building an intimate relationship with God possible, through Jesus Christ.

The merchant in the parable of Matthew 13 is in the business of exchange. This merchant was a counsellor like a priest or minister who values change, hence the search for pearls—that is, a better thinking that leads to better choices. Then, the merchant finds God’s Holy Spirit that reduces the human spirit of thought and reason that leads to action into insignificance compared to God’s knowledge, understanding and wisdom that transforms humans into a priceless being.

A rare pearl is the imagery of the few on earth who overcome and develop an intimate relationship with God. So, few find the path. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

The New Jerusalem coming down from heaven has twelve gates, each gate made of a rare and priceless pearl. "The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl" (Revelation 21:21).

God uses again His coded language to identify the members who are imaged as twelve pearl gates.



THE NUMBER 12—GOD’S PERFECT GOVERNMENT

Moses recorded a song for ancient Israel to sing and remember forever. It was a synopsis of their history. The chapter of Deuteronomy 32 records the lyrics of that song. Common knowledge to the ancient Israelites is the history of when God Almighty decided to divide the people on earth into their own communities with their own land. He placed loyal and revered heavenly rulers over the nations to help them learn God’s way. God decided to participate in this project and He chose the children of Jacob. He gave himself an inheritance—kingship over Israel.

“When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court. But the LORD’s portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance” (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

God added, “Of all the families of the earth, only Israel have I chosen” (Amos 3:2).

It was a painful disappointment for God when one-by-one all of the heavenly rulers over the nations turned against Him. A storm of wickedness was raging on the earth when Abraham was born and growing up. Moses recorded the rebellion of these fallen angels that brought the destruction of truth—God’s knowledge, leaving a desert of lies, misinformation and disinformation. Abraham was born over two hundred years after the heavenly rulers were given rulership over the nations and in that short time, all truth and goodness was lost.

Recorded in the song of Moses, “In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye” (Deuteronomy 32:10).

God Almighty began molding His people beginning with Abraham, then Isaac and Jacob. Hosea recorded God’s joy finding overcomers in a world of wickedness. “When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert and that when I saw your fathers, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree” (Hosea 9:10).

God identified His people as the fig tree. Jacob was the father to twelve sons. This was by no accident; it was determined by God long before the creation of Adam and Eve. The history of these twelve sons into the 21st century is mostly a dark story of rebellion, self-reliance, self-direction and a drive for self-glory—behaving just like the nations of the world.

But, God is not finished His handiwork. His plan is transparent. He began with twelve, the number of His perfect government and when He is finished, it will be twelve times twelve times one thousand; the eternal, multi-dimensional perfect government! God will accomplish all He has set out to do.

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The Making of the Holy KINGDOM of Royal PRIESTS

12,000 x 12

God said, "It is too small a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make you a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

Ancient Israel was destined to become a holy kingdom of royal priests. God foreknew the pearl-like process that would transform His people into righteous, God-fearing servants.

Their transformation began in Egypt when they were slaves to sin. Moses stood in the place of Almighty God demanding the release of His firstborn people. Already, God was declaring who would be part of the first resurrection—it would begin with His people. God poured out ten plagues onto Egypt. Ten because it is God's number for His law. A legal judgement was brought against the heavenly ruler over Egypt at that time by Almighty God.

After the blood of a lamb without blemish was brushed onto the door posts, the exit out of Egypt was made possible. Egypt symbolized the place of sin that held God's people captive. God was teaching ancient Israel about spiritual freedom and the process they need to follow to get it.

1. A perfect sacrifice accepted by God.
2. Repent and rid sin out of your life.
3. Trust in God to take you out of the wilderness into His Holy Land and overcome.

The ancient Israelites did not understand the many rituals Moses told them to do. In haste, they ate unleavened bread fleeing out of Egypt. The spiritual significance of eating unleavened bread would not have entered their mind, as they left in the dark of night, fleeing for their lives. Eating flat bread kept them alive. That was the point of the exercise. A sinless life keeps you spiritually alive.

The event for the ancient Israelites that proved their God was the supreme God was the parting of the Red Sea. When the gods ruled over the nations, the people felt the sting of their powerful whip. Ancient Israel did not know who was the all-powerful God. Baal-Zephon was the god over the sea. The heavenly presence of Baal-Zephon stood at the banks of the Red Sea. The ancient Israelites feared the power he wielded and they found themselves cornered gathered between Baal-Zephon's rushing waters and his cold trident sceptre.

Could Baal-Zephon stop the Hebrew God from taking His people to safety? The God of Israel told Moses to raise his arms and then, the water parted and onto dry land all of the ancient Israel crossed over. When the last Israelite walked onto land, God closed the opening and all of the Egyptians chasing them were drowned by the crushing waters. Baal-Zephon proved to be powerless to protect the Egyptians serving him.

Only then, the Israelites believed that their God was more powerful. The battle of the Hebrew God against all the gods ruling on earth over the nations is a totally foreign concept for 21st

century people because scholars have mythicized the ancient gods and the power they once wielded.

Seventy palm trees, twelve springs of water

Seventy palm trees covered the ancient Israelites at their first stop of their journey to the promised land. There, they were revived by twelve springs of water, one for each tribe. This was by no random or by chance event, it was the Hebrew God telling His people many hundreds of years in the future, detailing the spiritual journey that His people would take when they return to the land of their forefathers. Seventy palm trees image seventy spiritually strong elders who can survive in very harsh conditions. They equate to the seventy elders with proven integrity and leadership that were selected to help Moses guide the ancient Israelites. This selection of the seventy elders would be a future event. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD—you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of Israel’s elders—and you are to worship at a distance” (Exodus 24:1).



They were also given God’s Holy Spirit. “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone’” (Numbers 11:16-17).

This journey was a mirror of the supports God will have in place when the 21st century nations of Israel return to the land of their forefathers. They will have very strong leadership and each tribe will have their own source of God’s Holy Spirit—twelve springs.

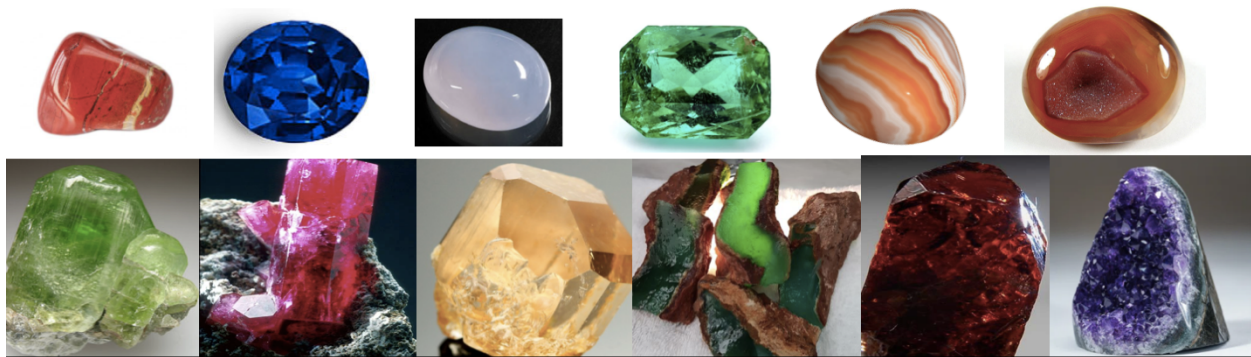
As the Israelites approached the Holy Land, they were prepared to battle against the giants in their land. Moses set up twelve stone pillars, one for each of the twelve tribes and they confirmed their covenant with God. Success battling against the heights of Wickedness requires total allegiance to and trust in Almighty God and His strength. God Almighty is the Great King of all kings. That is the lesson they learned. Belief in the giants has been reduced to be a fantasy to the people in the 21st century, but they will awaken during the Great Tribulation when they face-off against their only enemies who are spiritual: fallen angels, rulers, powers and principalities.

Twelve pillars

The raising up of twelve pillars in ancient times is a prophecy indicating that the twelve nations into the 21st century will awaken and confirm their covenant with God before battling against the rogue fallen angels, rulers, powers and principalities who will set up their thrones on earth during the latter days.

The tabernacle in the wilderness was the establishment of the temple of God, before ancient Israel entered into the Promised Land. The high priest wore on the breastplate of the ephod, twelve precious stones. These stones image the twelve tribes of Israel transformed into a precious people to God, a holy and royal priest-kingdom.

Twelve stones



“There are to be 12 stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the 12 tribes... Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breast-piece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD” (Exodus 28:29).

God foresees the repentance of His people, both houses Judah and Israel, at the same time— together, will return to Him, fully and sincerely.

“In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come together, weeping as they come, and they shall seek the LORD their God” (Jeremiah 50:4).

A reunited kingdom of Israel will seed God's word and His way across the planet and indeed, the gospel about God's royal priest-kingdom will go out to all the world and they will look to the God of Israel and turn to Him understanding that He is their Creator and eternal Father.

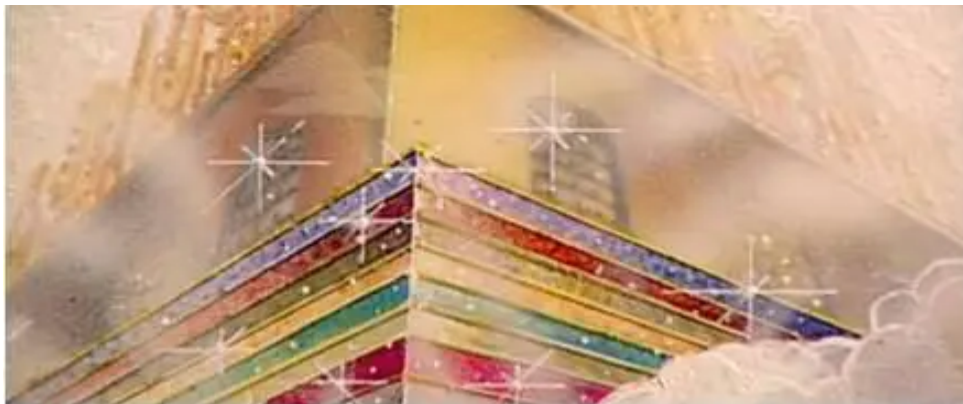
GOD'S NEW JERUSALEM—precious stones, metals and wonders

"The wall was made of jasper, and the city itself of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were adorned with every kind of precious stone: The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, with each gate consisting of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, as clear as glass" (Revelation 21:18-21).

Twelve foundations

The 12 foundations of the New Jerusalem image the leadership of the twelve apostles. The structure of this city is designed by God to be everlasting. Its fundamental strength is reinforced by the teachings of Christ through the twelve apostles.

"The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Revelation 21:14).



The apostles have the exquisite qualities of gem stones. They were among the rare people on earth who endured harsh persecution and overcame growing into priceless members of God's family displaying the qualities of righteousness through different lights, angles and cuts.

THE BLAMELESS 144,000: 12,000 times 12 will be the saints who will form the headquarters of the New Jerusalem.

This *new* headquarters of God will comprise of the saints. Recorded by Daniel, God Almighty said, "Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His [Christ's] kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him [Christ]." This is the end of the matter (Daniel 7:27-28a).

There have been some fierce invisible battles fought in heaven for rulership of God's kingdom not witnessed or fully understood by mankind. And still on the near horizon, waits the worst battle to be fought on earth—a time like no other. The verdict of this final battle is known. Daniel 7 reveals God's judgement. Sovereignty will be awarded to Christ and the saints.

The 144,000 of Revelation are the leading overcomers from Israel. "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads... No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless" (Revelation 14:1,5). One hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed from the twelve tribes of Israel: Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed (Revelation 7:5-8).

Why 12? Why 12 tribes, 12 gates, 12 foundations and a central group of 12,000 times 12? It symbolizes God's power and authority in bringing about a perfect, eternally righteous ruling kingdom of God-fearing, God-serving body of royal priests. Our Creator's plan of salvation for all of mankind begins with the 12 tribes—God's firstborn priest-nation.



"Then you [Moses] shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, *Israel is my firstborn son* and I told you to let My son go so that he may worship Me. But you have refused to let him go, so I will kill your firstborn son!" (Exodus 4:22)

Israel—the Overcomers—is God's firstborn son who will under Christ's leadership bring the people of the nations to God. There will be second born sons. God just hasn't finished building the construct of His multi-layered 12s that can handle the entry of all the nations in the world.



THE WHITE STONE

During the time of Jesus on earth, a white stone was given to an accused who through a jury was deemed innocent, hence acquitted. A black stone signified guilt. To have been handed a white stone, the accused could walk away free of condemnation.

There is an image of a group of people recorded in Revelation 2 who “live—where Satan has his throne.” Biblical scholars scour the planet trying to identify that location, but it is illusive because

it is simply not one geographical location, but rather places peppered over the planet—places where falsehood, deception and lies are birthed and published.

Common places of thought, research, studies and teaching all take place in today’s universities and colleges as well as specialized institutions. From there, information is generated, beliefs are published, and theological changes are debated and canonized. Through this core body, information is dispersed and great libraries are founded.

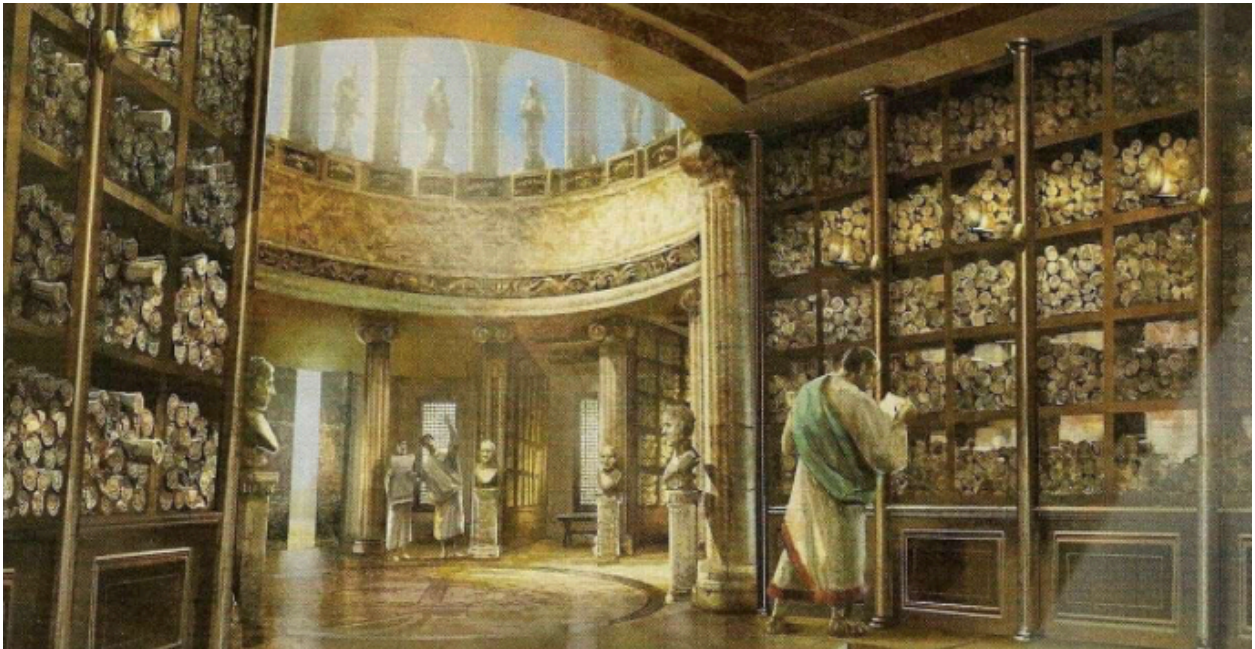
Jesus speaks to a group of people characteristic of the city of Pergamum. He warns them about the dangers of massaging truth for gain or carelessly accepting unproven information. Worldhistory.org provides an insight into the development of the great city of Pergamum.

“The Attalid Dynasty (281-133 BCE) of Pergamon (in Asia Minor, modern-day Turkey) came from humble origins and, to establish themselves as rulers of note, patronized the arts and letters. Eumenes II, especially, held literature and learning in high regard and built the library as an annex to his Temple of Athena on the acropolis of Pergamon. At its height, the library is said to have held 200,000 books, mostly written on parchment. The demand by visiting scholars for writing material encouraged parchment production in the city and Pergamon became the leading supplier of the material during the Roman Period, so much so that the English word *parchment* comes from the Latin *pergamenum* referencing Pergamon.”

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Ancient-origins.net adds more background to this significant city. “Pergamum’s library was the center for all things cultural. It came to be known as one of the most important libraries in the ancient world and was second only to the Library of Alexandria. According to the ancient chronicler Pliny the Elder, the Library of Pergamum became so famous that it was considered to be in “keen competition” with the Library of Alexandria. Both attempted to amass the most complete collection of texts, and they developed rival schools of thought and criticism. In fact, legend has it that Egypt’s Ptolemaic dynasty halted shipments of papyrus to Pergamum in hope of slowing the library’s growth.

<https://www.ancient-origins.net/ancient-places-asia/library-pergamum-contender-greatest-library-ancient-world-007601>



A love for learning is a prized gift, but when studies, by leading researchers, draw students away from God, they then become instruments of deception working for Wickedness. The theology of Evolution is an example, as well as, the Christianization of pagan holidays. All of the Christian bishops who participated in the Council of Nicea and the Council of Laodicea to formalize changes different to the practices of Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, will be brought into judgement and will have to account for their actions.

Jesus said to this group of people in his time on earth that when he returns, he will stand before them with a sharp, double-edged sword. He will confront them on their teachings by judging their word against the word of God. The sword is consistently imaged in the Bible as God's word. The sword Jesus will hold before them will be sharp—uncompromising and double-edged truth. He will address every view and every angle strictly from the lens of Almighty God.

Jesus said, "You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and committing sexual immorality" (Revelation 2:14). The teaching of Balaam is an expanded view of creation to include the worship of the gods of the nations, as if these gods were entitled. Eating their food is symbolic of believing and behaving like the unholy nations. This simply results in rebellion against Almighty God—the God of Israel.

The Pergamum-like people love digging deep to find information; that is their strength. They are relentless. As in ancient times and into the present, this group of people don't always find the pure word, rather only portions of it. Often, they rely too much on their own intellect. They need to lean on Christ for clarity. Christ is coming to purge falsehood, misconceptions, misunderstandings and disinformation from everywhere on earth.

Jesus added, “You also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans” (Revelation 2:15). The teaching of the Nicolaitans is the belief and establishment of a hierarchical structure within an organization. Matthew recorded, “Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters” (Matthew 23:8).

The Apostle Paul taught that all members are valued equally. “God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other” (I Corinthians 12:25).

God’s structure is not a pyramid, but a cube with layers and layers of strength placed one above the other forming an unbreakable unit. Each layer is valued equally and critical to the overall strength of the structure.



Into the 21st century, Pergamum-like groups exist in every country worldwide. They are known as experts and highly respected sources of information. Many do not advocate for creation or direct the people to worship God. Many have devised their own formula for the salvation of mankind, which excludes the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus urges these people to overcome and for those who awaken, repent and stand up for God’s word, His truth and His grace. God will take away their shame by giving them a new name—a name that reflects their win against lies, misinformation, and disinformation. That new name will be written on a white stone, which they will hold up high with eternal gratitude for God’s grace of their acquittal.

Stones are symbols of long-lasting and robust objects. These people will be rewarded with "hidden manna." God knows their passion for discovery and He will reward them with knowledge that is rare, often unseen—deep things that cannot be discovered without God's

direct guidance. They will venture into eternal wonders and the energy from discovery will draw them intimately close to Him. They will marvel at God's intellect, complexity and composition. They will wonder and never be satisfied for they will discover His never-ending greatness.

For those who overcome within the Pergamum-like group of people, they have a riveting future of exploration, discovery and wonder that they will share with all creation for all eternity.

All overcomers will be transformed and glorified. "Having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal" (Revelation 21:11). All overcomers will image the strength and hardness of stones. They will not waver in God's truth and His law. They will be living examples of righteousness. Their loyalty to God will not break; their faithfulness will not wane.

"Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, the living stone, rejected by men but chosen and precious in God's sight, you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "See, I lay in Zion a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone; and the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame" (I Peter 2:1-6).

The qualities God is molding in believers is a glorious package of love, which is patient and kind.

"It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

THE CONCEPT OF ONE

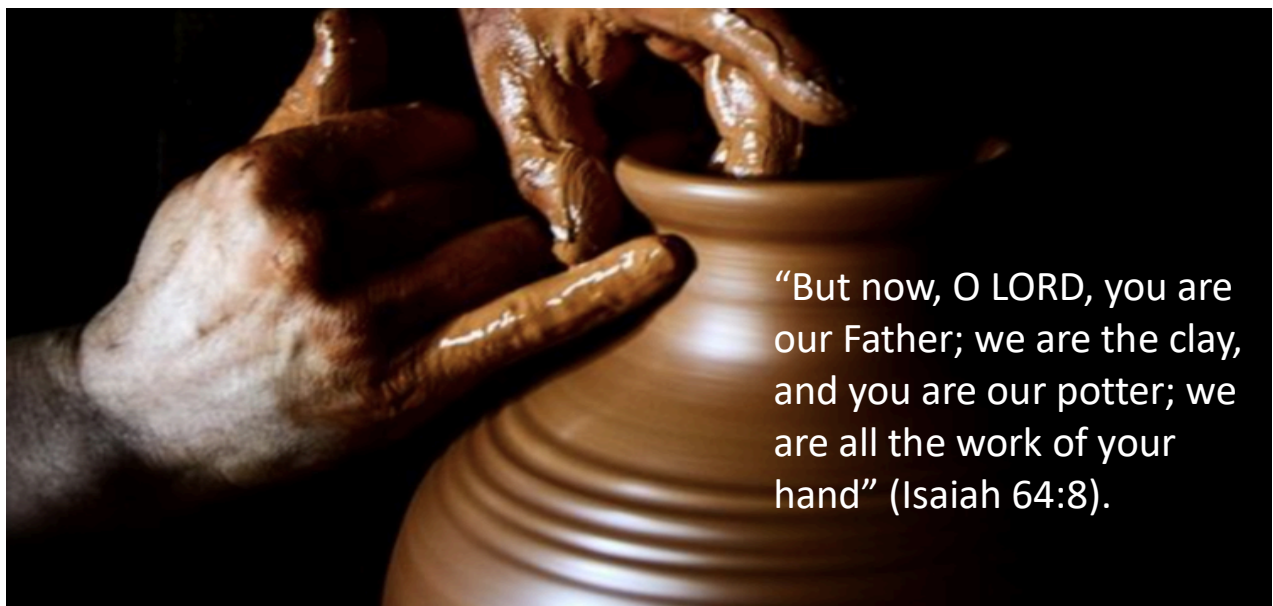
“But for us, there is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live”

(1 Corinthians 8:6).

God the Father and His Son are both Gods of the God family, of which the Father is the head. Their relationship is established by their placement in the God family. They work in total unity; they move as one and live in complete peace, unbroken or divided—one.

The Apostle Paul taught Christians to “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is *one body* and one *Spirit*—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord [Jesus Christ], one faith, one baptism; *one God and Father of all*, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:16).

Creating this level of unity is the work of God’s hands. Bringing mankind into repentance and submission with a willing spirit and a heart of flesh comes from God’s Holy Spirit flowing out through Jesus Christ. God’s hands go to work like a potter forming a magnificent and glorious piece of art. God’s work will be done when the fullness of creation on earth is in total harmony with God’s laws and way of love. Then, billions upon billions from creation in both heaven and on earth will be one body under one government embracing one theology; all living as one, but are many—countless individuals.



God the Father has a purpose for every person who has ever lived, and lives and is yet to be born on earth. “And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified” (Romans 8:28-30).



Wayward ancient Israel will be resurrected and stand among their repentant and God-fearing 21st century descendants in amazement. “For when he sees his children, the work of My hands among him, they will honor My name, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and they will stand in awe of the God of Israel. Then the wayward in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will accept instruction” (Isaiah 29:23-24).

All things will come together as ONE when God has finished His work.

- There is only ONE God family comprised of the Father, the Son and soon, countless from the creation in heaven and on earth.
- There is only ONE Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- There will be only ONE church comprised of many people.
- There is only ONE theology—the word of God.
- There will be ONE legal structure comprised of the bonding of law and grace.
- There will be ONE re-united kingdom of Israel.
- There will always only be ONE body –a unified body of righteous and obedient members of God’s family.

DUALITY BY DESIGN

“If your brother sins against you, go and confront him privately. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses”

(Matthew 18:15-16).

Duality was designed by God. it is a teaching about his legal system and the implementation of a legal witness.

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING

Our Creator God, our Father in heaven is brilliant both in appearance and intellectually. His God abilities will forever amaze and dazzle His creation. His knowledge, His wisdom, His understanding and power to command and creation obeys, baffles the feeble mind of man. God creates and foresees. With a complete view, He strategizes to maximize His success for the creation in heaven and on earth. Together with the Son, they detailed every step along the way. Though many angels and all of mankind have fallen, God’s arm is not short; His creation is not out of His control. He foreknew the outcome before the beginning—every detail of it and it remains an unbroken plan that will fully come to pass.

God said to ancient Israel and He talks to His people today urging them. “Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’” (Isaiah 46:9-10).



GOD CHOSE A PEOPLE

God chose a people at the time after the flood when He divided the people on earth into different groups that became families of their own. He gave them their own land and a heavenly ruler to lead them in truth and righteousness. (Deuteronomy 32:8 and 4:19-20). God chose the descendants of Jacob (Deuteronomy 32:9). He participated in the project of rulership over the nations. God specifically chose a people to be a kingdom of priests: holy and royal (Exodus 19:6, I Peter 2:9). That was God’s purpose

and He will accomplish it. The duality here is: holy and royal as well as national and religious leadership. God Almighty was their King holding national leadership while the people were to

become a kingdom of priests—religious leaders, a spiritual Queen. The duality is pointing to God’s purpose of establishing righteous national and religious leadership bound together as *one* ruling entity. This body is both *holy*, that is, set apart from other national and religious leaders and *royal*, that is, part of God’s royal, ruling family.

On a side point, this opens a door to the thought that there exists created life who are not royal members of God’s family residing in heaven. I suspect the “beasts of the field” and the “birds of the air” may be part of that creation. All of mankind was created in God’s image, that is, to be members of His royal, ruling family.

God is a benevolent King giving opportunities to His creation to develop into wise leaders. Unfortunately, relatively shortly after the heavenly rulers of God’s holy court in heaven received their inheritance, that is, rulership over the nations, they rebelled against God. He foreknew the rebellion, but the pain on the day it all began, was no less intense. Ezekiel recorded God’s deep feelings of hurt on that day. God “filled the deep springs with mourning... and clothed Lebanon (His holy court/headquarters) with gloom” (Ezekiel 31:15).

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL: TWO GREAT LEADERS

God’s pain was not limited to the fallen angels in heaven, but His people added a heavy weight that He also foreknew. The twelve sons of Jacob were blessed before their father, Israel died. Jacob gave the family sceptre to Judah and the firstborn birthright blessings to Joseph. Duality was planned before the beginning to teach mankind about their future in eternity. The lesson of duality here is the reflection of the Messiah in Judah through King David and the Messiah in Joseph as Lord and steward of God’s eternal kingdom.

DUALITY IN JOSHUA AND CALEB

Moses sent twelve, one from each of the tribes of Israel, to spy out the promised land. They returned and ten gave an evil report while Joshua and Caleb had faith in God that they could overtake the barrier of giants. Two out of the twelve gave a witness of faith and truth.

Caleb was from the tribe of Judah. From Judah, Jesus was born. From Judah, the Messiah became king—the sceptre given to him. Caleb’s faith in overcoming giant barriers mirrored Jesus’ faith in conquering the barriers blocking the success in the establishment of God’s eternal kingdom.

Joshua was from the tribe of Ephraim, son of Joseph. It would be Joshua who would lead all of the twelve tribes into the promised land. He mirrors the great work of bringing many sons to glory—transformed-reborn people with Christ living in them.

Caleb mirrors the faith of salvation through Christ and Joshua mirrors the faith in bringing many sons to glory.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

By design, God uses the number two as the minimum for an honest legal witness. Righteous leadership is a marriage of religious knowledge, understanding and wisdom and its application. National leadership without binding with God's priesthood will result in suffering, bias and corruption. The experts of righteousness must be bound with national leaders in order for rulership to be executed in love and service to the people.

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL: THE FRACTURE INTO TWO HOUSES

God's plan was for His people to be living examples of righteousness. But, their kingdom broke because the national leaders disobeyed God. The kingdom of Israel fractured into two houses: the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

The division was caused by Solomon's breach in God's law. The breach divided the kingdom which came to a head when ten tribes came to King Rehoboam (Solomon's son) and asked for relief from the heavy taxes; they wanted grace. In foolishness, King Rehoboam refused and the kingdom divided leaving King Rehoboam with rulership over only one other tribe, the tribe of Benjamin. They became known as the house of Judah while the remaining ten tribes became known as the house of Israel. Their history would trigger hundreds of years of suffering because neither house obeyed God's laws or lived His ways. The small house of Judah kept closer to God's law while the large house of Israel under the rulership of Jeroboam entered into hundreds of years of lawlessness following the ways of the nations around them. The pendulum moved accordingly as the two houses became self-determined and self-reliant. The house of Israel continued to rebel and eventually they were divorced from the covenant family and lived in disorder, like Barbarians. The house of Judah moved in the opposite direction swinging into self-righteousness by adding hundreds of rules and regulations to God's laws. They worked to earn salvation through their own effort.



The lesson of duality is the chaos created when a separation occurs from God's law and His theology. In this case, self-righteousness and unrighteousness reared up. God's law and His theology bound together can heal mankind and bring them back into balance, back onto God straight and narrow path of righteousness.

God's people, Israel are living examples of the chaos and unhappiness that occurs when God's law and His theology is not applied together as one set. God foreknew the fracture of the kingdom would occur. It is the witness He will use to prove His point. It is like the people of Israel were predestined to fail, so that they would be the first to feel the pain of rejecting God and His ways, feel the curses of disobedience and turn for help. God was teaching them and is teaching believers today the importance of binding His law with His theology of love, compassion and grace.

LAW AND GRACE

The historical travels of the two houses witness the importance of binding God's law with His theology. The two cannot be separated and bring happiness and goodness to all. The house of Judah embraced the law; they were the protectors of the scriptures of the Old Testament.



The house of Israel, more commonly referred to as the lost ten tribes, begged for relief from the heavy taxes imposed upon them during the reign of King Solomon and his son, Rehoboam. Hundreds of years later, they were offered relief in the form of grace from Jesus. They were amazed that he would consider them, after all, they were the outcasts of the family. They recognized his power to heal and when invited back into the covenant family, they cherished it and praised the God of Israel for His grace extended to them. They wrote songs delighting in it. Their transformation began and they became known as Christians. Craving to know God's word, they carefully preserved the letters of the apostles and all of the books of the Old Testament. They translated them and bound them into *one* book. To this day, grace is the driving force of the Christian churches. The lesson of duality here is: law without grace is like discipline without love, winter without summer, order without choice. Law and grace were intended to be bound and harmonized into one legal system.

Though the two houses of God's people remain fractured into the 21st century, God has promised to reunite them at Christ's return. Under the righteous rulership and priesthood of Jesus Christ, the fractured will be healed and made one, again. Jesus Christ will restore all things.

- God's people will be reunited back into one kingdom never to fracture again.

- Law and grace will be bound into one legal system. The law will come out of Zion [heaven] and the word will come out of Jerusalem [earth].
- A marriage between a King from heaven and a Queen from earth will bind the realm in heaven and on earth together as the united, holy, royal kingdom of God.
- Righteous national and religious leadership will be bound into one where God Almighty reigns supreme, Jesus Christ second—sitting on the right hand of God with his Bride both reigning as a united body of national and religious leaders.

This lesson of duality is mirrored in the historical movement of God’s people to desire their calling as a holy kingdom of royal priests, but they will not be alone. From all the nations of earth, people will come and serve God as His priests. “You [Christ] are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and they will reign on earth” (Revelation 5:9-10). It was foreknown by God. It is His purpose and it will be accomplished.

TWO CREATIONS: ONE IN HEAVEN AND ONE ON EARTH

Planned from the beginning were two creations. The angels—sons of God, created spirit beings came into existence before time. With their first breath, they knew God and they had the fundamentals to know right from wrong. Before time, before mortals were created, the angels built vast dominions and many became proud and arrogant as they became powerful. Their pride and arrogance poisoned many from the first creation. At the time determined by Almighty God, the Son created again through the power of his Father. Together, they worked to create mankind, a second company of members who are destined to become part of the God family.

Mankind came into existence after their earth was fixed; chaos transformed into order again. The man was created and the woman from out of the man. Both members of God’s family-kingdom.

Intentional to the overall plan of God, man would be created before the woman to image the first creation in heaven (created first) and the woman to image the second creation on earth (created second). She would come into life through the man. It is the image of the church coming into spiritual life through Jesus Christ. Another witness would take place, teaching creation in heaven and on earth that they complement each other. Each creation was designed to fulfill a different role essential for the peaceful operation of God’s family-kingdom. This is best achieved through the pairing of the skills of the two into one.

Christ and his bride will be the perfect example of the principle of duality working as one. It was planned before creation that this mystery would be revealed. The Apostle Paul understood it and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and

the two will become one flesh. This mystery is profound, but I am speaking about Christ and the church” (Ephesians 5:31-32).

The profound mystery is the knowledge that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will marry the church—a body of men and women—the saints and their relationship will be intimate. He will share the administration of God’s kingdom with the church. Their relationship will be identical to that of a loving husband and wife. He will be the king and she will be the queen, working in everything as one. She will be raised up from nothing to the highest-level creation on earth and in heaven can reach. The top three in God’s kingdom will be Almighty God as supreme, His Son second and third will be Christ’s wife—the faithful church. What is so profound is Christ’s love for his church that he would give once sin-laded men and women such a great honour.



King David marvelled and said to Almighty God, “What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?” (Psalm 8:4)

God’s plan for the men and women on earth has always been a desire to honour them with positions of great importance. It is a profound mystery, suppressed by Satan, to keep mankind from knowing their so very great calling. It is a profound mystery that Almighty God would honour once sin-laden people to the greatest positions of responsibility in eternity.

A new office will be filled by Christ’s wife establishing a ruling order of three. It is by design that the number three is used as the seal of Almighty God confirming His approval on events that culminate and finalize His plans to form eternal structures.

THE NUMBER 3

“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

(Matthew 12:40)

Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish. It is both a witness by God’s use of two, that is, the emphasis of days and nights, with the great stamp of God’s seal using number three. God’s official seal of three days and nights was the confirmation that Christ’s burial in the earth was by His plan. The number three is peppered heavily throughout the Bible; it simply cannot be ignored.

CHRIST TEMPTED BY SATAN

For forty years, the ancient Israelites wandered in the wilderness learning from God, but they failed to realize what Jesus successfully achieved during his 40 days in the desert. Christ was tempted by Satan with three scenarios:

1. THE FIRST TEMPTATION

Satan tempted Jesus in satisfying his hunger from his 40-day fast by challenging him to use his superhuman powers and turn stones into bread (Matthew 4:1).

Jesus responded by quoting the latter part of Deuteronomy 8:3. *“Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD”* (Deuteronomy 8:3).

The ancient people of Israel, while wandering through the lands of the rebellious gods ruling over the nations [the wilderness] were humbled by going hungry (Deuteronomy 8:3), so God could teach them what Jesus understood. There are two types of food: earthly and heavenly—one is temporary, the other is eternal. The ancient Israelites were fed by God while they journeyed through the wilderness with food from heaven—manna. The heavenly food was daily spiritual teachings. Satan was unable to tempt Jesus to change his priority. Through his 40-day fast, Jesus became a power-house of eternal strength; spiritual food had strengthened him far above any possibility of a fall while physically weak.

Satan entraps people into a world of ignorance and deceit. They are blue-pilled in a physical world of earthly knowledge and temporary pursuits void of their Creator and the life-exciting knowledge of God’s word.

The first temptation: earthly food or heavenly food. Ancient Israel failed to understand the value of spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom. They kept falling back into this earthly

world focusing on temporal living. Jesus never left his spiritual focus, the important task given to him.

2. THE SECOND TEMPTATION

Satan took Jesus to the highest point of the temple and challenged him to jump. Satan knows the scriptures and he quoted Psalm 91, which vows if you make God Almighty your dwelling place, giving your allegiance to the Great God, then no harm will come to you.

“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone... ‘Because he loves me,’ says the LORD, ‘I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation’” (Psalm 91:11-16).

This is a wonderful promise from God, our Creator and Father in heaven.

In 21st century language, Satan was saying, “Go on! If you are loved by the Great God, show me—show everyone—prove to us that God loves you!”

Jesus replied by quoting Deuteronomy 6:16, “You shall not put Yahweh your God to the test.”

This quote referenced the rebellious behavior of the Israelites coming out of Egypt. Despite all of the miracles God Almighty performed for them, they still disbelieved and distrusted God, perpetually putting Him to the test. Their hearts were hard, rebellious and defiant. God concluded, “For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So, I declared an oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest’” (Psalm 95:10-11).

In 21st century language, Jesus replied, “I trust in my Father in heaven and I have no need to question Him. God is faithful.”

The second temptation: trust in yourself or trust in God. The ancient Israelites could not let go and put their complete trust in God. It was difficult for them as it is for Christians today. Jesus put his life in the hands of God, without question—fully and completely.

3. THE THIRD TEMPTATION

The devil took Jesus to the highest mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me” (Matthew 4:9). This temptation was by far the most tempting. With all of Jesus’ heart, he wanted to rescue mankind from the strangle-hold of the devil.

Jesus replied, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the LORD your God, and serve him only’” (Matthew 4:10).

In 21st century language, Jesus said, “I worship only my Father in heaven, the Creator God. I trust in His plan and His timing.”

The third temptation: Rulership through Satan or rulership through God Almighty. The great promise of the rogue gods ruling over the nations was self-glory, self-reliance, self-determination. The ancient Israelites looked at the wealth and glory of Egypt; they wanted to be like the nations around them and all the glory of greatness. God wanted a humble people, a non-self-serving people *before* rulership could be offered. That would take time and a carefully designed, strategic plan. Jesus was aware that God had a plan—from the beginning. While every detail is not shared with him, he has no reason to question God. “But about that **day or hour no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but **only the Father**” (Matthew 24:36).

VICTORY OVER THREE DEMANDS

During the Great Tribulation, a people are seen standing beside a sea of glass mixed with fire. They are victorious over three demands by the enemy. They did *not*:

1. Worship the beast
2. Bend their knee to His image
3. Have his number/name written on their forehead or right hand (Revelation 15:2).

These three demands are the core elements of worship: loyalty and allegiance to whom is being served, a physical type of the one being worshipped made by human hands and living according to the belief of the one being worshipped.

Idols are infused with spells that can be used to call on the rogue god for help. God warned ancient Israel, “Pay close attention to everything I have said to you. You must not invoke the names of other gods; they must not be heard on your lips” (Exodus 23:13). To have the name/number marked on the body is the outward binding with that leader to live according to his commands and demands.

The first three of God’s ten commandments are:

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make idols
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

The victorious saints will remain loyal and faithful in worship and allegiance to Almighty God, their LORD, the Creator. Their prayers will bring them close to Him; He will hear them and rescue them. They will not take His name in vain, rather overcome, by choosing of their own free will to keep His commandments and live righteously despite times of intense opposition, persecution from their government, family, friends, even members and ministry from churches.

The three evil spirits like frogs (Revelation 16:13) that come out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and false prophet encapsulate what God deems as the central force of wickedness coming from three beings with three evil spirits.

The number three is also God's seal marked along a timeline. These time markers are expressed as: in three days, after the third day, in the third year, on the third hour, a three day walk, three times.

Every story in the Bible has supplemental meaning attached to it. For example:

- Laban was told on the third day that Jacob and his wives had fled.
- God selected 300 men to fight with Gideon against the Midianites.
- Samson was confronted by thirty guards when he arrived at Timnah to celebrate the engagement to his first wife.
- For three days the people could not give an answer to Samson's riddle.
- 3,000 Jews went to Samson to urge him to stop provoking the Philistines.
- David while being chased by King Saul had three mighty men among his warriors.
- Jesus was thirty when he began his ministry.
- Christ was crucified on the third hour.
- The Holy Spirit like rushing winds was given to the reborn church on Pentecost on the third hour.
- Noah had three sons.
- Hannah gave birth to three sons.
- Job had three daughters.
- Daniel had three faithful friends: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- Recorded in Zechariah, behind the man on the red horse among the Myrtle trees was three horses: red, brown and white.
- Peter denied Christ three times.
- Christ asked Peter three times if he loves him.
- Paul asked three times for the "thorn in the flesh" to be removed.
- At the second trumpet in Revelation, Mystery Babylon is attacked by God. This theological body is imaged to have their home-base on the sea where ships are used to transport trading merchandise:
 - One-third of the **sea** turns to blood
 - One-third of the **sea creatures** die
 - One-third of the **ships** are destroyed.
- At the blast of the fifth trumpet, three woes begin.

These are only some examples among many, each to be studied separately to see the rich details within the whole. In general, the number three is God's seal on timed-events along the timeline of His grand salvation plan for mankind. Coupled with number three, God uses number seven to place His stamp of the fullness of completion of events, judgements and punishments.

THE FULLEST COMPLETION IN SEVEN

“So, Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her”

(Genesis 29:20).

Jacob was drawn to Rachel the moment he saw her. She was a shepherdess and he, a shepherd. Feeding, caring and protecting the flock was their job, which they did well. Jacob wanted to marry her, but he had no dowry, so an arrangement was made with Rachel’s father, Laban. He was to work for Laban for seven years.

The end of seven years bought him the woman he loved. It completed the payment he owed. But, to Jacob’s horror, Laban secretly gave him Leah, Rachel’s older sister, which forced Jacob to work yet another seven years to have Rachel as his wife. His rest was delayed.

The number seven is all about completion within God’s divine plan. Like Jacob, God, King over His people, Israel, has had no rest. He was forced to work again when the church, the faithful prophets that He loves were maliciously killed. God has been working with wayward priests, like Leah, who was born with poor eye sight. God’s rest will come when Christ rules at the Millennium mirrored in the seventh day of creation, then the faithful and true church that He loves will have been resurrected and be ruling with Christ and His payment will be made in full.



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In seven days, God through His Son, re-created and formed life on earth. The use of this number is by divine design. Adam named all the animals, birds and fish on the same day he was created and later Eve from his rib. That must have been a long day. Time may not have been measured in earthly hours during creation; it may have been measured at the moment, when God deemed creation as very good.

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day” (Genesis 1:31).

On the seventh day, God rested from His work. “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which He had created and made” (Genesis 2:3).

Was God tired?

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom” (Isaiah 40:28).

Why then, did God Almighty who does not tire or grow weary, rest—from what?

The Sabbath is a commanded rest day for God’s people. He created this seventh day of rest to mirror peace, order and love. He will rest from battling against rebels because on the seventh day, it will be the millennial reign of His Son on earth. Mankind will learn to love and order will be established.

God spoke of the rebel ancient Israelites, “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work” and God vowed, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience” (Hebrews 4:4-6).

Upon Christ’s return, the final one-thousand-year Millennial rule will begin and mankind will silence their rebellion and learn the way of God. It is the day when God begins His celebration of the repentance of mankind—the day that brings Him rest. “A root will come up from the stump of Jesse...with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth... Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all... the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:1,3-6, 9b).

This period in our history will be filling up with peace, joy and love for one another. Mankind will come to know their loving, long-suffering and gracious Creator God.

The creation of the seventh day rest is God’s prophesy of mankind’s repentance and their desire to obey Him. However, they are not ready. Much distress is coming upon mankind before they repent and turn to Almighty God.



The number seven confirms the full completion of important components of God's plan.

- God's creation on earth was complete in seven days. Mankind made God's family complete. God's family comprises of two creations: one in heaven and one on earth.
- Christ established seven churches to form his body. The seven churches are the complete kingdom of Israel as a functional unit. It includes national and religious leadership, educational institutions, spiritual warriors protecting the kingdom from infiltration, charities, and missionaries to expand the good news as God reveals more of His plans.
- The Jubilee is determined by counting in sevens. "You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years. Then you are to sound the horn far and wide on the tenth day of the seventh month, the Day of Atonement" (Leviticus 25:8). The Jubilee year follows seven blocks of seven years. At the end of seven years, slaves are released. At the end of seven times seven years, everyone is released from the slavery of debt.
- Seven baskets of bread were picked up after Jesus fed the 4,000 people who had come from far away. These people were from the redeemed ten tribes of Israel. (Matthew 15:37). The seven baskets represent the spiritual food that would last Christian churches completely and should completely nourish them spiritually until Christ returns.
- God can humble the proud and arrogant. He humbled King Nebuchadnezzar for reducing him to live for seven years as a beast of the field.

“This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree that the Most High has issued against my lord the king: You will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field. You will feed on grass like an ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven, and *seven times shall pass you by*, until you acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whom He wishes. As for the command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots, your kingdom will be restored to you as soon as you acknowledge that Heaven rules” (Daniel 4:24-26).

God’s judgement and sentencing of King Nebuchadnezzar was the forecast of his eternal destruction if he does not repent and humble himself before the Great, Almighty God. He was reduced to live for seven years as a naked beast of the field eating grass.

- Revelation is the book that details the completion of God’s wrath and judgement:
 - The scroll with seven seals (Revelation 5:1) is a complete series of events leading up to God’s final outpouring of wrath.
 - Seven kings, five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while (Revelation 17:10) is the completion of evil rulership on earth.
 - Seven angels given seven trumpets (Revelation 8:2) is the complete and final warning.
 - Seven thunders, though what was said was not recorded, it could be God speaking out for all to hear His voice pounding out a final warning.
 - Seven angels with seven plagues imaged as bowls (Revelation 15:6-7) is destruction of all of God’s enemies:
 - Those who worship the beast.
 - Creatures living in the sea die are those who are committed to live in wickedness. They are referred to as creatures because there is no saving plan for them.
 - Rivers turn to blood is again the watery homes of the wicked being destroyed.
 - Scorching by the sun of the wicked is a fiery purging.
 - The throne of the beast is thrown into darkness.
 - War against the kings of the East and the three evil frogs coming out of Satan, the beast and the false prophet.
 - Finally, the declaration, “It is done!”

Seven is the numerical symbol for completion to the fullest. It symbolizes the fullest and finality of events and judgements. The creation on earth—the second creation done in seven days was God’s statement of the finality of the members added to His God-family. The seven churches are the complete body of God’s kingdom of priests on earth. The seven baskets are the complete and full amount of spiritual food given to the churches provided directly by Jesus until

he returns. The sevens in the book of Revelation will finalize judgement and punishment against the wicked and bring a complete and final end to this evil age.

King Nebuchadnezzar was the example of how God will humble, warn and follow through with His punishment of the proud and arrogant rulers to bring them into His servitude for all eternity if they repent, else, their final destruction. King Nebuchadnezzar was reduced to a beast living naked outside under the canopy of all sorts of weather. His nakedness is God's language for sinful behaviour for all to see. God used the number seven attached to time to declare a complete punishment that will take place at the time when sin has reached its fullest. God sees all—symbolized in the seven eyes. "These seven are the eyes of the LORD which range throughout the earth" (Zechariah 4:10b); He is fully and completely aware of everything done in heaven and on earth.

Like his Father, the Son has seven eyes symbolic of his special ability. The seven eyes are "on that one stone, and I [God Almighty] will engrave an inscription on it... I will remove the sin of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9b). Jesus Christ is that stone. "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua!" (Zechariah 3:8-9a)

Joshua, the high priest, is symbolic of what was to come—the Branch, the stone, Jesus Christ who has the ability to see all completely and with full clarity. Jesus Christ is the eyes for Almighty God; he briefs Almighty God regularly on the activities in heaven and on earth.

Jesus Christ is the key person for all of mankind to watch, follow and serve.

"Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw a Lamb who appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth" (Revelation 5:5-6).

Jesus Christ was described in Revelation 5 as the Lamb because his perfect sacrifice awarded him the right to open the seven seals. He has seven horns meaning he is completely in charge with full authority: King of kings and Lord of lords. He has seven eyes meaning he sees all things. The Spirit of God is all powerful, full in perfection and sees all. Jesus Christ is filled with this Spirit.

God uses numbers as keys that open doors rarely used to unveil the deep things of God. Number ten is just that.

ORDER IN TEN

“Yet as surely as I live and as surely as the whole earth is filled with the glory of the LORD, not one of the men who have seen My glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness—yet have tested Me and disobeyed Me these ten times—not one will ever see the land that I swore to give their fathers. None of those who have treated Me with contempt will see it” (Number 14:21-23).

Mankind’s journey out of ignorance into God’s truth and His sanctuary of peace and tranquility is a walk following our Messiah, through a complete series of: growth processes, knowledge building, understanding refinement and the acquisition of true wisdom. God’s written word is an engineering feat of multidimensional stories crossing over time into ever-lasting space about His creation on earth as mortals and in heaven as spiritual beings. God is teaching both creations how to live righteously; He is warning both creations of the consequences of sin; He is the loving parent wanting to save them all.

Through numbers God stamps a message. The number ten trumpets law and order and how it will be re-established by the overthrowing of Wickedness through the sword of truth, Christ’s humble sacrifice and God’s wonderful grace.



LAW AND ORDER IN 10 COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20:1-17) (Deuteronomy 5:6-21).

God established 10 Commandments as the umbrella for all laws and ordinances that preserve order, peace and love. All of God’s commandments are summarized in TEN fundamental rules.

God’s law can be summarized in two areas: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39).

JUDGEMENT EXPRESSED IN THE NUMBER TEN

God executes judgement expressed in the number ten: commandments, plagues, days, times, generations, cycles, and jubilees.

From Adam to Noah there were ten generations and then the great flood came and destroyed everyone except eight people. Mankind would start again with a family whose head was righteous, blameless and close to God.

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). Noah lived God’s way (righteous), he was loyal and faithful to Almighty God (blameless) and he shared a close relationship with God (walked). In ten generations, God determined the time of His judgement against all the rebels on earth.

TEN GENERATIONS PASSED BETWEEN THE CREATION OF ADAM AND BIRTH OF NOAH (GENESIS 5):

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| 1. Adam | 6. Jared |
| 2. Seth | 7. Enoch |
| 3. Enosh | 8. Methusaleh |
| 4. Kenan | 9. Lamech |
| 5. Mahalalel | 10. Noah |

God respects, values and protects those who uphold His law. He promised Abraham that He would not destroy Sodom if ten righteous men could be found there. God would have saved Sodom if His law was present if only in ten heads of household.

10 RIGHTEOUS MEN WOULD HAVE SAVED SODOM (GEN 18:32).

Abraham understood God’s word and His commandments. He was careful and specific when he asked God, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” (Genesis 18:32). Abraham was asking to save the law abiding, but only Lot and those in his household were saved. All of Sodom was lawless, corrupt and participating in forbidden acts.

SUPREMACY OVER NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

God brought upon ancient Egypt ten plagues. These ten different plagues taught them that the God of Israel reigns supreme both on a national level as King and on a religious level as Highest Priest. This is a great mystery to 21st century mankind. The reign of once revered sons of God given rulership over the nations at the time of Babel is believed to be a myth, yet, most of the Old Testament records God’s perpetual declaration providing proof upon proof that He, the God of Israel, is supreme above all gods. Prior to God taking His people out of Egypt, the Almighty God judged and sentenced both the heavenly and mortal leaders over Egypt. Both fully understood God’s judgements and sentencing.

GOD ALMIGHTY IS KING AND LORD OF ALL CREATION

1. The staff, a symbol of authority is the sceptre. The first act demonstrating God's supreme authority was the turning of Aaron's staff into a snake. The Egyptian magicians also had staffs, that is, authority evidenced in their ability to turn their staffs into snakes, but Aaron's snake swallowed up all of the snakes of the magicians (Exodus 7:12). The message: The God of Israel has supreme authority.
2. The water of the Nile River and all water ways were turned to blood by God through Aaron's staff. Life in the water died and a stench came out; that is the typical smell of sin. The Egyptian magicians could also spill blood and perform sacrifices, but their god could not heal. This plague demonstrated that the Egyptian magicians can present a sacrifice of blood, but their heavenly ruler cannot forgive sins.
3. The plague of frogs that came out of the Nile River, likely mirrors the evil spirits that are prophesied to come out of the dragon, the false prophet and the beast (Revelation 16:13).

It is by no coincidence that the third plague would point to the three evil spirits of Revelation that look like frogs.

The frogs coming out of this very river that Pharaoh claimed to have created, God declared was a cesspool of wickedness. Recorded in Ezekiel is the Pharaoh in heaven bragging of his own ability to create. God heard Pharaoh's claim and said, "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. Speak to him and tell him that this is what the Lord GOD says: Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies among his rivers, who says, 'The Nile is mine; I made it myself'" (Ezekiel 29:2-3).

Pharaoh's river is full of evil spirits plaguing him and the heavenly king over Egypt was powerless to take them away (Exodus 8:8).

VERSE TEN

Pharaoh pleaded with Moses to take the frogs away. Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the LORD our God" (Exodus 8:10). And Moses added, "The frogs will leave you and your houses, your officials and your people; they will remain only in the Nile" (Exodus 8:11).

4. Dust covered Egypt and became a plague of gnats. Like sin, it was everywhere on people and animals. The magicians could not produce gnats because only the Almighty God can determine sin. The magicians declared, "This is the finger of God" (Exodus 8:19). Like the writing on the wall, only God Almighty determines judgement on sin.
5. The plague of disease-carrying flies was designed by God to show Pharaoh a distinction between the Egyptians and God's people. This distinction will be fully recognizable in the

Millennium under the rule of Jesus Christ. They will be a kingdom of priests living righteously. Pharaoh asked Moses to pray for him so that the flies go away. Like Job who prayed for his three friends, righteous people are heard by God.

6. The death of the Egyptian livestock brought Pharaoh a sure warning that everything under his rulership would die because he lives in sin and he remains an enemy of Almighty God. Any possible plea for forgiveness through a sacrifice would be impossible without being fully committed to overcoming.
7. The plague of boils brought upon all of Egypt kept the magicians from coming before Moses and Aaron. They could not stand. Their suffering was intense; sin brings suffering.
8. The plague of hail struck all of Egypt except for Goshen. After seven plagues, finally Pharaoh admits, "This time I have sinned. The LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong" (Exodus 9:26-27).

The magicians had drained their power and Almighty God stood alone thundering to the people on earth, "I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth" (Exodus 9:14).

The rogue heavenly Pharaoh had declared himself a Creator. To the Egyptians, he said that he was the creator of the Nile, yet he had no power over the true creator, the God of Israel.

9. The plague of locusts resulted because Pharaoh would not humble himself; he returned to sinning. God will bring everyone to their knees to confess their sins. The locusts consumed all of their food—spiritually their beliefs and theology were destroyed. God's word is spiritual food. Pharaoh knew their false teachings were destroyed by God's truth and he was forced to admit his sin. "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me" (Exodus 10:16-17).
10. The death of the firstborn Egyptians was a direct result of Egypt's spiritual darkness. God hardened Pharaoh's heart to drive His final point home. God Almighty pronounced the death of the firstborn Egyptians, as a clear message to this rogue heavenly King that the Egyptians on earth will not be the first resurrected in God's kingdom. They will not be the firstborn.

Pharaoh let God's people go and God Almighty began His ministry. He provided His ten commandments, His calendar and His Holy Days.

IT BEGAN WITH THE PERFECT SACRIFICE CHOSEN ON THE 10TH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH

God taught Egypt that He reigns supreme. The second plague of the water of the Nile turning to blood taught them that they do not have a worthy sacrifice, but God does. "For God so loved

the world that he gave his only, unique Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God taught ancient Israel to take a lamb one for each family on the 10th day of the first month (Exodus 12:3) to symbolize a new beginning with their God and as people whose sins can be forgiven, because they have a Redeemer. God’s salvation plan begins without delay on the FIRST month and on the 10th day to remind them of His law.

“This month is the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first month of your year. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household” (Exodus 12:3).

10 DAYS BETWEEN CHRIST’S ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Law and order will prevail. There are ten days between Christ’s ascension and Pentecost—50-40=10 days.

God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus, His only Heir and fifty days later gave His Holy Spirit to a body of people who birthed the new beginning of the church. The ten days between Christ’s ascension and Pentecost likely fulfilled the legal processes of accepting his sacrifice and the legal writing of forgiveness of our sins.

10 DAYS BETWEEN ROSH HASHANAH/FEAST OF TRUMPETS AND YOM KIPPUR/DAY OF ATONEMENT—THE TEN DAYS OF AWE

God’s Holy Days were given to ancient Israel to reveal His plan for them and all of mankind. The Passover Lamb was accepted and Jesus Christ became the example for all of mankind. He was sinless and the Days of Unleavened Bread mirror the conscious effort to removal sin in our lives done by following Jesus wherever he goes. Jesus became the first of the first-fruits to be raised from mortality to immortality assuring believers of their resurrection. On the day of Pentecost, God’s Holy Spirit was given to the re-born church.

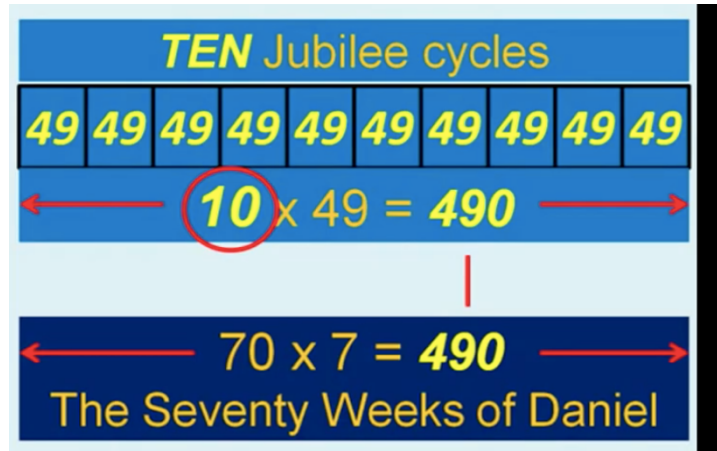
Many days pass before the trumpets will blow on Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets. On this day, Christ will return to usher in the long-awaited Jubilee. Together with the resurrected saints and his great army from heaven, Christ will overthrow Satan, the beast and false prophet. The ten-day battle will subdue lawlessness and re-establish God’s law.

SMYRNA WILL SUFFER FOR 10 DAYS

Of the seven churches of Revelation, two are promised their own crown: Smyrna and Philadelphia. Jesus compliments the humility and spiritual strength of this group of people who are symbolized in the church of Smyrna. He encourages them to remain strong during a time of extreme distress when Satan will persecute and imprison some of them (Revelation 2:10). Recorded in verse 10, Jesus said their suffering will be for ten days. This time period could equate to the ten days between Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets and Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement. Prejudged, Jesus promised them the crown of life, if they remain faithful.

10 JUBILEE CYCLES CONFIRMS THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW BY HIS PEOPLE

Daniel recorded and revealed the timing given to God's people to finish their work for Him.



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“Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy” (Daniel 9:24). Seventy sevens equals 490 Biblical years. Images provided by Gavin Finley from <http://www.endtimepilgrim.org> display the ten Jubilee cycles.

These ten Jubilee cycles do not include the period of time from Christ's death to his return. As Gavin points out in Revelation 11:1-2. That time period was given over to the heathen Gentiles and so, the Jubilee cycles stopped until the end of the evil age when Jesus Christ returns to usher in righteous leadership beginning with the Jubilee year and the end of corruption, slavery and debt.

The whole house of Israel, all twelve tribes, which are today twelve nations, still have a lot of spiritual work to do. Of the six tasks recorded in Daniel, three is to end sinning and three is to live righteously.

1. Finish transgression = stop/imprison rebellion within your people—the kingdom of Israel, all 12 tribes.
2. Put an end/seal up sin = hate sinning, imprison it, hinder it so that it is impossible to spread.
3. Atone for wickedness = sins are altogether removed out of the sight of God—blotted out, altogether set aside as the Day of Atonement pictures. Hence, on the Day of Atonement of the last year of this evil age, the people of the 12 tribes of Israel who are not resurrected and come out of the Great Tribulation repentant and submissive to God, will be atoned for.

Once sin is overcome, righteous living has to be learned:

4. Daniel 9 continued, these people must live perfectly in righteousness.
5. Then, the visions and prophecy will be laid under a seal, which means that it can no longer actively show itself because it is fulfilled.
6. The next most important and glorious task is the anointing of the most holy. This is a divine anointing of a new sanctuary, prior to God coming and filling it with His glory.

Keil and Delitzsch wrote, "The reference is to the anointing of a new sanctuary, temple, or most holy place. The anointing is the act by which the place is consecrated to be a holy place of the gracious presence and revelation of God. If thus the anointing of a most holy is here announced, then by it there is given the promise, not of the renewal of the place already existing from of old, but of the appointment of a new place of God's gracious presence among His people, a new sanctuary."

(Keil and Delitzsch <https://www.studydrive.net/commentaries/kdo/daniel-9.html>)

Reviewing the instructions from the angel to Daniel, God's people have seventy sevens to complete six tasks. Seventy sevens is 490 years, that is, 49 times 10. This time period multiplied by ten immediately makes a statement that a legal matter is at stake here. If the multiplication of 10 points to the establishment of God's law, then one Jubilee period (49 years) is given to God's people to overcome sin and dedicate themselves to living righteously in time before the anointing of the most holy. When does this time period start?

The Apostle John recorded, "Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff and was told, 'Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshipers there. But exclude the courtyard outside the temple. Do not measure it, because it has been given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months'" (Revelation 11:1-2).

I would surmise that the NEW sanctuary will only be established during the Millennium under the reign of Jesus Christ. God's people have 490 years or 49 years times ten with the use of ten meaning it is a legal matter to overcome sin, keep sin from raising its head among all of the twelve nations of Israel, live righteously then all prophecy of their repentance and dedication to their God will have been fulfilled. Regardless of the number of years—490 or 49, it is a **legal matter**. If it is not accomplished within the given seventy sevens, they will be brought before the courts of God. Thankfully, prophecy points to a success of God's people coming out of the Great Tribulation and going into the Promised Land with genuine sincerity of obeying God.

The prophecies in scripture all point to success.

REPENTANCE: "In those days, and in that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD

their God” (Jeremiah 50:4). The return to God of BOTH houses at the same time has never happened. This is a future event.

EVERLASTING COVENANT: “And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me” (Jeremiah 32:40).

GOD’S SANCTUARY WILL BE AMONG THEM: “Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore” (Ezekiel 37:26).

The question I pose is, are these 21st century Israelites the only Israelites tasked with this legal directive? It appears there is an additional group who this legal directive is primarily directed to.



A physical resurrection will take place likely at the beginning of the Millennium by Ezekiel through the power of Almighty God. This exciting event is recorded in Ezekiel 37.

God said to Ezekiel, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.’” The Almighty God announces that He will resurrect them back to life.

So, Ezekiel prophesied as he was commanded. “There was a rattling round, and the bones came together, bone to bone... Tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but

there was no breath in them.” The ancient house of Israel is resurrected back into their physical bodies.

“Prophesy to the breath and say to it, ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live... they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.’” Ezekiel did as he was commanded and before him, breath entered these slain. These people were killed while they were at war with their God. In great compassion, God will resurrect them. Their heart will beat, their lungs will inhale and exhale and their eyes will open. They will stand up before Ezekiel, millions of them!

Conscious of their spiritual state, they will say, “**Our bones are dried up.**” They know they have been resurrected back into their physical bodies and they admit defeat—they are spiritually dead and have been for many generations.

“Our **hope** is gone.” They understand that there is no hope of eternal life for them, for they are **both** the divorced house of Israel—the faithless and the unfaithful house of Judah.

“We have been **cut off.**” Both houses of Israel exasperated the Almighty God with their perpetual rebellious and treasonous ways. He gave the house of Israel a bill of divorce, severing them from His covenant people and sent them away forbidding them from returning to the Promised land.

Yet, despite what these people have done, His timeless love for them endures. “I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.” In God’s great mercy and enduring love for His people, He announces their resurrection and promises to bring them back home. The return to the land is God announcing and accepting their repentance at this resurrection.

“‘I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and **I will settle you in your own land.** Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it,’ declares the LORD” (Ezekiel 37:14). Christ’s sacrifice paid the penalty for all of our sins. This vast number of people have now the opportunity again to choose, but with the help of God’s Holy Spirit their choices will be different from their destructive choices of the past.

Many of the prophets of old have not finished the job God gave them to do. They died knowing they didn’t nor could they finish it. These people will be resurrected back into physical bodies at the beginning of the Millennium by Ezekiel through the power of Almighty God. The seventy-seven-week legal directive applies to them in particular.

Recorded by the Apostle John in Revelation 21:22, the New Jerusalem comprises of eternal righteousness. “I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp... Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who

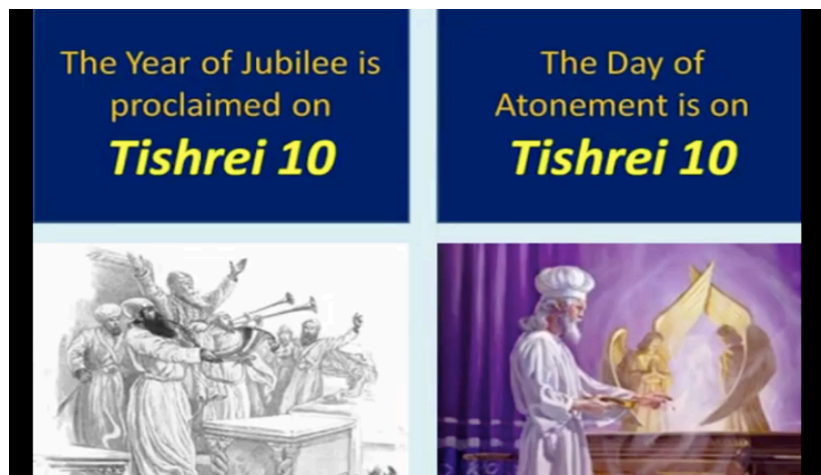
does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

The new Jerusalem is shaped as a cube imaging the layers of spiritually strong people filling positions to bind the foundation and all structures above as a single unbreakable, eternal unit. It needs no light because the glory of Almighty God and Jesus Christ shines out in radiant beams filling all space.

After Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets, ten days pass before God's people are atoned which will take place on the Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur. During these 10 days, Christ will battle the enemies of God. Wickedness will be overthrown. God's Law will be reinstated.

10TH DAY OF TISHREI—THE DAY OF ATONEMENT/YOM KIPPUR

On this wonderful day, repentant 21st century nations of Israel will have their sins atoned for along with all of the people from the nations who repented during the Great Tribulation. God's law on this day is active. It will bring into judgement all of the wicked and they will be destroyed. The weeds will be gathered and burned. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age" (Matthew 13:40).



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"The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels" (Matthew 13:39).

Satan and his offspring will all be destroyed. "But you [Satan] are cast out of your grave like a rejected branch, covered by those slain with the sword, and dumped into a rocky pit like a carcass trampled underfoot. You will not join them in burial, since you have destroyed your land and slaughtered your own people. The offspring of the wicked will never again be mentioned. Prepare a place to slaughter his sons for the iniquities of their forefathers. They will never rise up to possess a land or cover the earth with their cities" (Isaiah 14:19-22).

God's people are atoned on Tishrei 10, the same day of the year the Jubilee is proclaimed. God's people will be officially free from the slavery of sin. All legal penalties paid, all illegal powers overthrown.

TEN FINGERS AND TEN TOES

God created mankind male and female. Both have ten fingers and ten toes given so that they could write God's law in their hearts and remain balanced as they walk in His ways.

It is God's law, symbolized in the number ten, that deals with *ALL legal matters* that will bring divine order and eternal peace and totally destroy rebel chaos and selfishness.



THE JOURNEY THAT TOOK 40 YEARS

“They returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days”

(Numbers 13:25).

It wasn't at the completion of seven days or in three days, but after forty days spying out the Promised Land that the twelve spies brought back a report. Only Joshua and Caleb had faith and trust in God and reported favourably of the overthrowing of the giants living there. Only they were close to God.

Despite all of the many miracles that God did for them, all of them except for Joshua and Caleb still did not have a relationship of trust in God. These people will be resurrected back into their physical bodies at the beginning of the Millennium, along with the Israelites like them who lived warring against God throughout the generations. They will be given God's Holy Spirit and they will be given a complete and full amount of time to mature spiritually and draw close to the Creator God of all creation. The story is told in the imagery of numbers.

Prophesied, these wayward people will repent. “No longer will Jacob [the carnal Israelites—people who have not overcome] be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale. When they see among them their children, the work of my hands, they will keep my name holy; they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel [God of the overcomers]. Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction” (Isaiah 29:22-24).

Their children are the resurrected first born of mortals who are in reverence to God, obeying Him, trusting Him and elated that He is their God and they are His people.

Strategically woven into the number forty are tests and trials for mankind designed to stimulate spiritual growth that provides mechanisms to find the way to God that brings spiritual healing and an intimate relationship with Him.

CHRIST WAS CLOSE TO GOD, BEFORE HE BEGAN HIS MINISTRY.

For 40 days and 40 nights Jesus fasted in the wilderness. He was walking and talking with God. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, he was a powerhouse of spiritual strength. He was ready to begin his ministry that would enable our spiritual healing, producing in us—a new man, necessary before entering into the presence of our righteous, heavenly Father. The foolish tempter who often uses physical needs and desires to lure believers away from the spiritual truths and ways of God, failed to entice Jesus. God's plan to save mankind will not fail.

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry” (Matthew 4:1).

Despite Jesus' physical hunger, he was filled—with God's Holy Spirit and the word of God. He made it possible for our spiritual filling. Through the receiving of God's Holy Spirit, feasting on the word of God and living the way of God, enables mankind to enter into God's kingdom as His adopted children—part of the Eternal, Great, Royal, Ruling, Holy Family of God Almighty.

The wilderness is the image God uses of the place that will bring people close to Him. It is a treacherous place, stressful and difficult. It is a place that will strengthen the righteous. The imagery God uses of the woman clothed in the sun and the moon under her feet wearing a crown of twelve stars escapes to the wilderness from the torrent of water from the dragon. There she is protected for 42 months (Revelation 12:6). This woman is the righteous and faithful church; the wilderness is the testing site that leads her into perfection.

AFTER HIS RESURRECTION—NOW VERY CLOSE TO HIS FATHER, MOMENTS FROM RETURNING, CHRIST PREPARED HIS FOLLOWERS FOR 40 DAYS BRINGING THEM CLOSER TO GOD.

After the crucifixion and resurrection, Christ spent 40 days meeting with his disciples and preparing them to bring the Gentile ten tribes back into the fold, so they can fulfill their job of taking the message of the kingdom of God to the whole world. From this renewal, a small group of people gathered believing that Christ is the Messiah, that the resurrection of the righteous is sure, and the way of God is right and true.



“After His suffering, He presented Himself to them with many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a span of *forty days* and spoke about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3).

Christ's work on earth was finished 40 days after his death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit arrived 50 days later on the first day of Pentecost, seeding the spiritual healing for all of mankind.



GOD CLEANSED THE EARTH IN FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS OF RAIN.

God caused the great flood that cleansed the earth of wickedness preserving only eight people. Noah and his family were protected. They were the new beginning for mankind. For 40 days and 40 nights, Noah and his family along with selected animals were saved in the ark. As the rain poured and the waters rose, the ark was brought closer to the heavens. It was a natural result that brought the small remnant and their home on the water higher and higher, closer to God. Forty days and forty nights of God's judgement in the form of a flood sentenced the wicked to death. Noah was judged before the flood and he and his family found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

“In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark” (Genesis 7:11-13).

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD” (Genesis 6:8).

While the earth was being cleansed by a worldwide catastrophe, those preserved were brought close to God.

“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the water increased they lifted the ark above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water” (Genesis 7:17-18).

NOAH WAITED 40 DAYS AFTER IT RAINED BEFORE HE OPENED THE WINDOW IN THE ARK.

Noah and his family remained covered sending out a raven, then a dove to determine the water level. When the dove did not return, he removed the covering of the ark and saw a cleansed new world. Forty days they waited for the waters to subside.

“And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made” (Genesis 8:6).

During their time waiting for land to appear, they were brought down back on earth, spiritually strengthened and rejuvenated, ready to restore the way of God and re-populate the earth with God-fearing and God-obeying people. This remnant was humble before God and offered a sacrifice, which pleased God and He promised never to destroy mankind and living creatures again with a flood.

“Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: ‘Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done’” (Genesis 8:20-21).

“Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth... I will establish a covenant with you... Never again will all life be cut off by waters of a flood to destroy the earth... the sign of the covenant is the rainbow in the clouds’” (Genesis 9:1-16).

MOSES—FOR 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS COVERED IN A CLOUD, WAS TAUGHT BY GOD THE COMMANDMENTS, STATUES, AND ORDINANCES. HE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO GOD DURING THOSE 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS—VERY CLOSE TO GOD.

During the 40 days and 40 nights, Moses was taught the complete law of God, returning



with the 10 Commandments written on two stone tablets.

“Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights” (Exodus 24:18).

Moses was prepared to restore the law of God and bring a spiritual healing to the people of Israel. God’s law written on two tablets of stone provides a guaranteed witness that God’s law works to establish order, peace and prosperity.

“So, he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments” (Exodus 34:28).

ELIJAH—FOR 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS WALKED TO MOUNT HOREB TO STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD—CLOSE TO GOD.

Filled with strength from God, Elijah sustained the walk without food or water to climb Mt. Horeb. There, he was prepared for the task to lead the people of Israel back to God.



“So, he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God” (I Kings 19:8).

Elijah was discouraged and his life threatened by the Israelites, he said to God “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too” (I Kings 19:14).

GOD'S JUDGEMENT AND RESTORATION:

God provided encouragement for Elijah and prophesied details of the job He would give to him. It was one that will not be completed in his physical lifetime, but completed by him none the less. "The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him'" (I Kings 19:15-18).

Elijah has unfinished business. God vows, "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel [both houses: Judah and Israel]. See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse'" (Malachi 4:4-5).

It is thought by some that John, the Baptist fulfilled Malachi 4:4-5, but John, the Baptist did not say that he was called to fulfill Malachi 4. The Jews in Jerusalem sent the priests and the Levites to identify the role of John, the Baptist.

"And this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, 'Who are you?'"

He did not refuse to confess, but openly declared, "I am not the Christ."

"Then who are you?" they inquired. "Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

So they said to him, "Who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet: "I am a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord'" (John 1:19-23).

John, the Baptist's role was to baptize repentant people to prepare them for the ministry of Jesus. Elijah will prepare the people during a time of great distress when supernatural events and miracles become a daily occurrence. During the latter days of this evil age, Elijah will appear and finish the commission given to him.

JONAH—FOR 40 DAYS WARNED THE NINEVITES OF THEIR DESTRUCTION IF THEY DO NOT REPENT OF THEIR VIOLENCE AND EVIL WAYS.

The Ninevites were cruel Assyrians and one of ancient Israel's worst enemies who touted their supremacy and bragged of their military triumphs. And yet, God had compassion on them and He extended them grace and gives grace to anyone who repents of their sins. God does not

judge with bias. His people are not favoured over the people of the nations. In contrast, God will punish His people double for their sins because they have been given His law and the oracles. An oxymoron in the truest sense, even the people of Nineveh on judgement day, will stand against God's people who reject Him. The Ninevites knew and feared the supreme God better than the wicked generation of God's people during Jesus' life on earth and into the present.

"On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: 'Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!'" (Jonah 3:4)

The people of the city of Nineveh listened and feared the God of Israel. They acknowledged Him as the supreme God and that they were sinning against Him. He accepted their humbled repentance and extended them grace and life.

Jesus said, "The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth" (Jonah 3:5).

The whole city repented and God had compassion on them. They were not destroyed but received spiritual healing through God's grace.



Their repentance as a people without God's Holy Spirit is a marvellous event that Jesus highlighted when he condemned the rebellious Jews in Judah.

"The people of Nineveh will also stand up against this generation on judgement day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent" (Luke 11:32).

ANCIENT ISRAEL—FOR 40 YEARS THEY WANDERED THE WILDERNESS BEFORE ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND.

It took the full forty years to cleanse ancient Israel of the generation of unbelievers who despite the many miracles they witnessed, still did not believe in the supremacy of the God of Israel and His love for them.



“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will this people treat Me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in Me, despite all the signs I have performed among them?’”
(Numbers 14:11)

While the unbelieving died during the walk through the wilderness, their children matured and lived to enter the glorious land promised to them. They embraced God’s law, kept His Holy Days, and vowed to keep His ways. God fought their enemies with them; together, they won. They were close.

The children of the unbelievers of Israel vowed to serve the God of Israel—the Almighty God.

“It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our forefathers up out of Egypt... performed those great signs before our eyes. Protected us on our entire journey... the LORD drove out before us all the nations... He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. ‘If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.’ But the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the LORD.’ Then Joshua said, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.’ ‘Yes, we are witnesses,’ they replied... ‘We will serve the LORD our God and obey him’”
(Joshua 24:17-22, 24).



The unbelievers of ancient Israel didn't know their God. Desire to live with Him in a promised land was easily thwarted. Seen through their carnal mind, the promised land was just another place where they will die. The giant obstacles were all seen too big for their God to overthrow and they assumed that their God was plotting to kill them along the way, despite the wonderful saving miracles He performed solely for them. In great contrast to these ancient Israelites, people of great faith lived in the past and live into the present who without a single miracle believe in the supremacy and greatness of the God of Israel and they love Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength.

The work of our Creator goes beyond the wisdom of man. His use of numbers is woven into His handiwork with exquisite precision. He threads them as mysteries and binds them securely in His timeline, in our story, in His gifts, in our correction, in His rewards, and in our obedience.

The number 40 is used to confirm a completion in testing, a period of judging, the work of restoration and hope that culminates in an intimately close relationship with God. Learn from the city of Nineveh and don't wait for the fulfillment of 40; repent now and draw close to God.

CLOTHING—A SYMBOLIC COVERING

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience”
(Colossians 3:12).

God’s coded language uses clothing as the holy covering imaging righteousness and all of the different qualities that dresses righteousness into a radiant beauty.

Adam and Eve, when created were covered in a glorious radiant glow. When they sinned, that holy covering disappeared and they were left naked. They were ashamed and sought to cover themselves.

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves” (Genesis 3:7).

The expression “their eyes were opened” is their realization that they sinned. Adam’s mistake was different to Eve’s error. Their nakedness is the imagery of the revelation of their wrong choice that led to their unrighteous action.

Adam and Eve recognized that once they sinned, they needed a covering. While they tried to cover themselves, only God Almighty could provide the appropriate clothing that could redeem them.

The LORD God was walking in the garden and noticed them hiding. They admitted to their mistakes and He made garments of skin and clothed them (Genesis 3:21).

The only covering that could redeem them was a perfect, sinless Son of God whose blood would pay the legal debit for their sins. Though it appears there were attempts by other sons in heaven, only one Son qualified and is the only heir to God’s kingdom. The story of Abraham is a mirror of this moment in heavenly history. Abraham’s first son, Ishmael born from Sarah’s handmaid, Hagar was a legal heir, his firstborn son, but Hagar and Ishmael were sent away upon Sarah’s request and God’s approval because Isaac was destined by God to be the only heir to Abraham’s kingdom in the making.



Sarah was protecting the family inheritance and said, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac” (Genesis 21:10). These words may seem harsh but from the spiritual view, the congregations birthed out of any church enslaved in paganism will not receive the inheritance of eternal life. Only congregations born again out of the theological teachings of the pure word of God, His ways and keeping His laws will enter into eternal life and become the adopted children of God.

Ismael and Isaac were not the only sons of Abraham. He married Keturah after Sarah died and her six sons did not receive an inheritance from Abraham. Though Abraham had eight sons, only Isaac was the heir to his kingdom in the making.

Isaac imaged Jesus Christ who has brought all of mankind back to life.

God provided a re-enactment of the future sacrifice of His Son through Abraham. He said to him, “Take your son, *your only son*, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you” (Genesis 22:2).

The Apostle Paul reinforced Abraham’s understanding of only one heir to the kingdom and Abraham’s faith that despite possible loss of life of Isaac, God’s plan for Isaac and all of mankind would prove well.

“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice *his one and only son*, even though God had said to him, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ *Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death*” (Hebrews 11:17-19).

These verses confirm Isaac as the only legal heir despite Abraham having eight sons. Only the son born from Sarah who images a perfectly righteous theological body—was destined to inherit the kingdom. So, only the Son of God with the complete knowledge, practicing God Almighty’s righteous theological ways will inherit God’s kingdom. That Son of God is Jesus Christ already coronated as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Christ is the covering for mankind. Each person living in righteousness reflects the different, beautiful qualities of God.

- Righteous people devoted to God who live according to God’s laws have a covering of fine linen. A linen covering has the characteristics of godliness and good deeds.

“She has been given *the finest of pure white linen to wear. For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people*” (Revelation 19:8).

The Apostle John reminds believers, “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate before the Father—Jesus

Christ, the Righteous One. He Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world” (I John 2:1-2).

Linen is made from flax, which is harvested in Spring. It is one of the earliest known textile materials in an abundance in ancient Egypt. When Joseph was appointed by Pharaoh as ruler, he was given garments of linen (Genesis 41:42). Linen, when bleached becomes a vibrant white. White is a colour imaging purity, resistant to spoil. The righteousness of the saints describes a redeemed people who live God’s way, keep His laws and withstand the pressures of Wickedness. These people image those who will be in the first resurrection—the Spring harvest. They exercise the characteristics of God that Jesus Christ demonstrates perfectly.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, *clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience*” (Colossians 3:12).

God use of imagery is throughout the Bible. “I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels” (Isaiah 61:10).



Without being covered by Jesus Christ, our good works are imaged as filthy coverings. Described by Isaiah as “filthy rages” the ones women use during their menstrual cycle.

“And we are all become as one unclean, and all our justices as the rag of a menstruous woman: and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Douay-Rheims Bible Isaiah 64:6).

This description may appear like a strike against women, but the image is purely to describe vividly God’s view of the loss He feels when the priesthood fails at conceiving a congregation fit for God’s kingdom and their spiritual life is lost. This happens when they are not preaching the pure word of God to such an extent that spiritual conception does not take place. Their garments are filthy, that is, permanently stained.

- Clothing made from fabric of specific colours such as purple, blue and scarlet are also indicators of royalty, holiness and behaviour of great value. These colours set on white linen image the Saviour of mankind—the high priest of God. The holy garments specified by God are prophetic, trumpeting His salvation plan in vivid detail.

“Moreover, from the blue and purple and scarlet material, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, just as the Lord had commanded Moses” (Exodus 39:1).

The colour purple was difficult to make and kept solely for royal use in ancient times. Those holding important leadership roles wore a purple robe. Daniel was given a purple robe when he interpreted the writing on the wall. “The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, ‘Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third ruler in the kingdom’” (Daniel 5:7).

- The special role of the priest requires them to dress specifically as God has instructed.

We see this in Ezekiel a future time under Christ’s rule. “It shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and wool shall not be on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house. Linen turbans shall be on their heads and linen undergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything which makes them sweat. When they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments so that they will not transmit holiness to the people with their garments” (Ezekiel 44:17-19).

Only through Jesus Christ can the ministry rear a congregation fit for God’s kingdom. The priesthood must not deviate from the instructions given to them because any deviation points to a different plan of salvation, one not of God.

- A covering of sackcloth is the image of humility.

KING AHAB ruled in weakness and lived in sin. There was a moment, however, in King Ahab’s life when he humbled himself before God because he heard that it was said that he was the worst king in Israel’s history who had sold himself to do evil. Gossip echoed across the land that his behaviour was of the vilest manner. King Ahab was ashamed and upset. “It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently” (I Kings 21:27). God acknowledged his response and said, “I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son” (I Kings 21:29b).

JOB was an example of a man who truly humbled himself with unrelenting desire to understand the reasoning of his infliction. God allowed Satan to test him and that testing brought riches in understanding for Job that few ever reach. His ancient story reveals a time when there were God-fearing people. Job was one.

His story begins suddenly. Out-of-the-blue, he loses everything. Immediately, he clothed himself in sackcloth to come before God knowing that his misfortune was a direct result of something allowed by God (Job 16:15). He set the stage for dialogue with God. His God-fearing friends came to visit him and he entered into a long discussion with them that brought in Almighty God. Ancient Israel chose to revel in sin and the God of Israel urged them to enter into a discussion with Him. “‘Come now, let us reason together,’ says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will become like wool’” (Isaiah 1:18).

Reasoning with God will bring understanding. God told ancient Israel that their behaviour will change when they reason with Him and come to understand their sins. Job understood the value of talking with God. While lying in dust and ashes, an image illustrating his mindset of being insignificant dust, he talked to God. Dust coupled with ashes illustrates both insignificance and destruction. God will destroy those who refuse to repent; they are destined to become ashes.

“Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty” (Malachi 4:3).

Job reasoned with his friends and later, the God of Israel.

Humility opens the self-reflective lens of life. Clothed in humility, Job listened and learned.

Job came see God in all His greatness. He overcame and God blessed him, like a firstborn son, with a double portion of what he had before. Suffering refines, purges and perfects. God allowed Satan to perfect Job, while Satan thought he was destroying him.



Jonah was sent to **THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH** by God to warn them of their destruction for their wicked ways. Looking forward to ending this great city of people, Jonah hesitated to warn them but eventually, gave into God after being vomited out of the great fish. He walked three days throughout the city warning the king and all the people. Three days marked God's seal on the warning event. The king ordered every person to put on sackcloth, including himself and he sat in ashes.

"Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the ashes. He issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water" (Jonah 3:5-9).



The king, the royal family and every man, woman, child and beast put on sackcloth and fasted. They understood their behaviour was wrong. They also understood the covering needed to get the attention of the God of the Hebrews while calling out for forgiveness and grace. God accepted their repentance and did not destroy them at that time.

- Unrighteous behaviour is imaged as nakedness.

The Laodicea group of people, likely a mixture from many Judo-Christian synagogues and churches, don't realize that they are not following Christ and living the way of God. They think they are more than okay; they think they need nothing. They think they understand scriptures and conclude that they do not need further instruction. Their confidence is remarkable. They do not see that their actions are carnal and their relationship with God is very under-developed.

"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire

so that you may become rich, white garments so that you may be clothed and your shameful nakedness not exposed, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see” (Revelation 3:17-18).

Jesus described them as naked. They do not have a covering at all. This spiritual picture illustrates a group of people who are not following Christ. They are leading through their own interpretation of scripture with a bold confidence causing their congregation to remain babes in Christ not knowing the difference between right and wrong. In Revelation, Jesus is urging them to let him into their life and begin trading with him, exchanging their sinful ways for righteousness so they will be covered in pristine white garments.

- Deceitful people pretend to be a friend. Their outward behaviour appears harmless and warming. But, they put on a very sneaky act in order to manipulate. God refers to these types of people as wearing sheep’s clothing, but inside, their heart is like a wolf, ferocious and wild.



“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

Jesus calls his followers “sheep’ and he is their Shepherd. Judo-Christians have only one Shepherd, One teacher—Jesus Christ. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:21).

False prophets appear on the outside to be followers of Christ. They clothe themselves in an appearance of supporting right decisions and leading to righteousness, but their actions reveal carnal and selfish motives.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers” (John 10:1-42).

Foreknown by the prophets in ancient times was the arrival a Messiah, the Good Shepherd. “He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young” (Isaiah 40:11).

The wolves among the sheep will be separated on Judgement Day. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21-23).

These wolves in sheep clothing may have thought they were following Christ. They were even performing miracles. But, what went wrong for them? They were workers of lawlessness! They did not keep God’s law rather decided for themselves how they would live.

The faithful servants of God will be admitted into the wedding supper of the Lamb. But many will be shut out because they won’t be ready due to their lack spiritual maturity, commitment to God, and empty devotion and love for Him.

“After the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us.’ But he will reply, ‘I do not know where you are from’” (Luke 13:25).

Characteristics of the wolves in sheep clothing:

- People who lap up power and self-glory.
- People who lack humility and spiritual growth.
- People who subordinate their congregation.
- People who lack the fruit of the spirit.

These wolves—false teachers are detectable through their actions—their behaviour reveals their unrighteousness; they have no covering.

“By their fruit you will recognize them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?” (Matthew 7:16) These people are thornbushes and thistles. Prickly people who bear no good works—no fruit. “As the old proverb says, ‘Wickedness proceeds from the wicked’” (1 Samuel 24:13).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:23).

COLOUR-CODED PROOFS COMPLEMENT THE WORD OF GOD

*“Now Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons,
because Joseph had been born to him in his old age;
so, he made him a robe of many colors”
(Genesis 37:3).*

Joseph’s story is a mirror of Jesus Christ. As Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph, God reveals how He loves His beloved Son, Jesus. Loved by Israel because Joseph was born in his old age. It points to the birth of mankind’s Saviour born in the latter third of this evil age. Though Almighty God does not age, the end of the age of mortal man brings the completion of God’s family, which will begin a new era—a timeless era, post judgement, where only the righteous in both heaven and earth will exist. Joseph’s covering of many colours is a mirror of the many achievements of the Son of God in heaven and on earth, now coronated King of all kings and Lord of all lords—the wearer of many crowns.

“Then I saw heaven standing open, and there before me was a white horse. And its rider is called Faithful and True. With righteousness He judges and wages war. He has eyes like blazing fire, and **many royal crowns on His head**. He has a name written on Him that only He Himself knows” (Revelation 19:11-12).



JOSEPH and JESUS

One mirrors the other, a foretelling



Through people on earth, God is telling the spiritual story. Mankind has only witnessed the birth of Jesus, his ministry and death. All of the Son’s achievements in heaven are invisible

except for the imagery, the mirroring, the parallel stories, the reflections carefully woven in the scriptures preserved in the Bible unveiling the transparency of God's leadership. He will not allow important history both in heaven and on earth to be smudged out. He will declare through all forms of communication the respect and honour He has for His beloved Son, radiating out in all colours seen and unseen by the human eye.

RED

The Jerusalem Prayer Team provide an insightful view into the importance of understanding the multi-level meanings in God's writing style. They offer an understanding into the spiritual connection of the colour red. "The color link to the story of creation and its key word 'adam' comes by the word 'adom,' red... The name 'Adam' (Adam, man), and the two words that are directly related to it: a•da•ma (earth, soil, ground) and 'dam,' 'blood'; sound almost identical... The close connection between the physical, perceptual elements becomes now even tighter: red, adom is the color of dam, blood. The chain: Adam-adama-dam-adom, men-ground-blood-red is the metaphorical mirror of God's language in the physical word."

<https://hebrew.jerusalemprayerteam.org/red/>

The creation of the first man, made from the red earth is a very simplistic account of the human body and the brilliance of its design, engineering and architecture. In simple terms, Moses wrote, "Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).



Inside the human body, red blood flows. God said, “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life” (Leviticus 17:11).

Red is the colour God gave to blood imaging both life and death. The rider on the red horse in Revelation 6 does not bring life, but mirrors the taking of life through war (Revelation 6:4).

The man among the myrtle trees riding the red horse described in Zechariah 1:8 is a life bringer; his blood paid the price for the sins for all of mankind.

The Old Testament sacrifices painted a graphic image for the ancient Israelites’ of the importance of the consequences of sin, the penalty, the payment that satisfies our Creator and finally, a fellowship offering that all work together to foster a relationship of unity with God. While these sacrifices could not pay the penalty of the sins of the people, they were a foreshadow of things to come described throughout the pages of the New Testament of the One who can and does pay the penalty for mankind.



All of the sacrifices involve a male animal except for one where God commands the sacrifice of a red heifer. God is very specific about which red heifer could be accepted as a sacrifice. The female cow could not be used as a work animal or having worn a yoke and must be without blemish. This special sacrifice was teaching ancient Israel about how they can cleanse and purify themselves when exposed to the dead. The “dead” God was most concerned about was the

spiritually dead and the harmful and destructive influence these people have on those around them. In the physical world, to be cleansed from the exposure of the dead, the ashes of the red heifer in water was sprinkled on the individual.

“Put some ashes from the burned purification offering into a jar and pour fresh water over them. Then a man who is ceremonially clean is to take some hyssop, dip it in the water and sprinkle . . . anyone who has touched a human bone or a grave or anyone who has been killed or anyone who has died a natural death” (Numbers 19:17–18).

But truly, God is most concerned about people poisoned by evil thoughts and wicked practices. Spiritual cleansing takes place through the mirroring of the sacrifice of the red heifer.

The sacrifice of the red heifer takes place outside of the camp. Toxic spiritual behaviour is never allowed in God’s holy tabernacle. Outside the camp away from God, the sacrifice takes place.

During the burning of the animal, the priest added some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool. The scarlet wool is an image of the blood of a pure covering, which is Jesus Christ.

“Among the lampstands was One like the Son of Man, dressed in a long robe, with a golden sash around His chest. The hair of His head was white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like a blazing fire” (Revelation 1:13-14).

The ashes from the red heifer were carefully collected, stored securely outside the camp and added to water to cleanse and purify those who touch a dead body. God is determined to reinforce the importance of remaining purified from sin. Either not sinning at all—not yet the ability for mortals, so, being purified by the ashes of a red heifer is the only method available until the resurrection when death is no more.

The female gender is used by God to image a religious body in contrast to those who hold national, state or civic leadership responsibilities. Jesus Christ is both king (national leader) and high priest (religious body). The purification of the contamination from a dead body mirrors how believers can be purified from the penalty and corruption of sin from the constant exposure of living in sin during this evil age. A red heifer is a rare birth, which is not a surprise as it is rare to find a faithful and pure church. The death of the blemish-free red heifer foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ who was killed outside of the camp—crucified outside of Jerusalem and his blood saves mankind from the contamination of death—the penalty and corruption of sin. He images in the red heifer, the religious body that saves.

“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:11).

He is the high priest of the church mirrored in the selection of a blemish-free red female young animal. Accepting Christ’s sacrifice allows believers to be cleansed and purified by the faithful and pure church which remains outside the camp during this evil age, until Christ returns and

wickedness on earth is overthrown. The imagery is layers deep; red—sacrificial blood, young heifer—the young church cleansed and purified by the blood of Christ; the church—Christ is the head and the believers are the body seen through the eyes of Almighty God as a virgin—O Virgin Israel.

BLUE

A special story was recorded in the gospels of a woman suffering from a constant flow of blood for twelve years. She learned when Jesus would come to her area. She was seeking healing and she knew she could touch the hem of his coat and be healed. The hem was blue and on each of the four corners, a blue and white tassel known as a Tzitzit was sewn.



In ancient times, all of Israel sewed tassels on the corners of garments. “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. Then you will remember and obey all My commandments, and you will be holy to your God’” (Numbers 15:38-40).

The Tzitzit was made with a blue cord. This colour represents God’s word and His commandments. God incorporated reminders in the clothing, their covering to remember His ways and live by them. Living His ways brings spiritual healing.

The healing of the woman was recorded in only two verses, but her story is volumes long. The woman suffering for twelve years with a constant flow of blood was considered by God’s law as unclean. She knew that she is unclean. Her presence among those following Jesus must be kept secret.

“When a woman has a discharge of her blood for many days at a time other than her menstrual period, or if it continues beyond her period, she will be unclean all the days of her unclean discharge, just as she is during the days of her menstruation” (Leviticus 15:25).

Spiritual uncleanness needing spiritual healing is acknowledging a life of sin. The loss of blood prevents a woman from conceiving. She could not have children. She was a shamed woman mirroring a church living in paganism and being unable to conceive a congregation let alone, birth a congregation fit for God’s kingdom. She was aware of her spiritual condition. This

awareness indicated that she was likely a woman from the Gentile ten-tribes of Israel. She remembered the significance of the Tzitzit. She believed that she would be healed by touching it because she believed that Jesus was the Messiah sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. By touching it, she was declaring her repentance and commitment to remembering and obeying God's commandments.

Her story is preserved in only two verses—a witness was done. Her story mirrors the repentance of the wayward ten-tribed church of Israel. They accepted Jesus immediately as their Saviour. They became known as the Christians who trumpet Jesus as their Messiah for now over 2,000 years.

It is not by accident that following the two verses of the story of a woman with a twelve-year bleeding issue that Jesus resurrects back to life a little girl twelve years old. The spiritual story is all about the power given to our Saviour from God to heal a wayward ministry and bring back to life a dead congregation.

The Apostle John said that Jesus did so much while he was on earth that all the books in the world would not be enough to record everything he did (John 21:25). Only a few of the voluminous stories were preserved. The story of the woman suffering with the flow of blood was an important story preserved by God to ensure the repentance of the church of the lost sheep of Israel would be remembered and their faith in their healing acknowledged.

The chord of blue healed the church, symbolizing God's word and His commandments. The blue garment worn by the priests is designed by God to remind His people of their calling, a holy kingdom of priests. Looking up, the colour of the sky seen on earth is blue not by random coincidence but by design.

WHITE

The first horse to ride out after Jesus opened the seals was the white horse holding a bow and wearing a crown. Unfortunately, this white horse, in this case, is not pure. It is the story of false religion—the weapon of a bow and a crown—the authority to deceive. Satan leads the world in false religion.

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you used to walk when you conformed to the ways of this world and of the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit who is now at work in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

In ancient times when God was interacting with His people, they turned away from His righteous ways. He urged them to reason with Him.

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord, “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

Their sins were scarlet red—spiritual death, yet repentance will change their behaviour and they will be a radiant white. Living God’s pure religion creates a covering of brightness and glory visible to everyone. Wayward mortals look into the night sky and are impressed by the starry heavens. They decorate their celebrations with fireworks, bright lights and dazzling arrays of colour mixed with glitter and sparkles because light is beautiful. God compares His truth, His word to earthly lights and still mortal man has difficulty putting the two concepts together. And yet, in their distress, they appreciate the kindness they receive from good people as they would appreciate a light in a fearful dark unknown. Distress awakens people living in a small, self-centred world. Suffering is inevitable.

A time of great trouble is on the near horizon. God will purify His people during Jacob’s trouble. Purification by fire is coming and it will either destroy them or purify them. The choice will be theirs. “And some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time” (Daniel 11:35).

Jesus urges the churches of Revelation to overcome and live righteously before God. “Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels” (Revelation 3:4-5).

White is the colour that symbolizes purity—one without sin. Righteous actions are a clothing of white, fine linen. “It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints” (Revelation 19:8).

The great distress to befall on mankind will cause many to repent. “Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb’” (Revelation 7:13-14).

Christ’s army in heaven is arrayed in white. These are countless righteous angels. “And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses” (Revelation 19:14).

Like his army, Christ is an image of white glory. “The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire” (Revelation 1:14).

Peter witnessed Christ’s transfiguration; his glory was an astounding sight. “And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white” (Luke 9:29).

Almighty God is an image of great luminosity. “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire” (Daniel 7:9).

God’s clothing is white as snow reflecting His perfect righteous behaviour—His faultless wisdom that leads to perfect decisions, righteous actions imaging a covering of radiant white glory. His throne is comprised of fiery cleansing flames with wheels of burning fire purifying in every movement.



Colours tell a story. People in the know use them. A time came when the house of Judah, the Jews, during their exile came under attack by Haman, one of King Xerxes’s top royal officials because Mordecai, the uncle of Queen Esther, would not kneel and honour him. Haman despised Mordecai and plotted to kill not only Mordecai but all the Jews. He obtained a decree from the king. This alarmed Mordecai who immediately tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes. The news also distressed Queen Esther for she was a Jew. She declared a fast.

The dramatic story erupts into many twists and turns during which, the Hebrew God extended His arm to influence the outcome. No matter what vile Haman did to promote himself, he was shamed and finally killed on the gallows that he made for Mordecai.



The story was concluded with Mordecai promoted and honoured wearing royal robes of blue and white. These colours are known to represent the righteous actions of keeping God’s commandments and living His way.

“Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced” (Esther 8:15).



Three colours tell an interesting story of the believer’s journey. Red, blue on white, paint a picture of mankind’s need to accept Christ’s redemptive sacrifice and receive God’s Holy Spirit so that they can fully keep His word and His commandments and only then, can they be covered with a glorified body of white radiance.

God's flag could be a radiance of pure white or a red, blue and white flag acknowledging the two important steps for mankind before being transformed into glorified beings for all eternity. It could also have a border of royal purple and a precious gold. Or, it could simply be a flag that symbolizes the completion of the work of His hands. His creation glorified, holy, royal, ruling family-kingdom from creation in heaven and on earth.

PURPLE

The colour purple is often used in royal garments. This is a result of its rarity in ancient times. The city of Phoenicia in Tyre made their infamous Tyrian purple from one of the species of sea snails. It was a tedious process of cracking the shell of the snail, extracting the purple-producing mucus, exposing it to sunlight for a specific amount of time and the result was a stunning, long-lasting shade of purple. It was valued with gold and set aside for royal use only.



Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot arrays herself in purple.

“The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls. She held in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality” (Revelation 17:4).

She considers herself a queen.

“As much as she has glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her the same measure of torment and grief. In her heart she says, ‘I sit as queen; I am not a widow and will never see grief’” (Revelation 18:7).

In doing so, the great harlot who glorifies herself trumpets her rarity, her one-of-a-kind preciousness. Riding the beast and coupling her influence with its power and strength to rule, she is convinced that now she will sit forever on a throne. She is mistaken.

GOD'S TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

God gave the ancient Israelites specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle in the wilderness and the materials to use, including the colours of those materials.

“Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman” (Exodus 26:1).

God symbolized His ten commandments in the number of curtains. By making them from linen, He is stating that the application of His commandments will result in righteous behaviour. "And it was given to her that she should be clothed in bright, pure, fine linen. For the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" (Revelation 19:8).

Choosing colours: blue, purple and scarlet symbolizes the importance of keeping God's commandments, which can only be truly kept with the in-pouring of God's Holy Spirit, which is accessible only to those who accept the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ, symbolized in the colour red and upon their resurrection and transformation will become royal members of God's eternal family-kingdom.

The same message is applied to the veil that separates the Holy of Holies from the Holy place. The veil was made from "blue, purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen" (Exodus 26:31-32).

"Make a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely spun linen, with cherubim skillfully worked into it. Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood, overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases" (Exodus 26:31-32).

The picture of God's temple filled with His perfection, holy presence in righteousness is trumpeted in every aspect of God's teachings to His people.

God's temple in the wilderness is an engineer's feat, intricately detailing every aspect of the Judo-Christian's walk into oneness with God symbolized in the dimensions, the materials, the colours, the items, the number of rooms and the sacrificial components outside.

THE HOLY GARMENTS

Like the tabernacle, the clothing of the priests was designed with equal detail reflecting God's determination to teach His people the importance of His commandments, having His Holy Spirit and accepting Christ's sacrifice.

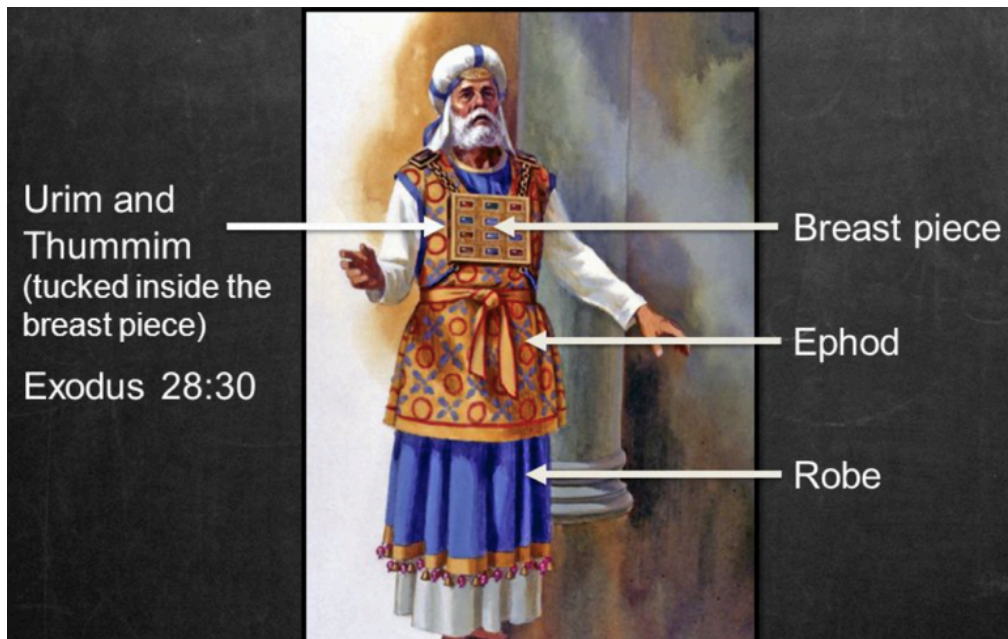
"Fashion a breast piece for making decisions—the work of skilled hands. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen" (Exodus 28:15).

Wise judgement is precious, symbolized in gold and impossible without God's Holy Spirit symbolized in blue. It is interwoven with purple and scarlet yarn symbolizing the unique Son and only Son who could sacrifice his life in payment of our sins.

The ephod worn by the high priest is also made of gold, blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen (Exodus 28:6). The ephod, worn by the high priest, with the twelve precious stones symbolizes God's people repentant and precious being a significant part in the picture of pure religion. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. He will wear the holy garments of

the high priest in God's eternal kingdom. The twelve tribes of Israel will be instrumental in the role of priests serving God in His kingdom.

The robe of the ephod is made of all blue. It is symbolic of God's priests being filled with His Holy Spirit covering them completely. "On the hem you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, around its hem, with bells and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe" (Exodus 28:33).



The hem of pomegranates symbolize spiritual virility as this fruit is full of seeds. The golden bells mirror the movement of the high priest who on earth is not yet seen but heard.

The clothing of God's priests showcases God's royalty and His perfect standard of living righteously: being filled with God's Holy Spirit, humbly accepting the sacrifice of Christ and being prepared to sacrifice yourself to save others. This is a rare individual, like Christ, God's only Son who could sacrifice himself to save mankind. The twelve tribes of Israel will have precious roles in the establishing and fortifying of righteousness on earth.



EYES, EARS, HEART and WALK

“Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not”

(Jeremiah 5:21).

God often describes choices in life made by mankind as a journey stumbling along, often blind, deaf and dumb. This journey and all of the difficulties it brings is a direct result of not knowing Him, His law and ways and living them. There is a reason for this.

The Apostle Paul said, “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned” (I Corinthians 2:14).

Understanding God’s world requires having God’s Holy Spirit. His highly complex supernatural world exists outside of the physical world of man. Mankind needs special eyes to see, special ears to be able to distinguish between good and evil, a special heart of flesh full of compassion kindness and goodness and God’s wisdom so that we walk towards God, never wandering off into darkness.

EYES to SEE

The eyes are mankind’s main part of the human anatomy used to guide movements, avoid obstacles and walk towards the goal.

Jesus said, “For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind” (John 9:39).

The religious leaders at the time of Jesus, were highly knowledgeable of their history and the writings of Torah and the prophets. They were also highly trained and disciplined. It would appear from the outside that they were the finest examples of keeping God’s law and applying it. They were considered by the ordinary man and woman as having the eyes to understand spiritual matters. Jesus saw them for who they really



were—a self-righteous leadership holding to the traditions of the elders and forgoing the teachings of God.

For that reason, Jesus said that he came into this world to blind these types of arrogant people and instead, he opened the eyes of the humble, teachable, ordinary man and woman.

The religious leaders moved the pendulum away from balanced into extreme self-righteousness. Their pride and arrogance became their blinders limiting their understanding of anything beyond their established and sanctioned traditions.

Jesus quoted the prophetic words of Isaiah, “They worship Me in vain; they teach as doctrine the precepts of men. You have disregarded the commandment of God to keep the tradition of men” (Mark 7:7-8).

Jesus had a difficult time correcting the religious leaders during his time. In all of their proclaimed righteousness and their attention to detail by tithing to the leaf of herbs, yet, they planned and plotted his murder as their solution to someone disagreeing with them. Filled with hatred, their eyes were closed to the countless miracles he did, the healing he performed and his teaching of God’s way of love.

Recorded by the Apostle John, “Therefore, many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, ‘What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation’” (John 11:45-48).

The Pharisees were afraid that if the Jewish people started following Jesus and calling him King, the Roman government would feel threatened and destroy both the high positions they held and the whole Jewish nation. “Thou shalt not kill” was a law these Pharisees white-washed as they devised a plan justifying their actions, claiming that they were doing what was best for the people. But truly they were working to hold onto their own power and influence.

Many attempts were made on Jesus’ life. These ruthless religious leaders played the politician very well, putting on appearances, careful to keep secret their nefarious plans.

“When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, ‘You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to be crucified.’ Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and took counsel that they might take Jesus covertly and kill him. But they said, ‘Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people’” (Matthew 26:1-5).

Jesus was killed at the designated time. The religious leaders remained blind to their actions, blind to understanding God’s law and His ways, blind to their nakedness—their

unrighteousness. Unlike Job, who grew in spiritual understanding during his suffering and declared, “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You” (Job 42:5). Job’s relationship with God moved up into perfect view.

Pride, arrogance and hatred cause spiritual blindness. Misguided traditions, pressures from the crowd, trust in wayward leadership all add to spiritual blindness. God’s Holy Spirit is the daily cleansing agent essential to seeing and understanding spiritual matters.

EARS to HEAR

The ears of the human body provide supplementary information to the unseen. Pairing it with information coming from the eyes, wiser choices are made.

Frustrated by the disobedience of His people, God said, “Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear” (Jeremiah 5:21).

Almighty God, the most powerful being in all existence, the very Creator of all things, the God of all creation of whom all creation owes their every breath trumpeted to the disobedient houses: Judah and Israel, “Should you not fear me?” (Jeremiah 5:22a)

These people had become so familiar with their Great and long-suffering King that they lost all respect for the greatest wonder comprehensible to all creation—a being perfect and pure, loving and kind, graceful and enduring.

God Almighty added, “Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The wave may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it” (Jeremiah 5:22b).



The sea, with all its power, obeys its Great Creator. The sea also images the home of Wickedness who does not cross the boundaries established by God. And yet, His people violate His boundaries recklessly, like senseless drunkards.

When people reject truth, God's word and His law, the lessons are not learned from their mistakes because they see no wrongdoing from their choices. The harm done is blamed elsewhere, justified, ignored or considered a natural consequence. With many people all thinking the same way, it becomes right and the consequences a part of life.

"Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And *do you not remember?*" (Mark 8:18).

A willful refusal to see and acknowledge truth is an indicator of a variety of issues. For some, they harbour a rebellious spirit determined to hold onto selfish thinking that often leads to pride and arrogance, for some, it is fear and intimidation, and for others, a trust in corrupt leadership.

"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are *always resisting the Holy Spirit*; you are doing just as your fathers did" (Acts 7:51).

Typically, people follow the majority, listen to mainstream media and submit to "experts." Many people don't care to search out truth; they fear straying off the wide road of the masses. Worse still, it is prophesied that people will intentionally select a ministry bound to the whims of the congregation.

"For the time will come when *they will not endure sound doctrine*; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires" (II Timothy 4:3).

It begins by only wanting to hear doctrines that you favour and interpretation of scriptures that you like. By eating the poisonous fruit, bite-by-bite, it will lure these people into the depths of darkness where truth is hated and love is ridiculed. They will be transformed into the image of Wickedness where God's salvation plan for them is no longer available.

The Apostle Paul saw it coming. "The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the working of Satan, with every kind of power, sign, and false wonder, and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the truth that would have saved them. For this reason, God will send them a powerful delusion so that they believe the lie, in order that judgment may come upon all who have disbelieved the truth and delighted in wickedness" (II Thessalonians 2:9-12).

During the Great Tribulation, a great falling away will take place when people turn away from their faith in Almighty God and their gratefulness to their Saviour.

“Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to be easily disconcerted or alarmed by any spirit or message or letter seeming to be from us, alleging that the Day of the Lord has already come. Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness—the son of destruction—is revealed. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God... And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one who now restrains it will continue until he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay with the breath of His mouth and annihilate by the majesty of His arrival. The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the working of Satan, with every kind of power, sign, and false wonder, and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the truth that would have saved them” (II Thessalonians 2:1-4, 6-10).

This prophecy is a warning to all Judo-Christians of the importance of being ready spiritually to withstand the most terrifying and deceptive theological battle to ever stand before mankind. The “man of lawlessness” is already reduced to mortality in God’s eyes—a state on his near horizon. He is the “son of perdition”—a son, a family member, but unfortunately a **fallen** son of God. Only a spirit being could declare his godship and supremacy over all gods including Almighty God. It is the powerful Archangel Michael restraining him from going down to earth. It will require the nemesis of this raging, arrogant fallen being, the Son of God—the King of all kings and Lord of all lords, to destroy him. This spiritual battle will come down to earth causing the Great Tribulation that will unleash terrifying and terrible troubles onto God’s people and all of the nations on earth.

On a side note: Satan is destined for the same fate as the son of perdition. Isaiah recorded, “Those who see you will stare; they will ponder your fate: ‘Is this **the man** who shook the earth and made the kingdoms tremble, who turned the world into a desert and destroyed its cities, who refused to let the captives return to their homes?’” (Isaiah 14:16-17)

This is the morning star, son of the dawn. Like the “son of the perdition”, the “son of the dawn” will be cast down to the earth, the one “who once laid low the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12b)

The son of the perdition and the son of the dawn are the two leaders of the rogue, heavenly coalition out to depose Jesus Christ and Almighty God. A closer study of each of these characters is significant at this time. The son of the perdition can be identified with four key traits.

The son of the perdition

- Man of lawlessness = instrument of chaos, confusion, recklessness.
- The Antichrist = opposes and tries to subdue, overthrow Jesus Christ.
- The “little horn” = heavenly being who acquires rulership by force.
- The Assyrian = a cruel warrior of destruction.

The man of lawlessness—son of perdition—is against the Messiah, Christ. He is a spiritual being in the realm of heaven who gains his power by force and intrigue. Daniel recorded, “In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, **but not by human power**” (Daniel 8:23).

This powerful being cannot be destroyed by human power because he is not yet mortalized. Daniel added, “The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place” (Daniel 11:36).



God Almighty will allow this wicked spiritual being to succeed. He is testing and identifying all who align with wickedness within creation in heaven and on earth. God will destroy wicked spiritual beings at the time of their judgement.

God has prophesied His plans for these wicked beings. The heavenly ruler in the dominion of Tyre in heaven is destined for mortalization and then death. The aging process of mortality for these beings will likely not correspond to the rapid aging of 21st century mankind. Adam lived to 930 years old. Noah lived to 950 years old, 600 years before the flood and 350 years after the flood (Genesis 7:6 and Genesis 9:28-29). God has said that judgement for these characters will be “after many days”.

“In that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven above and the kings of the earth below. They will be gathered together like prisoners in a pit. They will be confined to a dungeon and punished **after many days**” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

Hundreds of years will pass before they are judged, sentenced and put to death.

Ezekiel recorded God’s sentencing of this arrogant being. “In the pride of your heart you say, ‘I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas.’” Wicked spiritual beings do not believe that they can be destroyed. This wicked being sits on a throne in the territory of Wickedness in heaven—in the high seas.

God replied, "But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are wise as a god" (Ezekiel 28:2). God is forecasting this being's demise: mortalization and the foolishness of man. God continued, "By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud... Because you think you are wise, as wise as a god, I am going to bring foreigners against you, the most ruthless of nations; they will draw their swords against your beauty and wisdom and pierce your **shining splendor**" (Daniel 28:5-7). Living in wickedness depletes the glory given to spiritual beings. The remaining shining glory left within the ruler of Tyre will not protect him. "They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas. Will you then say, 'I am a god,' in the presence of those who kill you? You **will be** but a man, not a god, in the hands of those who slay you" (Ezekiel 28:8-9).

God assures this being that he will be weak, like mankind, mortalized. He will not have the power and strength of a god when he is taken down. The Pit is the prison for all sentenced rogue heavenly rulers. It is located in inner earth, the lowest place in all creation. These once glorious eternal beings have fallen from the high places of honour into the shamed, lower realms of creation, even below mankind.

Three key names revealing the traits of the son of the dawn

- Lucifer = once a honoured guardian angel of God and very powerful.
- Satan = opposes Almighty God and tries to establish himself equal to God.
- The dragon = a wild and powerful beastly heavenly ruler destined for destruction.

Like the ruler of Tyre, the king of Tyre is destined for destruction. God continued prophesying the fate of the wicked leaders in Tyre, the home of Wickedness in heaven through Ezekiel. The king of Tyre is Satan, once a model of God's creation. He remembers, "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God... You were anointed as a guardian cherub for so I ordained you. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you... Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings" (Ezekiel 28:12-15, 61a-17).

God Almighty trumpets Satan's plan to overthrow his Creator. "You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit" (Isaiah 14:13-15).

Yes, God has already declared the fate of the fallen, rogue sons of God. "I said, 'You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**'" (Psalm 82:6). They will be mortalized and die like mankind, crumbling into a devastating state of weakness, vulnerability and helplessness.

Satan's wisdom has become the folly of man. In contrast to the son of the dawn and the son of the perdition, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing and rejuvenation.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble; the day is coming when I will set them ablaze,’ says the LORD of Hosts. ‘Not a root or branch will be left to them. But for you who fear My name, the **sun of righteousness will rise** with healing in its wings, and you will go out and leap like calves from the stall. Then you will trample the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day I am preparing,’ says the LORD of Hosts” (Malachi 4:1-3).

Wise people search for knowledge. They do not relax and simply trust the “experts” and “authorities” because in this evil age, these once trusted people hold onto misconceptions, some lie intentionally, others spread misinformation and disinformation unknowingly.

“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge” (Proverbs 18:15).

The faithful who repented, accepted Christ as their Saviour and follow him wherever he goes are blessed with ears that understand the word of God. It is not squeezed-fitted pieces to preconceived beliefs or mysteries too deep to be understand. God opens their eyes and ears and what cannot be seen by rebellious man is clearly visible by God-fearing and God-serving people. God is a transparent God. His plan is recorded in the Bible. Time is revealing all that He prophesied many years in the past. What the prophets longed to understand is crystal clear to the saints into this present day and in the future.

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it” (Matthew 13:16-17).

God Almighty remains faithful to his people and longs for the sleeping to awaken, open their eyes and listen. He plans to extend His grace to them and make an everlasting covenant with His repentant people. They will hear His voice and grow spiritually calling Him, Abba Father.

“Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David” (Isaiah 55:3).

HEART to FEEL

God will keep unrepentant rebels in a hardened state until the Day of Judgement.

“Go to this people, and say, ‘You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them’” (Acts 28:26-27).

Judgement day remains a day in the future. When people lose interest and faith in God, their heart hardens and instruction becomes impossible, only then, will God cause their disbelief and their hardened heart to remain closed. They will remain guilty until Judgement day. God does not take pleasure in the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11). He wants to save all of mankind, beginning with His people.

God's Holy Spirit softens the crusty human heart into a youthful, pliable heart. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

The heart is a vital organ of the human body. God designed it that way. Drawing attention to the mechanics of this muscle at the centre of the circulation system, pumping blood around the body exemplifies the importance of a humble, teaching attitude. The blood sends oxygen and nutrients to all parts of your body, and carries away toxic carbon dioxide and other waste products. A heart of flesh from the spiritual perspective does the same job as the physical heart. Through a humble and teachable spirit, spiritual food is recognized as truth. It is spiritual knowledge and its application that sustains life.



To the churches of Revelation, Jesus urges, "He who has an ear, let him hear." Change is needed for all the churches. All of them must overcome and time is running out.

THE WALK to GOD

With a new heart comes a safe, law-keeping walk. "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances. Then you will live in the land that I gave your forefathers; you will be My people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:27-28).

Love one another is what Jesus taught. However, "whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes" (I John 2:11). Hating your fellow brother or sister is living in sin and causes blindness.

Not only God's people have rebelled, but the nations of the world during the Great Tribulation will surrender to Satan and the beast. They will rebel against truth, God's word and His laws. Foolishly, they will choose the losing side. "I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung" (Zephaniah 1:17).

“As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. And they were oblivious, until the flood came and swept them all away. So, will it be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:37-39).

The nations will be worshipping Satan. They will see the power of the beastly coalition thrown out of heaven and surrender. God is a gracious God. His wrath is designed to awaken the people on earth. He will succeed.



Eyes provide the interpretation of what is seen. Ears supplement information providing varying depths of understanding. The heart moves mankind into a state of harmony or chaos. God’s Holy Spirit transforms the heart of man into a state of harmony, willingness to love Him and one another. With eyes that see, ears that hear and a humble and willing heart filled with God’s Holy Spirit, people are brought onto a righteous walk following the lead of Jesus Christ towards Almighty God, their Creator, their Heavenly Father.

GOD'S CODED LANGUAGE BRINGS TRANSPARENCY

For people seeking to understand the spiritual world and the deep things of God, decoding God's imagery, the meaning of numbers, and the stories in the parallels and parables is fundamental.

God is transparent to those who crave His word and love His law. Nothing has been hidden from those who obey God and follow Christ wherever he goes. For it has been written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). BUT, for those who love the word of God and relentlessly search out the deep things of God, "*these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God*" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Judo-Christians can apply God's coded language and the BIG picture explodes into vivid, vibrant detail. The trusting and loving bond God the Father has for His children is mirrored on earth between a father and child. The intimate relationship of Christ and the church is mirrored on earth between a loving husband and wife. The beauty of every righteous member of God's family is mirrored in a cultured garden of tall trees, flowering trees and bushes, the fruit-producing trees and vines and the fragrances of countless flowers. The righteous character of God is mirrored in earth's finest, rarest and most precious treasures.

God's coded language is consistent. He has provided His legal witness to sinners on earth through the use of number two: law and grace. He has prophesied that law and grace will be bound as one so justice, kindness and compassion reign. This style of leadership will be mirrored in God's people, now a divided kingdom, to be in the future, an unbreakable re-united kingdom applying God's law and living His way. Under Christ, they have been redeemed.

God stepped out a timeline sealing a marker on key third events. Each third event identifies a key strategic move. Through His use of number twelve, God disclosed who would form His new government. His use of multiples and one thousand adds dimension and infinity to the revelation.

The Biblical stories preserved forgotten history. Parables taught key principles of life. God has hidden nothing and yet, the world is blind because they do not have God's Holy Spirit that gives understanding of spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

God's coded language is a key for greater understanding. The Apostle Paul discovered the mysteries and taught them. "This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one" (Ephesians 5:32). Every aspect of God's creation on earth is a revelation of eternity for those with eyes to see, ears to hear and a willing heart of flesh.

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