

JESUS CHRIST, DIVINE

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High Priest and King

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He was priest of God Most High” (Genesis 14:18).

Son of man, the Teacher and Lord

“... **you have only one teacher... Nor are you to be called instructors**, for you have **one Instructor, the Messiah**” (Matthew 23:8-10).

High Priest, King of kings and Lord of lords

“Jesus...He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:20).
“On his robe and on his thigh, he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords”
(Revelation 19:6).

ONE: Where is the beginning?

Jesus Christ—Yashuah HaMashiach is an intriguing enigma. He is written throughout the Old Testament without being identified and when his name is disclosed, it is not recognized. There is the common thought among Judo-Christians that he is well-known: a Jew, the Savior of mankind and Son of God. But, how well do Jews and Christians know this man who walked the earth over two thousand years ago?

He was no ordinary man. From our beginning, he was highly decorated: the high priest in the order of Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God, King of Salem, the Word of God who laid the foundations of the earth; he is a divine member of the God family.

In our history, he was: the angel who wrestled with Jacob, the man who became flesh to suffer and intercede for mankind, the tested and tried Son of God who refuses to sin because he loves righteousness, the “splendid cedar” in the book of Ezekiel placed by God into the government of Israel, the first of the firstborn.

In our near future, he will: conqueror death and sit on his throne crowned by God as King of kings and Lord of lords. At the end of this age, all creation to acknowledge the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

TWO: Jesus Christ, DIVINE

The story of Jesus Christ goes back before the beginning when the heaven and the earth was created (Genesis 1:1). While earth was left formless and void (Genesis 1:2), Elohim created life in heaven. They created countless beings of which mankind knows of only a few: different types of angels, the four living creatures, the twenty-four elders and other “Elohim”—gods who hold powerful positions: rulers, powers, principalities.

21st century mankind, in general, is not interested in their Creator; their confidence is in their science. For two thousand years, God has stepped away from mankind. His lack of presence does not equate to non-existence, rather, it is part of His plan that will be fully understood after the great battle on earth. Then, mankind will abhor themselves for God is alive and well.

THE TWO CREATORS ARE ONE OF A KIND.

The number two shimmers out of the scriptures everywhere reflecting the concept of unity: two witnesses, two olive trees, royal and holy, house of Judah and Israel, law and grace, works and faith, politics and religion, king and priest, David (earthly king of Israel) and Joseph (earthly priest of Israel) in the Millennium, the first and second creation, first and second coming of Christ and God the Father and His Son.

Two Gods worked to create heaven and earth. “He [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, **the preeminent over all creation. For by him [Christ] all things were created:** things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **all things were created by him and for him**” (Colossians 1:15-16).

In our book of knowledge, missing are detailed chapters prior to the creation of heaven and earth. Applying scriptures scattered within the Bible, the greater puzzle slowly appears. The Apostle Paul states that Christ is preeminent over all creation, that is, the creation in heaven and earth. He participated in the creation of heaven and earth and he sustains the creation. “**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together**” (Colossians 1:17).

The creation of heaven and earth is for Jesus Christ and he created everything with His Father. “In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [part of the God family]. He was with God in the beginning [at the time heaven and earth were created]. Through him [Christ] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

All things were made through Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul provided a list: visible—everything on and visible from earth, invisible—the creation in heaven—spiritual life, positions of authority such as thrones, powers, rulers—all rulership in heaven and earth was created by Christ.

This story is big. The heavens were filled with created life prior to the completed creation on earth. The realms were made at the same time: in the beginning (Genesis 1:1), but **the realm in heaven was completed before the realm on earth.** The invisible-by-human-eye activity in the heavens is real and bustling.

The heavens do not consist merely of Satan, some demons, one-third of fallen angels and two-thirds of righteous angels. Life in the heavens is comprised of vast dominions, many ruling princes, and countless positions of authority at every level known to man.

Most living in the heavens are righteous, but there still remains a vast number who have turned away from God and oppose him. They are mankind’s true enemy.

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty [heavenly] powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly place” (Ephesians 6:12).

Unfortunately, mankind is easily deceived and these wicked heavenly enemies of God and Christ deceive them and will in the near future, capture them. It was asked in heaven, “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD [God the Father] and against his Anointed One [Jesus Christ]” (Psalms 2:1-2).

The conversation between God the Father and His Son describe an end time setting when Satan is thrown down to earth and he captures the nations. Along with Satan is the beast that Satan will summon from out of the sea; it will comprise of the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities. The coalition will be terrifying. They will spread their hatred for God the Father and His Son worldwide. So, God and His Son respond, “Let us break their chains and throw off their fetters. The One [Jesus Christ] enthroned in heaven laughs, the LORD [God the Father] scoffs at them” (Psalm 2:3-4).

The nations will worship Satan and the beast because they are powerless to overthrow them. They will say, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?” (Revelation 13:4) During that time, Babylon will trade her wares: beliefs, theology, ideology, and technology and mankind will sell all they have to buy it. They will be filled to the brim with deception and serve this alien invasion because they do not know God and His Son.

God will rebuke them in his anger and terrify them. “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: You are my Son [Jesus Christ]; today I have become your Father.” God the Father and head of the God family declared long ago, “I will make the nations your [Jesus Christ] inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You [Jesus Christ] will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery” (Psalm 2:5-9).

This end-time conversation is a battle against deceived and captured mankind, rogue heavenly rulers allied with Satan and God the Father and His Son. The heavenly rulers who at the time of Babel received the nations (Deuteronomy 32:8) have already lost their inheritance. One final battle will take place during the Great Tribulation before Christ takes rulership over the nations, his inheritance (Psalm 2:8).

The Apostle Paul assured us that these wicked heavenly rulers, and mighty powers will be taken down. “The end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet” (I Corinthians 15:24-25).

Above the heavens is God Almighty’s throne with the four living creatures circling it, one remaining archangel protecting it, and twenty-four elders declaring the wonders of this unique and loving God family.

The Apostle Paul identified the location of God’s throne when he was explaining that Christ was a high priest in the order of Melchizedek. “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who

has gone **through the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God..." (Hebrews 4:14). As high priest, Christ went through the heavens to get to the Holy of Holies located above the heavens.

God the Father reigns supreme; He is head and all powerful. His Son, Jesus Christ is positioned as his body in this union and is preeminent over all creation (Colossians 1:15).

Within the God family, God—the Father is unique and there is no one like Him or equal to Him. **"To whom will you liken me**, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?" (Isaiah 46:5)

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me" (Isaiah 46:9).

God the Father is supreme and Christ, His Son is subject to him. "Now when it says that 'everything' has been put under him, it is clear that this **does not include God himself**, who put everything under Christ" (I Corinthians 15:27).

THE GOD FAMILY IS A UNIFIED BODY OF ONE

"Jesus replied, 'Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father**. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that **I am in the Father and the Father is in Me**? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, **it is the Father dwelling in Me**, performing His works'" (John 14:9-10).

While Philip asks to see God the Father, he forgot that nobody can see the Father and live. "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20).

Christ is teaching them that while in human form, you can know the Great God by knowing Christ because they are identical.

Unique and precious is the relationship that they share. It is no ordinary relationship; it is intertwined and bound into ONE harmonious union of thought, action, and love. God the Father is the head of this relationship and the Son is His body, under subjection, yet working side by side. This relationship is the same unique and precious relationship that Christ will have with his church—two entities working as one in every way.

"My Father, who has given them [the saints] to me, is **greater than all**; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:29). **"I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE"** (John 10:30).

"But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God**" (I Corinthians 11:3).

IN THE HEAVENS, GOD HAS OTHER SONS.

Volumes of stories are recorded in ancient history about gods and goddesses ruling over mankind—many of them. Mankind knew them by name and sculptured images of them. While no statues have survived the exterior arches of the great Colosseum, it is thought to have been filled with statues of gods and goddesses. Still remaining are sculptures of many gods and goddesses in museums and protected ancient sites. This was a time very familiar to the Apostle

Paul. "Then Paul stood up before the Areopagus and said, '**Men of Athens**, I see that in every way **you are very religious**. For as I walked around and examined your objects of worship, I even found an altar with the inscription: **To an unknown God**. Therefore, what you worship as something unknown, I now proclaim to you'" (Acts 17:22-23).

While the nations have a history of worshiping gods, Judo-Christians worship only one God the Father. "For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as **indeed there are many gods and many lords**, yet **for us there is but one God the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him**; and **one Lord, Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him" (1 Corinthians 8:5-6).

The Apostle Paul acknowledged the many gods and lords, but it is very clear that the Judo-Christians worship only ONE God. God is working with sons in the heavens and he gives them opportunities to make decisions, which is all part of their training in learning how to rule righteously.

"God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the 'gods'" (Psalm 82:1).

In addition, God has given some of them authority to rule, judge and sentence. In Daniel's vision he sees a messenger, **a holy one, coming down from heaven** and decrees the fate of Nebuchadnezzar. This decree was sanctioned by God but **decided by the holy ones (sons of God)**. "The decision is announced by messengers; **the holy ones declare the verdict**, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

King David lived in a time when the reigning heavenly princes over the nations were evident and their ruthless leadership was felt as a heavy weight that had to be upheld lest they would be crushed. What is lost to 21st century Christians, he understood clearly. Rulership given to heavenly princes—sons of God, over the nations on earth was also understood by ancient Israel.

Recorded in the Song of Moses—the song to be memorized by all of Israel, includes the history when God gave these heavenly princes rulership over the nations of earth. God Almighty participated in this rulership and took the descendants of Jacob as His inheritance.

"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. **When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to his heavenly court. For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance"** (Deuteronomy 32:7-9).

Unfortunately, the ministry of the 21st century Christians do not remember; fathers and elders cannot explain it. They have long forgotten this critical piece to the greater puzzle. Satan revels in keeping God's people sick and living in a fog.

The inheritance the nations received at the time of Babel was heavenly rulers given authority by God to teach them the way of God. Jacob and his descendants are God's portion in this rulership over the nations. Things were right and good for a time. King David recorded the respect and awe the members of God's council and all of His sons had for Him.

“And so, the heavens will praise your wonderful deed, O YHWH, even your faithfulness, in **the assembly of the holy ones**. For **who in the sky is equal to YHWH? Who is like YHWH among the sons of God**, a God **feared greatly in the council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all surrounding him?” (Psalm 89:5-7)

“For you, **LORD**, are the **Most High** over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all gods**” (Psalm 97:9).

“For **the LORD is the great God**, the **great King above all gods**” (Psalm 95:3).

Unfortunately, before the earth was created, iniquity was found in heaven. Satan was the first to fall and with him, he lured as many who would buy his teachings, beliefs and ideas. To God’s dismay, all of His heavenly princes in His heavenly court ruling over the nations turned against Him and declared war.

King David pleaded with these rogue gods to repent. "Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols; **worship Him, all you gods**" (Psalm 97:7).

He pleaded with God to just take the authority back, after all, he reasoned the nations are His anyway. “Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for **all the nations are your inheritance**” (Psalm 82:8).

But, God cannot just take back authority that He has given. It must be won back legally. Hence, the great victories of Jesus Christ whose death on the cross, won back the most recent battle of God against the rogue gods in heaven.

God has vowed that these spiritual rulers will die. He 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 rule” (Psalm 82:6-7).

These rogue heavenly princes thought that being spiritual meant that they were invincible, but they are mistaken.

The Apostle Paul acknowledged the many gods and lords who command worship and warned Judo-Christians that our fight is **not against mortals on earth**, but **wicked, rogue heavenly rulers, powers and principalities (Ephesians 6:12)** who work to keep mankind deceived and under their rule. He understood the true battle at play—a heavenly war: good against evil and God with Christ against rogue gods. It will all become visible to mankind when Satan is thrown down to earth. Until then, these rogue rulers, powers and principalities will use their magic to their advantage and spread deception like wild fire.

God would not have written the first commandment, “You shall have **no other gods before Me**” if these gods were merely poorly hand-crafted images of mythical characters. Ephesians 6:12 clearly identifies the true enemy located in heaven, invisible to mankind, and extremely dangerous. To worship the gods who war against God and Christ or uphold their theology and traditions is treason.

Like germs that are not visible by the human eye, the heavenly enemy exists and they are the cause of spiritual sickness, disease and at times, death.

THREE: Jesus Christ holds many offices

In the beginning, Elohim created the heaven and the earth. Elohim is the Hebrew word translated God. It is a masculine **plural** word. It is not the singular form of the word. The singular form for Elohim is El. So, the two Gods left the earth formless and void, until they were ready to create mankind. They created life in heaven and it thrived. God the Father had established His headquarters there and it comprised of highly skilled and trained leaders from the first creation of the heavenly realm. The realm on earth remained formless and void for a long time.

In addition to the establishment of a central government with layers of leaders holding important responsibilities, God established His religious center. The Teacher who held the highest office, the High Priest, was Melchizedek. This High Priest was recognized by Abraham as one to be honored, respected and significant in the religious work of the Most High God.

THE MELCHIZEDEK ORDER VERSUS THE AARONIC ORDER

After God gave Abraham the victory over the war between the kings, Melchizedek came to bless him. “Then, Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High...” (Genesis 14:18). The bread and wine Melchizedek brought symbolized the broken body of the Savior of mankind and the wine symbolized his spilt blood. Abraham partook in the Passover service, then Melchizedek blessed him. The process of forgiveness of sins began in ancient times.

“Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything” (Genesis 14:20b). Giving Melchizedek the tithe was acknowledging Melchizedek as the high priest of God.

This Melchizedek was no ordinary high priest. The Apostle Paul spoke of him when he was clarifying to the Jews the change in the order of the priesthood. It was never an issue with the Christians; they had long lost that precious knowledge from within their Hebraic history. But, for the Jews, they knew and held fast to the priesthood of Aaron of the tribe of Levi—the Aaronic priesthood. Melchizedek, Paul declared is Jesus Christ. “Jesus... has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:20). The order is named after the high priest, as was the Aaronic priesthood.

The Jews at that time were sold on rejecting Jesus as their Savior and determined to uphold only the tribe of Levi as the priesthood order. Jesus was of the tribe of Judah. Instead of grabbing this opportunity to raise their own tribe up and embrace the higher order, they chose to remain low and accept a fading order.

Regardless of what is or isn't accepted, it is what God Almighty decrees. The Apostle Paul knew the Jesus Christ was decorated long before Abraham and long before the creation of mankind. “Just think,” Paul said, “how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who became priests to collect a tenth from the people—their brothers... This man however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater... by him who is declared to be living” (Hebrews 7:4-8).

The Apostle Paul pressed the Jews to consider that when Abraham gave the tithe to Melchizedek, it would be equivalent to God's people then giving their tithe to the Levites who in turn gave it to Melchizedek because in Abraham's time, they were within him and born at a later date (Hebrews 7:9-10).

KING OF SALEM

This Melchizedek was king of Salem, both priest and king in ancient times and long before the invisible world in heaven and our limited four-dimensional spacetime was created, for he is Jesus Christ.

Abarim publications online Hebrew dictionary states that the name 'Salem' means **whole, complete or unbroken**. Also, 'Shalom' is a derivative from the root word, which means peace. "Peace in the Bible doesn't just indicate a warless state, but rather **a state of completeness and harmony or rather un-dividedness**. It also covers completeness (Jeremiah 13:19), prosperity (Genesis 43:27), health and safety (Psalm 38:4)." (<http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Salem.html> - .XLIQyi8ZMdU).

This High Priest is a royal ruler over a domain that embodies completeness: in harmony with God, not divided, not in opposition. He is at one—in total unity with God, his Father.

God selected him to be a high priest. God appointed this Son to represent him. The Apostle Paul assured us that nobody can just take the position. God rules supreme. Leaders who fill these positions of this magnitude are **selected and appointed by God**. "Every high priest is **selected** from among men and is **appointed** to represent them in matters related to God" (Hebrews 5:1) and "no one takes this honor upon himself, he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So, Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest" (Hebrews 5:4).

Jesus Christ qualified for every position that he has received from God. He holds many ruling offices. He is the rider on the white horse. "His eyes are like blazing fire, and **on his head are many crowns**" (Revelation 19:12).

THE CONFIRMATION OF SONSHIP

The divinity of the Son of God and the eternal Creator baffles Jews and Christians alike. The Jews at Christ's time would not accept another divine being. In the eyes of the Jews, Jesus' claim to be a Son of God was blasphemous. The Apostle Paul preached a different story. Christians accepted the divinity of Christ readily, but they are confused with the notion of multiple divine beings existing separate from each other, yet one. Their confusion stems from the religious debates of 1,600 years ago. Decisions on doctrines and theology were made that have gone unquestioned today.

Jesus Christ was always superior to the created angels in heaven and his accomplishments in restoring God's kingdom have been witnessed by them. Without a shadow of doubt, they recognize Christ's unrelenting service to God his Father, despite all of the agonizing suffering that he has experienced in heaven and on earth. God confirms before the creation in heaven the sonship of Christ and his superiority over them.

“You are my Son; today I have **become** your Father... I will be his Father, and he will be my Son... Let all God’s angels worship him” (Hebrews 1:5-6). “So, **he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs**” (Hebrews 1:4).

God the Father identifies His Son as God and vows that his throne will last forever. “But about the Son he says, ‘**Your throne, O God,** will last for ever and ever... **therefore God, your God,** has set **you above your companions...**’” (Hebrews 1:8-9).

The opportunity for the heavenly creation to grow spiritually and even beyond limits is available, many have tried and failed. Pride seems to seed and surface leading eventually to their fall. The members in God’s holy court given authority to teach the nations on earth all failed. The members in God’s headquarters turned against Him.

God the Father describes wicked leaders like briars and thorns. “...not one upright man remains. All men lie in wait to shed blood; each hunts his brother with a net. Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire—they all conspire together. **The best of them is like a brier, and the most upright worse than a thorn hedge**” (Micah 7:2-4). God certainly understands the leadership of the 21st century.

Trees are often the descriptors that God uses for leaders such as cedars: tall, ever-green, self-preserving; olive trees: the ministry who uses oil for anointing; fig trees: the righteous who bear early fruit; flowering trees: the different qualities of the righteous; all different trees with different admirable qualities.

The heavenly rulers in God’s headquarters were considered the choicest and best of the heavenly creation, but they **all** failed. He told the story himself, using the imagery of “trees” to paint a life-like picture of these leaders.

“Then **all the trees of Eden** [leaders in God’s family], **the choicest and best of Lebanon** [most trained in God’s headquarters], **all the trees** [all the leaders] **that were well-watered** [highly trained and educated in God’s ways], were consoled in the earth below. Those who lived in its shade [those under their jurisdiction], its allies among the nations, had also gone down to the grave with it, joining those killed by the sword” (Ezekiel 31:16b-17).

The fall of God’s headquarters in heaven [imaged as Lebanon] brought great pain to God and He wept. “On the day it [the greatest in God’s heavenly court] was brought down to the grave **I covered the deep springs with mourning for it**; I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained. Because of it **I clothed Lebanon with gloom**, and **all the trees of the field withered away**. I made the nations tremble at the sound of its fall when I brought it down to the grave” (Ezekiel 31:15-16).

God had plans for this heavenly creation, but their top leaders all failed. Their loss has become our gain. God and His Son then turned to earth and finished creating. They made mankind in their image; male and female they created them (Genesis 1:27).

God is replenishing His heavenly losses with repentant mankind. They will fill every position the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12) once held. God is rebuilding their headquarters and they will move it to earth.

God decided to place His Son as the cornerstone, the core structure in the government of their new centre. **“I myself will take a shoot [Christ] from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain [God’s government]. On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar [Christ] (Ezekiel 17:22-23).**

Jesus Christ remains a unique Son of God who loves righteous and hates evil. There is no suffering that he cannot endure to remain sinless and preserve righteousness.

“After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life, and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore, **I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong** [the saints will rule with him], because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:11-12).

The Apostle John understood that though there are sons of God in the first creation in heaven, one Son is unique and divine. He wrote, “No one has ever seen God. **But the unique One [Jesus], who is himself God [divine],** is near to the Father's heart. He [Jesus] has revealed God to us” (John 1:14).

God the Father has the power to promote and ordain. It should be no surprise to learn that His Son receives promotions.

“But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God” (Luke 22:69).

If Jesus Christ can be promoted and he mediates for mankind, then we can believe that God will promote us as well. In fact, He will. Many places in the scriptures refer to God rejoicing over the transformation of repentant mankind as “adopted children of God” (Ephesians 1:5). That is a big promotion from a dying mortal body to eternal life in God’s royal family. In addition, to ruling as a partner with Christ, **God has already ordained rulership to the saints.**

“But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever” (Daniel 7:18).

The rogue heavenly powers will fight to the end to force their rule upon God’s kingdom. These rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities have sunk so low that they will rage against all who remain loyal to God and His Son. “As I watched, this horn was **waging war against the saints and defeating them**, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High” (Daniel 7:21-22).

Those willing to endure any level of suffering and stand firm with God and Jesus Christ will be promoted. Their love for truth and righteousness will far outweigh any mortal agony. Like father like Son; like Son like his church. The saints will not deny Christ; they will relentlessly hold onto the testimony of Christ; they will not fear the enemy nor will they shrink back from death. They will be transformed into sons of God and rule with Christ in a special relationship not seen before until the creation of mankind. It was planned from the beginning that Christ would need

a helpmeet and so, they created mankind—the faithful church to be the perfect complimentary companion.

God regretted that He allowed members in His heavenly creation to become so powerful and He concluded, “No other trees [leaders] so well-watered [educated and trained on spiritual matters] **are ever to reach such a height** [hold such a powerful position]; they are all destined for death, for the earth below, among mortal men with those who go down to the pit [the Abyss]” (Ezekiel 31:14b).

Instead, God decided that His Son will rule with a helpmeet who will lean on him and follow him wherever he goes. The second creation was made different to the first creation for that reason. This should not be a strange teaching for God has provided mirroring on earth to teach us about this marriage relationship, as the Apostle Paul 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 physical marriage between a man and a woman mirror the spiritual marriage covenant of Christ and his faithful church. Christ is the man; the church is the woman.

“For now, **we see only a reflection as in a mirror**; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (I Corinthians 13:12).

FOUR: Names matter

The concept of naming comes from God the Father. When Adam was created, he named all of the animals (Genesis 2:19). Naming comes from having authority to name and knowing who and what is being named.

Who would agree with Shakespeare?

Would the majestic rose that spans out her many petals, layering them one over the other like a Victorian dress, look as beautiful or smell as sweet by any other name? The full resonance of letter ‘R’ followed by the sliding ‘S’, r-o-s-e—the name takes the form of a beauty dressed to perfection with a classical fragrance loved by many. A rose called by any other name is an imitation which cannot be substituted without significant loss.

Names resonate imagery, identity, position, fame, power and authority. Jesus Christ has many names, because he has won many battles and so now, he wears many crowns signifying his many titles, positions and levels of authority.

JESUS CHRIST: MELCHIZEDEK

As Jesus Christ acquired additional positions of authority, he acquired more names. The earliest name in scripture that identifies him is **Melchizedek**, high priest and king of Salem. His name is more reflective of a title: the just king than it is a personal name states Abarim Publications Online Hebrew Dictionary. (<http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Melchizedek.html#.XU1wS8ZMdU>)

The role of high priest identifies a leader with expert knowledge of the religious practices, the law and word of God.

JESUS CHRIST: THE WORD

The New Testament identifies and confirms Christ as the knowledge-expert.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God” (John 1:1).

“His name is the Word of God” (Revelation 19:13).

The name is explicit. The word of God is His theology. Theology is the details of righteousness. Christ, the high priest is the expert on God’s law and His way. He is perfect—sinless. He is the Word of God.

Jesus Christ holds an extremely important role in the God family and in the salvation of mankind. Many may wonder why the Old Testament appears to diminish him, or does it? Jesus Christ is written throughout the whole of the Old Testament and the title used is the angel of God.

JESUS CHRIST—THE ANGEL OF GOD: YASHUUAH

As the Israelites were traveling to the Promised Land, God warned them and said, “See **I am sending an angel ahead of you** to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. **Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.** If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you” (Exodus 23:20-22).

A key point in this scripture is the angel that God sends ahead of the Israelites to guard them:

- He **has authority to forgive or not to forgive opposition.** This is a powerful realization that God has appointed an angel with the authority to forgive sins. Jesus identified himself as the angel of Exodus 23 when he said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘**Your sins are forgiven,**’ or to say, ‘**Get up and walk?**’ But so that you may know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...**” (Matthew 9:4-6).
- God’s name is in the name of this angel.
 - God’s name is YHWH—Yahuuah
 - Jesus’ Hebrew name is YSHWH—Yashuuah (often spelt, Yeshua)

The Bible is filled with passages where the angel of the LORD confers with Israel and leads their army.

“Then **the angel of God,** who had been **traveling in front of Israel’s army,** withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so, neither went near the other all night long” (Exodus 14:19-20).

The protection that both God the Father in the cloud and His Son, the angel provided Israel reached into the heavens where the rogue gods were orchestrating their moves. They could not overpower the Father and Son of the God family.

When the Israelites arrived at the Red Sea, before them stood a statue of Baal Zephon, the Storm god also named Zeus and Jupiter (Exodus 14:2). His mighty power was feared by the Israelites. This god was considered the greatest of all gods. The parting of the waters of the Red Sea in front of the statue was a blatant display of the raw power of Almighty God. The statue became merely a standing stone. The rogue heavenly son that was represented in the statue, looking down from his throne in heaven had no power to intervene and the Israelites knew it.

“The Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant” (Exodus 14:29-31).

This story will be mirrored in the second and greatest Exodus lying still on our horizon.

“It will no longer be said, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘As the LORD lives, **who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.**’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers” (Jeremiah 16:14-15, Jeremiah 23:7-8).

God had warned the Israelites that they must obey the angel of God. These people, like they are today, are sloppy and careless. The creation must obey the Creators. They disobeyed the angel of God.

“The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, ‘I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.’ Yet **you have disobeyed me.** Why have you done this?’” (Judges 2:1-2).

The angel of God was with God throughout the whole of the Old Testament. He was in the burning bush and with Gideon. The story of Gideon provides interesting pieces of learning when understanding the differences between God the Father and His Son. The angel who is the Son of God—Melchizedek, appeared with God the Father to perform the priestly role of Gideon’s sacrifice. “Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. **Then the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight.** When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he said, ‘**Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.**’ The LORD said to him, ‘Peace to you, do not fear; **you shall not die**’” (Judges 6:21-23).

Gideon only became concerned when the angel of the LORD disappeared, like in thin air. He feared that he had seen God face-to-face and that he would die. Moses said, “Now, show me

your glory” (Exodus 33:18). God said, "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live” (Exodus 33:20). Gideon knew that he saw God; he saw God—the Son, not God the Father.

Gideon remained talking with someone that he called ‘LORD’ and believed He was God the Father, the Almighty because he asked for proof. “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that **it is really you talking to me**” (Judges 6:17). The LORD was invisible only His voice could be heard. Gideon did not fear for his life when talking with the LORD, but feared only **face-to-face contact**. The Almighty God reassured Gideon, “Peace to you, do not fear; **you shall not die.**” This angel of the LORD was Melchizedek of the Old Testament manifests himself in human form and walks among men. Only God the Father does not manifest himself, but for now, He remains invisible to mankind because of our sin.

Adam and Eve saw God before they sinned. They were covered with His glory. But, after they sinned, they were cast out of God’s family—His garden of Eden and His presence. Now, “**No one [on earth] has ever seen God**, but **the one and only Son**, who is Himself God and is at the Father’s side, has made Him known” (John 1:18).

JESUS CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD HAS POWER TO PROTECT AND BLESS

To ABRAHAM, the angel of God told Abraham not to kill his son. “And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham’ and he said, ‘Here am I.’ He said, ‘Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, **from Me**’” (Genesis 22:11-12).

The angel of God is the other member of the God family—Jesus Christ. In the reply of the angel of the Lord, he acknowledged Abraham’s fear of God [God the Father] and obedience to Him [Jesus Christ] by not withholding his son from him. Both Gods were watching Abraham to see what he would do. Abraham unconditionally trusted God, knowing that Isaac was his only heir, he reasoned that in God’s plan, he would witness the resurrection of Isaac, believing without doubt that through Isaac nations would come from 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 the dead” (Hebrews 11:18b-19).

God the Father is the mastermind of the great plan. He is brilliant and loving wanting only the best for His creation. Abraham trusted Him, reasoning intelligently. He demonstrated his undoubting faith in God’s promises that he would “make nations” of him. His ready obedience was absolutely sure.

For JACOB, the angel of the LORD blessed him. “But Jacob replied, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’ Then the man asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Jacob,’ he answered. Then the man [the angel] said, ‘**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.**’ ... Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘It is because **I saw God face-to-face, and yet my life was spared**’” (Genesis 32:30).

Jesus identified himself as a member of the God family in his reply to Jacob and Jacob counts himself blessed having seen him face-to-face and lived. So many scriptures in the Bible show God the Father and His Son as two separate individuals, yet remain confused still holding onto the traditional teaching of a trinity.

God the Father does not ever manifest himself in corrupt human form. He remains eternally pure. His Son manifests himself in the form of a man, along with other angels. Jesus can be seen face-to-face and mankind will not die and yet, he is God—the Son. Jacob knew that he saw God and he was thankful that his life was spared.

It is not an unreasonable action that Jesus manifests himself in the form of a man, after all, when he was on the cross, he took onto himself all of the sins of mankind. As part of helping mankind who have all fallen into sin, Jesus walks as a light in the darkness, no doubt since our creation.

For JOSEPH, the angel of the LORD was his protector. Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers: Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, **the angel who has delivered me from all harm—may he bless these boys**" (Genesis 48:15-16).

Joseph asked Jesus to bless Ephraim and Manasseh. He asked for the blessing of protection given to him. Jesus heard and in Jacob's blessing to Joseph, he said, "Joseph is a fruitful vine... With bitterness archers attacked him, they shot at him with hostility. But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber **because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you**" (Genesis 49:22-25).

Jacob prophesied in days to come that the 21st century house of Joseph—the nations in the West, will witness the raw power of their forefather's God **protecting them**: His mighty hand, His spiritual guidance, His rock-solid stability and His supremacy over His enemy: rogue, cruel, wicked, seething-with-hatred, set-on-destruction heavenly rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12).

The nations of the world will surrender to the upcoming invasion. Their power will be overwhelming, but the house of Joseph, after they cry out to their God, will rise up following their God against the enemy and the world will witness the awesome wonder of the God of 21st century Israel.

For ISRAEL, the angel of the LORD introduced himself as the commander of God's army and God. "Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, 'Are you for us or for our enemies?' The man replied, 'Neither, but as **commander of the army of the LORD** I have now come.' Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, 'What message does my Lord have for his servant?' The commander of the LORD's army replied, '**Take off your sandals, for this place where you are standing is holy.**' And Joshua did so" (Joshua 5:13-15).

This angel appeared to Joshua as the commander of God's army immediately after the Passover celebration and after the manna from heaven was stopped. The Passover celebration is the renewing and reconfirming of God's people accepting Christ's sacrifice and payment of their sins. The manna was representative of God feeding the Israelites spiritual food from heaven while they journeyed in the wilderness. The angel who appeared to Joshua was Jesus Christ announcing his arrival as commander of God's army and declaring his divinity. He had arrived to lead them in victory and feed them directly the pure word of God. It is a mirror of things to come.

Christ will come again, in our near future, as commander of God's army with the resurrected saints ready to fight against Wickedness. "They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is King of kings and Lord of lords—and **with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers**" (Revelation 17:14). After the victory, Christ will rule as King of kings and Lord of lords with the saints. Manna will come to an end, that is, the spiritual word of God will then be taught directly from Christ to all of 21st century Israel, God's first-born nation, before it goes out to all the world.

For THOMAS, he would not believe until he touched Christ. "Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, '**My Lord and my God!**'" (John 20:27-28)

Thomas acknowledged Christ is God, both Lord and God. This usage of language does not by any means equate to the flippant use of "Oh My God!" that is, OMG used by disrespectful 21st century Israel. The Jews and repenting ten tribes of Israel were seeking a savior who is from God and **they discovered that He is God**. The ten tribes accepted Jesus immediately as they do to this day. The core to Christianity is the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Like Thomas, the Jews need more convincing. They will accept Christ as their Savior during the Great Tribulation. The tables have turned. It was once the ten tribes who were lost and unsaved. We wait in full confidence knowing that all twelve tribes of Israel will be saved—all will accept Christ as their Savior. We will see the house of Judah stand up during the Great Tribulation. They will put their lives on the line to prove their faith in God and acknowledge their Savior, Jesus Christ. It is absolutely sure (Romans 11:26).

JESUS CHRIST: THE MESSIAH

The Apostle Paul understood the mysteries woven in the scriptures. He knew the top-secret, highly classified plan of the salvation of mankind. He said, "**None of the rulers of this age understood it**, for if they had, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**" (I Corinthians 2:8). The crucifixion won mankind's freedom from the rogue heavenly rulers and their determination to keep mankind on the path of destruction—eternal death. Christ's blood—a sacrifice without defect won him master over mankind. We are bought and paid for.

The leadership, these rogue heavenly rulers had was originally given to them as an inheritance from God at the time of Babel, but they lost their rulership because mankind has been moved out of their jurisdiction of death into a holding place where eternal life is again an option.

Christ won a significant battle by dying on the cross. These rogue gods have been silenced and their presence erased. Christ imprisoned them for future judgment, while 21st century scientists and educators have pushed them into the fairy tales. They were not physical leaders. Christ disarmed the powers and authorities of Ephesians 6:12 and made a spectacle of them when he paraded before other imprisoned rogue heavenly rulers who are all kept in the Abyss waiting for judgment.

“He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the **written code**, with **its regulations, that war against us** and that **stood opposed to us**; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having **disarmed the powers and authorities**, he made a **public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross**” (Colossians 2:13-15).

“**The realm of the dead below is all astir** to meet you [Babylon] at your coming; **it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you**—all those who were leaders in the world; **it makes them rise from their thrones—all those who were kings over the nations**” (Isaiah 14:9).

God is set on ensuring that sentencing occurs after sin. God hates wrong doing. The second creation on earth made mortal was intentional. Sin had broken out in heaven; spiritual beings chose to oppose God—a full one-third of that creation. Elohim anticipated this rebellion and put off the creation on earth until they were ready, so that they could use Wickedness to test, refine and strengthen the mortal creation on earth prior to their resurrection into spiritual beings. The righteous covering of mankind will be radiant, when God the Father finishes His handiwork.

Jesus Christ is written into every step along the way of the redemption and salvation of mankind. His sacrifice demonstrated his love for their second creation and his unconditional commitment to save them. He values the work of God’s hand and he holds dearest to his heart the group of people that he will marry—his helpmeet, who will rule with him over both realms: heaven and earth. No amount of suffering could deter him from serving His Father and preserving righteousness.

His bride will prove to be just like him. She has suffered persecution and martyrdom in the past and she will again in the future. She will follow him wherever he goes. She is a leader holding fast to truth and studying scriptures to show herself worthy for the honor and glory to come. She too, will get a new name that will reflect her new qualifications and position.

JESUS CHRIST: THE MAN

The Apostle Paul discovered God’s purpose for creating marriage on earth. From the beginning of the creation of earth, they planned it. The great fall of highly-trained and skilful leaders in the realm of heaven triggered a new idea. God’s Son would be the appointed ruler of God the Father’s kingdom. He needed a helpmeet. No one in the realm of heaven of the first creation was suitable. They undertook a second creation on earth to fill a unique role within the governing of the great eternal kingdom of God.

This second creation on earth would be made the weaker vessel by comparison to the first creation, intentionally. The training into sonship would be done while they are mortals. The relationships formed within this second creation: made male and female would mirror the

spiritual, greater story. They will be without excuse as mirroring of heavenly matters shines out everywhere at every level.

The Apostle Paul 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.** Nevertheless, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband” (Ephesians 5:31-33). The physical marriage between a man and a woman mirror the spiritual marriage covenant of Christ and the faithful church. Christ is the Man and the church is the woman. Christ is the last Adam; the woman is mankind who was deceived, sinned and needs rescuing.

The Apostle Paul understood the spiritual mirroring and it explains why God speaks against a man marrying a man or a woman marrying a woman, because the marriage covenant mirrors Christ and the faithful church, not Christ intimate with another son of God in the heavens or the church intimate with another church on earth. The Apostle Paul preached the preservation of this mirroring. It remains a profound mystery today as the churches have wandered far from the pure word of God and teach hundreds of different doctrines; they stagger off and around the one narrow path of God’s word and teach their own interpretation of scripture boldly, without fear and without true testing and proving.

Many in the ministry mirror the disciple Peter who Christ asked if he loved him. Peter was indignant because his showy performances spoke boldly of his love, but Christ is not looking for outward appearances; **he wants the ministry to follow him**, to teach only what he taught and live as he lives. Jesus is the same today, as he was yesterday and will be in the same when we meet him in the future (Hebrews 13:8).

The ministry must follow Christ and stand against those who teach their own interpretation of scripture. The congregation must test what is taught. They must not be afraid to stand strong against that which cannot be proven from scripture; do as the Bereans did. Persecution and martyrdom often follow the righteous because they are not walking on the wide road with the many. When Christ returns, he will take the role of the Man and the Teacher and his church comprised of men and women, will listen quietly to his teachings. The ministry will not enter into debates on scripture and traditions of men; they will be silent. He is the Word of God; the expert of God’s law and ways.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS NEW NAME

Jesus Christ is the rider on the white horse whose “**name is written on him that no one but he himself knows**” (Revelation 19:12b). He will come to overthrow the two beasts, false prophet, and Satan. His new name will reflect his added responsibilities. While many will not know that new name, the Philadelphia church who remained faithful and true during the Great Tribulation will have that new name written on them. “Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God; and **I will also write on him my new name**” (Revelation 3:12).

Having the names of God the Father, the Son and their new name written on them means that this body of people belong together, as one.

JESUS CHRIST: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

On his robe and on his thigh is written his newest title, “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). Jesus Christ is God and was with God his Father at the creation of heaven and earth. His unrelenting battle and all he suffered to save creation in heaven and earth will be acknowledged when all is known at his coming as King of kings and Lord of lords. The creation will bend their knee ashamed of their behavior and in awe that their Savior’s infinite love runs fathoms deep to countless heights, boundless widths to invisible distances. There will be no question that He is qualified for the crowns He wears. No one in heaven and earth can come close to Him because He is God. The creation in heaven and earth will never question God, that is, Elohim again.

There is an order of authority.

“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God” (I Corinthians 11:13).

In the space of Elohim and in heaven and on earth, God Almighty reigns supreme. Christ is his body and rules second in-charge with him. The church, Christ’s Bride, when she is resurrected will rule with Christ, but he will always have pre-eminence over her and all creation. The other righteous heavenly beings in heaven image “the man”—the first creation and they will continue to rule as they have done before the creation of mankind—the second creation. The remaining resurrected of mankind will be subject to all ruling members.

The order of authority is clear from I Corinthians 11:13:

1. **God Almighty is head of all.**
- 2a. **Christ rules second in-charge** ruling over all creation.
 - 2b. Christ’s Bride will co-rule with Christ as a unified body; he is the head and she is his body.
3. **Other heavenly rulers** continue to rule and hold their original positions in their domain and continue to be **under Christ’s rule.**
4. The remaining resurrected of mankind will be subject to those above them; they are the least in the kingdom.

Once Christ has restored everything and death is destroyed, only those in harmony with Elohim in heaven and on earth will exist.

FIVE: God the Father is transparent

God our Father has placed in the Bible His complete plan. Only a few things remain top-secret. Those classified pieces of the greater puzzle are:

- **When God the Father will restore the house of Judah and Israel.** The Jews asked Jesus when he was with them, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?” (Acts 1:6). Jesus replied, “**It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority**” (Acts 1:7).

Some matters are top-secret because the rogue heavenly rulers read the Bible. Knowing when Israel will be restored discloses dates and times that would jeopardize strategic attacks and countermeasures.

- **When Christ will return.** “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). Again, the green light for the return of Christ will be a complete surprise for the wicked on earth and the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities.

Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:37).

Christ’s return will be a total surprise, despite the many, many warnings. Mankind, like those at the time of the flood, will ignore the warnings for they will have extraordinary confidence in themselves. They will likely be trading with Babylon and buying her lies and deception and feeling euphoric with their new knowledge and new strength.

“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 24:38-39).

God our Father and His Son have suffered greatly from their creation in heaven and on earth. God wept when the most respected and greatly loved leader from their heavenly creation fell into sin. He was the son within God’s headquarters [Lebanon] who inherited rulership over the people of Assyria. “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **On the day it was brought down to the grave I covered the deep springs with mourning for it; I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained. Because of it I clothed Lebanon with gloom, and all the trees of the field withered away**” (Ezekiel 31:15).

God’s headquarters in the realm of heaven has collapsed because all of the leaders have allied with Satan against the God family.

“Open your doors, **O LEBANON, that the fire may devour your cedars! Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, because the glorious trees have been destroyed; Wail, O oaks of Bashan, for the impenetrable forest has come down**” (Zechariah 11:2).

God, himself will bring the “impenetrable forest” down.

“See, the Lord, **the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. The lofty trees will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low.** He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; **LEBANON WILL FALL BEFORE THE MIGHTY ONE**” (Isaiah 10:33-34).

The ancient Israelites understood the imagery of Lebanon. Amaziah, a young king of Judah defeated 10,000 men of Edom in the Valley of Salt; he was proud of his conquest. In his pride, he sent a message to the king of Israel with an invitation. The king of Israel declined and responded with a comparison of their rulership. The king of Israel viewed his own rulership as strong and accomplished compared to the young Jewish king who he considered to be worse than rough-around-the-edges and inexperienced, but wicked. “So, King Jehoash of Israel sent

this message to King Amaziah of Judah: **‘The thorn bush in Lebanon** sent this message to **the cedar in Lebanon**: "Give your daughter to my son in marriage." But just then a wild beast from Lebanon wandered by and trampled down the thorn bush. You have indeed defeated Edom and now you are arrogant. Glory in your victory, but stay at home. Why ask for trouble and cause your own downfall and that of Judah also?" (II Kings 14:9-10).

No fear, though God’s headquarters in heaven has fallen, He has a better plan. **God is assembling a new government** of faithful and loyal sons. Sons who are humble, God-fearing and God-serving.

“In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?” (Isaiah 29:17).

Very soon mankind will see with their own eyes, the headquarters of God on earth. Righteous mankind is destined to serve in God’s NEW headquarters and government.

“The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; **he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**, they will flourish in **the COURTS OF OUR GOD**. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green” (Psalm 92:12-15).

God’s righteous people on earth will fill the positions once held by the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities. God’s first-born nation will blossom in righteousness.

“I [God] will be like the dew to **Israel**; he will blossom like the lily [regal], and **he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon**. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the **olive tree** [a priest] and **his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon** [an unfailing leader]” (Hosea 14:5-6).

God’s new government is sprouting and it will grow into a thick forest in Lebanon full of faithful and loyal leaders with many beautiful gifts and wonderful qualities. Then, the great God our Father will live with mankind on earth—no longer in the realm of heaven but in the realm of earth.

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God’ (Revelation 21:3).

So, what is man that the great God is mindful of him?

Who is mankind that the great God would live with them?

They are the lucky ones, so very lucky to have been part of the second creation. The suffering of living in sin, the gracious rescue by the Son and the generous outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit will purge completely any desire of rebellion and opposition. As mankind falls to worship God, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:4). He will soothe their pain, heal their open wounds and revive their dying bodies.

Satan offered Eve, the mother of all living who is and images mankind, the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He knew so very well that it takes an experienced and disciplined Christian filled with God’s Holy Spirit to be able to distinguish between good and evil. She did not know that. She did have God’s Holy Spirit, both Adam and Eve were dressed in

God's glory. But Eve who images mankind was deceived by Satan because she was not experienced and disciplined as the Apostle Paul understood as critical for maturity into sonship. "But solid food is for the mature, who **by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil**" (Hebrews 5:14).

Mankind have all eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and think they already know everything. They are full of self-confidence, self-reliance and self-direction—the theology of the rogue gods. Until Christians mature, they easily fall into sin. Without God's Holy Spirit and **growth into a mature Christian**, mankind remains an easy target. That will soon change.

"In the last days, God says, **I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your** [the descendants of ancient Israel] **sons and daughters will prophesy**, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams" (Acts 2:17).

Truth will reign and lighten our world eternally. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. The humble will be exalted and the exalted will be humbled. Such is the glory of being a member of the second creation.

The God family love their creation in heaven and on earth. They are doing everything to save us. Turn to God and beseech His ways. He will direct and cover you. Peace will surround you and nobody will make you scared. If God the Father and His Son is for you, who can be against you? Shalom.

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