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## Use of Hebraic names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name he revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Ioseus. We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

# CHAPTER 1

## Prologue: The Nature of Kingdom

The central issue concerning the subject matter of this course is the fact that the Kingdom of Elohim God is complete, in every respect and diversions from divine principles are inherently defective and disqualifying. These features of the Kingdom combine to make it so:

- ❖ It has as an absolute Monarch and Potentate, Elohim Who answers to no one and is not obligated to explain Himself, His Word, or actions to anyone. He is an absolute in Himself. By His own free will, Elohim God has given us access to Himself in and through the unique personality called Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah. That we are His children and called to enjoy His gracious gift of eternal life and enjoying family relationship does not in any way negate His stature nor does it give us license to twist His Words!
- ❖ The Kingdom also has a Constitution. By this we mean a set of rules guiding the conduct of life of its citizens. The Word of the King is absolute and certain. It contains instructions on how to live; what to do to please Him and the principles to guide our journey on this side of eternity. By Himself, Elohim God chose to elevate His Word above His very name and even bound Himself by a Covenant to watch over His words to ensure their performance. The Word of Elohim God is not subject to private, personal interpretation otherwise it would not be His Word!
- ❖ The Kingdom consists essentially of a territorial extent and a people or citizens. The first is called the Domain while the second is called Dominion. The Collins Dictionary defines domain as “land under one ruler or government.” A King is nothing without subjects within His Domain who are His

Dominion. The Collins Dictionary defines dominion as “control or authority.” In other words, those who are true citizens of the Kingdom of God are those who are subject to His will as expressed in His immutable Word!

Whenever anyone becomes too intelligent to accept the simplicity of the thesis above, the spirit of rebellion sets in. This is the case with the ongoing intellectualization of the Kingdom of God through injection of humanistic concepts. According to the Collins Dictionary, a rebel with the verb rebelling or rebelled is:

“1. To fight against the ruling power 2. To reject accepted conventions of behaviour. 3. A person who rebels. 4. A person who rejects accepted conventions of behaviour”.

When rebels congregate and start a movement which rejects what the authority has put in place to regulate life, the outcome is called rebellion. The spirit of rebellion is very prominent in most preaching and teachings of this generation as the concept of liberalism secures a beach head in the hearts of those who reject the narrative of the Bible. Rebellion is also evident when Christian Orthodoxy engages in cultural wars against real or imaginary enemies to the degree that Love and Obedience, the very foundation of the Kingdom are compromised through religiosity. The spirit of rebellion is contagious. It does not just consume its victim. It actively reaches out to ensnare others and suck them into the way of perdition until its ultimate purpose is accomplished. As saints jump on board the various doctrines, ideas and ideologies of fellow human beings who have deliberately rejected the authority of the Word of God over their lives, the biblical truths in this course will be used of the Holy Spirit to restore those who can still be restored and stand in judgement against those whose rebellion is beyond recall.

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*The original rebel and his life mission*

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Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:11-17 tell us how Lucifer the archangel rebelled against Elohim God and was cast out from his exalted place in heaven. As he saw various visions of events past, present and future, John the beloved was enabled to see what happened when Lucifer fell. Many people have tried to interpret this scripture variously. However, a careful reading of all relevant scriptures will reveal that the scripture below is a fair representation of what happened with Lucifer and the fallen angels with him after his rebellion.

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:7-9).*

*Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (Revelation 12:12).*

Genesis 3 picks up the story of Satan's invasion of the earth realm. The way he is described and how Satan craftily twisted the Word of God in Genesis 2:15-17 to deceive Eve needs to be re-examined because it is still on that same basis that he operates. It boils down to the basics: a rebel will always try to suck those who are careless into his/her rebellion!

*And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:*

*for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:15-17).*

Satan essentially seduced Eve by sowing seeds of doubt to make her question what Elohim said in His clear word above. The enemy's strategy involved activating lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life in Eve.

*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons (Genesis 3:1-7).*

*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou*

*be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him (Matthew 4:1-11).*

That grand strategy used against Adam and Eve and against Yeshua Himself is the bedrock of the play book of Satan to make humans to live in rebellion against the authority of Elohim and His Word.

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).*

Nothing illustrates this reality more than the fact that believers generally and some ministers give the impression that Grace endorses sin and sinfulness as well as distortion of the potent provisions of the Holy Scriptures. Consequently, humans at various points in the long march of history have found it convenient to misread the plain words of scripture; twist the meaning and intent for their selfish purposes. Such crafty twisting are directly inspired by Satan as a way of blinding spiritual eyes.

*Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the*

*hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (2 Corinthians 4:1-4).*

In other words, Satan has successfully made some to use their intellect and emotions to substitute Holy Spirit as ultimate interpreter of the Word.

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:20-21).*

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*General Introduction and Synopsis/Scope of  
the Course*

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The course will cover a wide gamut of ideas and concepts which deviate from the central message of Yeshua, Jesus, His sacrificial death on the Cross and outcomes thereof. It will be used of God to pinpoint teachings and practices which are, in real terms, expressions of rebellion by humans.

- ❖ Definition of terms: Error, Apostasy, Heresy, Pseudo-gospel
- ❖ Some specific Apostasies that are ravaging the Church
- ❖ Some errors that are rife in the Body
- ❖ Some Heresies that have been glorified
- ❖ What it means to be turned over to a reprobate mind

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- ❖ Various manifestations of the pseudo-gospel including the prosperity messages, the pseudo-Kingdom message, liberalism, relative truth; dangerous prayers, etc.
- ❖ The scourge of religion – off ramp from the Gospel of the Kingdom as the mother of all errors.

In closing this introduction, let us remember the words of Jude verses 3-4:

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 3-6).*

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### Assignment

1. Please summarise this chapter.
2. What are your expectations from this course?

## Chapter 2

### Definitions and Basic Explanations

As we begin this critical course of study, it is necessary to be on the same page concerning the root of the subject matter. As we saw in chapter 1, Satan has been in the business of rebelling against the authority of Elohim from eternity past when he was Lucifer the arch angel. The first mention of him in the earth realm was when he engaged in dialogue with Eve in Genesis chapter 3. In that dialogue we see a being whose operational strategy include lying and distortion of the word of Elohim. We saw him resort to the playbook of lies and distortion of truth when confronting the Prince of Life, Yeshua in Matthew 4:1-10. Going further into a root cause analysis, let us take note of how Yeshua described him:

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it (John 8:44).*

This then is the master key to understand the key terms: Error, Heresies, Apostasy and the pseudo-gospel and all other spin offs from them: they are all various dimensions of Satan's attempt to pollute the gospel through distortion of the truth. Ultimately, he seeks to have as many people as possible to walk in deception, blindfolded, inching closer to his eternal abode in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone. As we move further into end of the age, the strategy will be fired up which ensures that the 'church' built on distortions of truth becomes one of the avenues leading multitudes to him.

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:13-14)*

## *The Definitions*

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**Error:** Wikipedia offers the most gracious definition of error, and we can then apply it to the subject matter: An 'error' is a deviation from accuracy or correctness.” An error occurs when an individual deviates from the accuracy of the Word of God when preaching, teaching, or writing a book. Because of our finite minds, everybody can make a mistake on any issue. Error however comes into being when a mistake is not corrected and rather is accepted as truth and people live off it.

**T**he nature of the Word of God and eternal consequences of getting the Word and the Spirit right or wrong is too great to be trifled with! Elohim God will not at any time countenance the growing spirit of liberalism which takes out the fundamental basis of His word which is its immutability. The moment saints buy into the theory that whatever you believe about God and His Kingdom is right, what will follow is the spiritual equivalent of Babel!

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:20-21).*

**Heresy:** Let us again resort to Wikipedia to set the stage for further discussion.

“Heresy is a controversial or novel change to a system of beliefs, especially a religion, that conflicts with established dogma. It is distinct from apostasy, which is the formal denunciation of one's religion, principles or cause, and blasphemy which is irreverence toward religion. The founder or leader of a heretical movement is called a heresiarch, while individuals who espouse heresy or

commit heresy, are known as heretics. Heresiology is the study of heresy.”

Real heresy is based on departure of the absolute truth of the Word of Elohim God as documented in the Bible. Interestingly, various religions including Christian sects have branded any departure from their dogma and acceptable statements of faith as “heresy.” This is self-serving however and in no way diminishes the central fact that Yeshua Jesus did not come to set up a religious system. He rather came to restore mankind to a living, loving relationship with God based on acceptance of His sacrifice at the Cross of Calvary. Relationship with God is however not to be confused with lawlessness. Yeshua, Jesus Himself made it clear in His epic conversation with the woman at the well of Samaria that relationship with The Father must be based on two core pillars: in spirit and in Truth.

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).*

Any time you notice a substitution of the Truth of the Holy Scripture with the ideas and concepts of a mortal, let your spiritual antennae be alive to the fact that heresy may be unfolding! Beware of preachers or teachers who would labour to shake your confidence in the written word because they claim to have a new revelation. “Thus says the Lord” should explain and expound “it is written” never to substitute it. It was with this approach that Jesus defeated Satan at the temptation in the wilderness! Whenever anyone utters “Thus says the Lord” which contradicts “It is written,” you owe yourself a duty of care; run away as fast as you can!

**Apostasy:** We will generously cite some insights from Wikipedia to highlight this very dangerous state of being which many people seem bent to pursue with all vigour:



Apostasy in Christianity refers to the rejection of Christianity by someone who formerly was a Christian. The term apostasy comes from the Greek word *apostasia* ("ἀποστασία") meaning defection, departure, revolt or rebellion. It has been described as "a willful falling away from, or rebellion against, Christian truth. Apostasy is the rejection of Christ by one who has been a Christian...." "Apostasy is a theological category describing those who have voluntarily and consciously abandoned their faith in the God of the covenant, who manifests himself most completely in Jesus Christ." "Apostasy is the antonym of conversion; it is deconversion."

The Christian understanding of apostasy is "a willful falling away from, or rebellion against, Christian truth. Apostasy is the rejection of Christ by one who has been a Christian...." "Apostasy is the antonym of conversion; it is deconversion." The Greek noun *apostasia* (rebellion, abandonment, state of apostasy, defection) is found only twice in the New Testament (Acts 21:21; 2 Thessalonians 2:3). However, "the concept of apostasy is found throughout Scripture." The Dictionary of Biblical Imagery states that "There are at least four distinct images in Scripture of the concept of apostasy. All connote an intentional defection from the faith." These images are Rebellion; Turning Away; Falling Away; Adultery.

**Rebellion:** "In classical literature *apostasia* was used to denote a coup or defection. By extension they always uses it to portray a rebellion against God (Joshua 22:22; 2 Chronicles 29:19)."

**Turning away:** "Apostasy is also pictured as the heart turning away from God (Jeremiah 17:5-6) and righteousness (Ezekiel 3:20). In the OT it centers on Israel's breaking covenant relationship with God though disobedience to the law (Jeremiah 2:19), especially following other gods (Judges 2:19) and practicing their immorality (Daniel 9:9-11). Following the Lord or journeying with him is one of the chief images of faithfulness in the Scriptures. The Hebrew root (swr) is used to picture those who have turned away and ceased

to follow God ('I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me,' 1 Samuel 15:11). The image of turning away from the Lord, who is the rightful leader, and following behind false gods is the dominant image for apostasy in the OT."

**Falling away:** "The image of falling, with the sense of going to eternal destruction, is particularly evident in the New Testament. In his [Christ's] parable of the wise and foolish builder, in which the house built on sand falls with a crash in the midst of a storm (Matthew 7:24-27) he painted a highly memorable image of the dangers of falling spiritually."

**Adultery:** One of the most common images for apostasy in the Old Testament is adultery. "Apostasy is symbolized as Israel the faithless spouse turning away from Yahweh her marriage partner to pursue the advances of other gods (Jeremiah 2:1-3; Ezekiel 16). *Your children have forsaken me and sworn by god that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes*' (Jeremiah 5:7, NIV). Adultery is used most often to graphically name the horror of the betrayal and covenant breaking involved in idolatry. Like literal adultery it does include the idea of someone blinded by infatuation, in this case for an idol: *How I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts which have lusted after their idols*' (Ezekiel 6:9)."

Speaking with specific regards to apostasy in Christianity, Michael Fink writes:

Apostasy is certainly a biblical concept, but the implications of the teaching have been hotly debated. The debate has centered on the issue of apostasy and salvation. Based on the concept of God's sovereign grace, some hold that, though true believers may stray, they will never totally fall away. Others affirm that any who fall away were never really saved. Though they may have "believed" for a while, they never experienced regeneration. Still others argue that the biblical warnings against apostasy are real and that believers

maintain the freedom, at least potentially, to reject God's salvation.

**The Pseudo-gospel:** This is the general phrase for all doctrines encapsulating philosophies of human beings concerning what Yeshua Jesus came to accomplish. They are pseudo because they do not capture the fundamental intent of Elohim God, are defective in their narration of the Kingdom message and present a make believe to those who buy into their worldview. If there is any single phrase which captures the main content of the pseudo-gospel it is this: the kingdom of man! The reason is that all variations of this cancerous growth on the Body basically aim to make man the reason why God exists! Within this false narration of the gospel can be found these peculiar strains:

- ❖ **The pseudo-prosperity message.** This is the popular movement which intentionally screens our suffering and the Cross from the messages that are preached. Rather followers of preachers are regaled with a carefully curated compilation of 'Promises' of Prosperity, health, and blessings from Genesis to Revelation. As people ingest this 'skimmed milk' of the word, they believe their own lie and lose all sense of balance and proportion. Ultimately, they are in 'church' for themselves, not for Elohim.
- ❖ **The pseudo-kingdom movement.** This is a false twisting of the overall message of the New Testament which presents Yeshua as a Supreme Monarch Who reigns in the hearts of saints in the now and will reign over all the earth when He returns. The pseudo-kingdom movement essentially doubts his divinity and advocates that believer should preach the 'Kingdom' rather than Yeshua, Jesus. The distortion is so insidious that many do not realise it is a falling away from the Faith. This movement also denigrates the Church as obsolete because it does not understand the biblical concept of the Church as the Body of Yeshua, His Bride and habitation of Elohim by The Spirit.

- ❖ **The Vengeance movement.** These are believers who have been brainwashed to believe that fellow humans are causes of their lack of progress or prosperity. They are then programmed to reject all teachings of Yeshua and the New Testament concerning need to forgive those who oppose and leave vengeance to Elohim. Taking the law into their hands, they compile a long list of prayers at various times of the day and night targeted at ‘enemies’

**Blasphemy.** Wikipedia defines blasphemy as irreverence toward religion. Blasphemy is often uttered in the form of words.

**Secular humanism.** This is the tendency to frame the scriptures in a humanistic rather than Divine perspective. Consequently, what is preached and taught loses the aura of virtue which makes it attract reverence and conviction of Holy Spirit.

**Syncretism.** This is the tendency to mix elements of the New Testament which are found convenient with idolatrous practices. All syncretism arise from a foundation of belief that the Blood sacrifice of Yeshua at the Cross was insufficient. Consequently, those who embrace syncretism often add blood sacrifices of humans, animals, or birds to their liturgies. To others, there is worship of fallen angels and much emphasis on substances such as incense, candles and other carnal substances which are used as points of contact. Often this leads to misuse of olive oil and hand kerchiefs or mantles.

We will dwell at length on these departures from the Faith and more as we continue this very insightful course.

### Assignment

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1. Please summarise what you learnt about Errors, Heresies, Apostasies, and the Pseudo-Kingdom.
2. How important is it that saints and ministers should learn these concepts?

## CHAPTER 3

### First Thing, First: Apprehending the Basic Issues

While the Lord is desirous of more labourers in His field for harvest, He is not about to change His standards to accommodate a free for all entry into ministry of the Word! Elohim God requires that those who respond to His call should submit themselves for training by the Holy Spirit and saints who are already disciples.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).*

The training that Elohim God demands is one which centres on the heart to produce transformed character and renewed mind. The renewed mind is able to comprehend divine truth with simplicity of heart. If any wannabe preacher or teacher has no testimony of an experiential encounter with the King, His Word will be little use to him/her. That is why diligent lifelong study and submission to the Word is non-negotiable! Those who refuse to study the Word and diligently understand the context of each provision may well mess up the Word as ALL doomsday preachers have got it wrong, always!

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:15-19).*

God knows how tragic it will be for neophytes to lead His flock:

*Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil (1 Timothy 3:6).*

Elohim God is equally not about to allow people blinded by the thick veil of religion to lead His people into perdition.

*Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matthew 15:14).*

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### *The Tongue (and fingers!)*

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**T**he tongue (and these days, the fingers) represent our primary means of communicating what is good or bad; what is of God or what is of the devil; what is of the Spirit or the flesh and what will build up or tear down. The Lord wants our tongue to be used in a wholesome manner for good.

*Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh (James 3:5-12).*

This is why saints are commanded to be conservative in use of the tongue. As a matter of reality, the vaulting desire to teach others is expressly forbidden, lest the tongue be used to offend.

*My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body (James 3:1-2)*

*If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain (James 1:26).*

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*Wanted: Witnesses to faithfully communicate  
the gospel of the Kingdom*

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It is not just ability to preach, teach or throw sound bites which excites listeners that God is looking for! Apollos was a mighty orator in the Word but had only half knowledge, until Priscilla and Aquila took him in and mentored him into the full truth! (Acts 18:24-26) God is looking for vessels who abide in Him and His Words abide in them for it is such that can be truly productive within the context of the specific call of God on their lives (John 15:1-8-16). It is such people who are able to be true Ambassadors of Yeshua Jesus, witness to Him and proclaim the full gospel of the Kingdom without agenda or preference (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20).

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).*

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*No eternal security for the rebellious*

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There are some who posit that once someone is saved, that person is permanently secured in Jesus the Messiah (Christ), no matter what he or she does subsequently. This dangerous doctrine is one of the reasons why some live carelessly and make Grace seem like a cheap proposition. Grace is truly free but certainly not cheap! The grace of Elohim God poured out to us came at a heavy price – His incredible love which caused Him to be incarnated as man and the shedding of divine blood after extreme torture and most painful death at the hands of His own creatures! Even though Elohim God loves the whole world and paid the price of salvation of all, not everyone embraces that free gift of eternal life. In the same way, even though the Life Gate has been opened for many to come in, The Redeemer does not force any one in His Kingdom to remain therein!

Satan was once in the Kingdom as Chief cheer leader of the Most High! Adam was once the apple of the eye of God until the day he and Eve chose a new master. The fact that anyone in the Kingdom can backslide, go into error, and apostatize or fall away is hinged on a central truth in the dealing of Elohim God with man: He always respects the will of man!

*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame (Hebrews 6:4-6).*

*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought*



*worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:26-31).*

**T**he Second Epistle of Peter was written to warn saints of false teachers and prophets. Some of them were once in the faith but fell off owing to covetousness or after twisting the Word of Grace which Holy Spirit released through Paul the Apostle. No wonder Peter urged the saints to grow in grace lest they stagnate, backslide, or fall away from the narrow path.

*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with*

*their unlawful deeds;)* 9 *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22*

*But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (2 Peter 2:1-22).*

*Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Peter 3:14-18).*

Anyone who believes the fallacy that salvation is eternally secured in spite of the quality of life someone lives is already in error and will produce children of error! The time has come when those who are saved will base their faith on His Words and not what a theologian, long dead postulated! It is time to allow Arminus, Calvin and great theologians and thinkers of old to take their deserved rest so that we can concentrate on the Word, not their personal perspectives called ‘interpretations’! As we shall see in this resource, the theology you build your spiritual life upon is of critical import. If it is false, the foundation is false. If it is true, the foundation is solid. We can only build upon the only sure foundation: the Word of the Lord!

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that*

*house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:24-27).*

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*The Person of Yeshua, Jesus and His Words  
constitute The ONLY frame of Reference!*

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As Yeshua, Jesus was getting ready to complete His assignment on earth, He found it fit to show the inner circle of His disciples, a glimpse of who He is. He took them to a high mountain and was transfigured before them. In that state, Moses and Elijah appeared also and were in dialogue with Him. Peter, in a moment of excitement blurted out: “*Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.*” In response, The Father spoke expressly from heaven to the hearing of all including the celestial beings:

*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when*

*they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only (Matthew 17:1-8).*

For the second time in three and half years, The Father found it necessary to publicly affirm Jesus. The first time was at the beginning of His public ministry during the baptism of John in River Jordan.

*Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased (Luke 3:21-22).*

Why would Abba do such a thing two times? The simple answer was that He needed to drive home an extraordinarily important fact. Moses was an intimate friend of Elohim God and even had the privilege of speaking with Him face to face. Moses personally received the Law at the hand of Elohim God on the Mountain and was revered by Israel as the Law Giver so much that the glory of God that rubbed off on his face needed to be covered with a cloth so that the people could relate with him. Till today, the veil of Moses covers the heart and minds of majority of Torah observant Jews. As long as that veil remains, they cannot receive the fullness of the ministry of Yeshua, Jesus!

*Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

Elijah was perhaps the most outstanding of all the charismatic prophets of Israel. Even though his protégé, Elisha went on to be used in double miracles than him, Elijah still retained his pre-eminence. He it was who alone confronted allegiance to Baal who was the chief idol of his day. Elijah had such intimate relationship with Elohim God and so jealous for His glory that he asked to be taken home before time and thus spared the pain of seeing idolatry on such a mass scale in Israel. To illustrate the degree of Elijah's intimacy with God, a chariot of fire was sent to take him away from this world!

*And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha,*

*Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven (2 Kings 2:1-11).*

**T**hese two men, representing the Law and The Prophets were seen by Peter as in the same class as Yeshua, Jesus. The Father had to step in decisively to say NO to such a proposition! The Father said expressly: “HEAR YE HIM.” In effect, Abba declared: Jesus alone is mediator of the New Covenant!

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: (Hebrews 1:1-3).*

This same Jesus came to fulfil (not abolish) the Law and the Prophets in His own Body that would be broken at the Cross!

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil (Matthew 5:17).*

That fulfilment came by the sacrifice of Himself to be the Sin bearing offering of the whole world. In whom, all the shadows and types which fill the Old Covenant found expression in a human.

*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Corinthians 5:21).*

The New Covenant between Elohim God and the redeemed had one distinguishing factor: it was to be written onto the fleshly tables of the hearts of humans rather than a cold piece of stone.

*Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (Hebrews 10:15-16).*

The New Covenant was superior to the Old because the Mediator was superior, and the seal of the Blood of the Lamb was greater than that of the ordinary animals Moses used to sprinkle. Please see Hebrews chapters 5,6,7,8,9,10,11. Some people have mistakenly projected the New Covenant as weak and a license to sin. It is obvious that such people do not understand how far superior it is!

*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:18-20).*

A sample of how superior the Word given by Jesus is to that which was given by Moses is found in Matthew 5:21-48. The Law Giver of the New Covenant clearly set forth the superiority relative to the requirements of the Old Covenant! The Kingdom life in



Yeshua, Jesus is hallmarked by the righteousness of Elohim God we receive as a free gift by grace through faith. As we respond to this unspeakable gift, our heart is knit together with His and we acquire the very attitude of love of righteousness and hatred of sin which marked Him out:

*Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Hebrews 1:9).*

This heart disposition is the basis of holiness unto the Lord, the manifestation of our continued walk with Him.

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### *The Two Pillars of the New Covenant*

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**I**n summing up the proposition of today, here is the core: Yeshua, Jesus is the frame of reference for all who will live in the New Covenant! From Him proceed two immutable Pillars of the New Covenant:

#### **His Words are the Law of the New Covenant**

To be a preacher or teacher of the Word, your core assignment is to communicate the Truth of the New Covenant as articulated by Yeshua Jesus. His Sermons, parables, illustrations, and stories are all aspects of the awesome Truth of the New Covenant. Some of the things Yeshua Jesus spoke were hard for the first disciples to understand. When He arose therefore from the dead, Jesus spent 40 days doing an intense School of Ministry to teach them principles of the Kingdom of God in the now and in the age to come.

*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed*

*himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: (Acts 1:1-3).*

Thereafter, Jesus sent Holy Spirit to take His place as Comforter, Teacher, and guide (Acts 2:1-39). The Holy Spirit began to break down the awesome Words of Jesus and give clarity to them. Thus armed, the Apostles wrote various epistles. To ensure that certain critical aspects of Kingdom truth concerning what Yeshua accomplished at the Cross are not missed out, He had to personally come down from heaven to arrest Saul of Tarsus as detailed in Acts 9:1-19.

To this very man, Jesus revealed the mystery of the Church as His Body of saints in this present era, how they should be governed, lifestyle to be lived and how the end will come. Whenever people project an anti-Church spirit, let your spiritual antennae be up! It was entirely by divine election that Paul, a former enemy of the gospel became the vessel who received the holistic master plan of what the Church is.

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

Between understanding of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) and the Pauline Epistles (Romans, Galatians, 1 and 2

Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews a saint can safely find light for living the New Covenant life. When the epistles of John and book of Revelation as well as the writings of Peter, James and Jude are added, the New Covenant is complete as the Body of knowledge which provides a reliable compass of life.

**His life is the standard and frame of reference of how we are to live**

**A**part from dying for the sins of the whole world, Yeshua, Jesus also came to model the life of sons in the Kingdom of God. At the core of how Jesus lived was one simple truth: He regarded Himself as “sent” and therefore lived entirely according to the will of the Father. Jesus had no self or personal agenda other than to please the Father!

*Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).*

*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me (John 5:30).*

*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me (John 6:38).*

**T**his disposition was vividly illustrated at the Garden of Gethsemane. There, in great distress of soul over the searing torture and pain which lay ahead, Yeshua, Jesus prayed three times to know if the Father would let the cup pass away. Convinced beyond any shadow of doubt that it was indeed the will of Abba for Him to go through the grueling passion and death, Jesus arose and concentrated on the joy set before Him – the expectation that out of His pain, many sons would come to glory and the Crown of Lordship over all realms! (Matthew 26:36-46; Philippians 2:5-11).

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (Hebrews 12:2-3).*

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*Yeshua, Jesus is the only SURE  
FOUNDATION of Doctrine and Life!*

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Every Error, Heresy, Pseudo-gospel, and Apostasy will therefore be an expression of a departure from or negation of the Teachings and Lifestyle of Yeshua, Jesus! If you are an Overseer by whatever title chosen or teacher of the Word, the valid question is this: how far are your teachings in conformity with the Words and life of Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah/Christ? A defective creed will lead people away from the Kingdom. The Kingdom is accessed and maintained on the basis of the work of the Holy Spirit who enables saints to maintain an excellent relationship with God as a loving Father and the Truth of Him and His Kingdom to which they are

called. Whoever tells you that what you believe is not important, that person has put you on an express way to Hell!

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).*

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### **Assignment**

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1. Please share a summary of what you learnt from this chapter.
2. Kindly summarise the 2 Pillars of the New Testament,

## CHAPTER 4

### Biblical Chronicles of Falling Away from Truth

#### Part 1

The One Grand name for the subject matter of the Course is “The Falling Away.” By this, we mean the various digressions, and diversions from simplicity of the holistic Gospel of the Kingdom which Yeshua proclaimed and charged His Church to continue to proclaim until He returns.

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).*

The falling away is not just happening now. It has a long record of a gradual descent into darkness which started while Yeshua was in the earth realm on His redemptive mission.

Satan planted Tares (created the fake church) while Yeshua was on earth! Let us now situate the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares in the right context of this Course as a Satan inspired strategy to corrupt the gospel message to make it of no effect so that counterfeit ‘Christians’ would fill the earth realm, marching blindfolded to Hell and the Lake of Fire while deluded that they are headed to heaven.

*Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay;*

*lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn (Matthew 13:24-30).*

*Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew 13:36-43).*

To execute his heinous plot, Satan goes for the jugular: he recruits, corrupts, and unleashes his agents to ‘found,’ ‘establish’ and run what could be termed ‘churches of Satan,’ ‘churches of Humans’ or ‘Hybrid church’ entities that are distinctly different from the Kingdom Church of Yeshua.

*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil*

*fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:15-23).*

*And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:26-27).*

*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things (Philippians 3:17-19).*

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### *Role of State of Hearts in the falling away*

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In another parable, Yeshua demonstrated with vivid language the role “state of hearts of people” plays in the falling away process.

*The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat;*



*and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew 13:1-9).*

### Yeshua graciously explained the parable for our profit

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty (Matthew 13:18-23).*

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*Role of those who refused to wait for Holy Spirit in the Falling Away*

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We can deduct from the whole testimony of scriptures that about 500 saints were at Mount Olivet when Yeshua addressed them before ascending to heaven.

*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).*

Yeshua charged all of them to wait for promise of Holy Spirit so that they can be empowered to be His effective witnesses who would impact and transform the world:

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:4-8).*

While 120 obeyed, waited and were empowered in the Upper Room as Acts 2:1-4 attests, 380 refused to obey Yeshua's instruction. They went forth from Jerusalem with half knowledge. The fruit of their falling away was evident in the lives of inadequate knowledge and

power in Apollos (Acts 18) who did not know that Holy Spirit had been given.

*And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly (Acts 18:24-26)*

The outcome of the half gospel preached by those 380 was also evident in 12 disciples at Ephesus.

*And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve (Acts 19:1-70)*

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*Falling away in the first Century Church*

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Within the first Century of the Church, there were various manifestations of error, heresies, apostasies, and distortions of the gospel that are well documented in the Bible. Here are some specific provisions:

### **The Judaizers of the first Century.**

In the first century there arose a significant distortion of the truth called Judaizing. This was a dogma which essentially demanded that Gentiles should first convert to Judaism through the rite of circumcision before they qualify to be truly saved. Such religious folks tormented and opposed Peter, Paul, and those who were used by the Lord to advance the gospel.

*While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days (Acts 10:44-48).*

*And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest into men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. In his epistle to the Galatians, Paul documents the destabilising effects of errors on the Gentiles who were coming to faith through his ministry (Acts 11:1-3).*

*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*

*7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:6-12).*

**T**he inimitable champion of the gospel of the Kingdom pushed back in a dynamic manner!

*Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: 7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same*

*was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:;) 9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. 11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God (Galatians 2:1-19).*

This pattern of opposition to the pure truth by Judaizers continued until the First Jerusalem Council was convened to deal with the issue.

*And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after*

*the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. 2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. 3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. 4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them. 5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. 6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. 12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. 13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: 14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and*

*I will set it up: 17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. 18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. 19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day. 22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the brethren: 23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. 24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: 25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well. 30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle: 31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation (Acts 15:1-31).*



*Warnings of Falling away/Departure from the Faith*

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**Warnings of Paul in Epistles to Timothy**

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth (1 Timothy 4:1-3).*

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith (2 Timothy 3:1-8).*

**Warnings to the Philippians**

*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell*

*you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (Philippians 3:17-19).*

### **Warnings to the Thessalonians**

*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (2 Thessalonians 2:1-11).*

### **Warnings of Peter**

*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who*

*privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way,*

*and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (2 Peter 2:1-22).*

*This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the*

*heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:1-9).*

### **Warnings of James**

*Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you (James 5:1-6).*

*19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins (James 5:19-20).*

### **Warnings of Jude**

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly*

*contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. 10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have*

*spoken against him. 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage (Jude 3-16).*

We will be pressing into the depth of the subject matter to receive warnings from John the beloved who was given revelation of the mother of all falling away that would lead to end of the age.

### **Assignment**

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1. In what way can it be said that Apostasies, Heresies, Errors, and the Pseudo gospel are as old as history of the Church right from the beginning of the Church?
2. Please cite five scriptures which touched you the most.
3. What is your personal take away from this chapter?

## CHAPTER 5

### Biblical Chronicles of Falling Away from the Faith

#### Part 2

In this chapter, we will focus on the warnings about the apostasies, heresies, errors, and false gospel which Satan was unleashing and would unleash on the Church from the first century right through till end of the age. In order to understand the full import of some of the things revealed to John the beloved Apostle, let us first note that He received the revelation of Divinity of Yeshua like to no other person of all ages. It was John that Holy Spirit used to pen these profound truths:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3).*

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) (1 John 1:1-2).*

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*Calling out Dangerous Doctrines which denied  
Divinity of Yeshua or His Humanity*

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The Lord therefore elected John to identify the corrosive and deadly errors and heresies which were sprouting up in his day. Chief



among them were doctrines which essentially renounced the Divinity of Yeshua, or His Humanity the very cornerstone of true Faith.

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming (1 John 2:18-28).*

*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is*

*not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1 John 4:1-3).*

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:4-13).*

*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For*

*he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (2 John 7-11).*

Gnosticism is the theological name of the tendency to question either the divinity or humanity of Yeshua, Jesus. At end of this chapter, we will quote excerpts of a scholarly work by Gary W. Derickson.

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*Outcome of Yeshua's Inspection of the Churches of Asia Minor*

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Yeshua completed His earthly assignment about AD 27-30 and went back to heaven. Within the first 70 years of the Church Yeshua came to inspect how His Body and Bride was doing in the earth realm. Revelations 2 has this report card of 4 Churches in Asia Minor (Modern day Turkey):

Ephesus – the Church had lost its first love and was full of activity devoid of a vibrant relationship with Him (Revelation 2:1-7)

Smyrna – The Church here was found faithful, in spite of its limited strength (Revelation 2:8-11).

Pergamos – The Church here was polluted with the doctrine of Balaam (Compromise with the worldly system and syncretism) (Revelation 2:12-17).

Thyatira – The Church here tolerated a situation where an immoral, illegitimate authority (called Jezebel) to controlled it away from divine purpose and order (Revelation 2:18-29).

Revelation chapter 3 has record of the Inspection report on three other Churches

**S**ardis – The church here was in a state of coma, barely breathing. Yet, it invested massively in Public Relations to give an appearance of being alive while it was almost dead (Revelation 3:1-6).

**P**hiladelphia – This Church was found faithful and robust with Kingdom life for which it received great commendation. (Revelation 3:7-13).

**L**aodicea – Boastful and proud, this Church mistook material possessions as evidence of Divine Favour and was harshly rebuked by Yeshua (Revelation 3:14-22).

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*Rise of the Nicolaitanes.*

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**I**n two instances – the message to the Church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:6) and the Church at Pergamos (Revelation 2:15), Yeshua spotted existence of a false priestly order and system which was contradictory to the Melchizedek order of Priesthood he established. This was one in which human beings became ‘Lords of the Flock’ who subdued the people and treated them as personal property. Yeshua stated clearly that he hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, an iteration of what could be called the Nimrodic priesthood (Genesis 10: 8-10). It is noteworthy that what Yeshua stated plainly that He was displeased with is the priestly pattern of choice that Bible Schools and Theological Seminaries prepare people to be. It is the main attraction which sucks multitude into ministry to work as a professional clergy distinguished by clerical attire and sitting on thrones that are mounted upon supposed altars of Elohim.

**H**istory records that the Second and Third Century Church was infected by doctrine of the Nicolaitanes which renounced simplicity of the New Covenant Priesthood, opting for an ecclesiastical system which ensured tendency to reject the Fivefold and priesthood after

order of Melchizedek in favour of the Bishopric with its elevated stature, pomp, and pageantry.

## Warning of Mystery Babylon

In Revelation chapter 17, John received the ‘Mother of all Revelations’. It was a sneak preview of how the Christian Church would ditch Yeshua as Groom and Head for human Governments. This revelation of Mystery Babylon is the grand key to unlock the mystery of how the Church went off ramp from the Truth and has settled in the valley of compromise and wedlock with the world ever since. Let us see what the scripture said.

*And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall*

*ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:1-17).*

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### *Concerning Gnosticism*

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Writing in *Learning Religions*, Jack Zavada stated, inter alia:

“Gnosticism Definition - The term Gnosticism is derived from the Greek word gnosis, meaning "to know" or "knowledge." This knowledge is not intellectual but mythical and comes through a special revelation by Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, or through his apostles. The secret knowledge reveals the key to salvation.”

He went further to quote The New Bible Dictionary which gives this outline of Gnostic beliefs:

"The supreme God dwelt in unapproachable splendour in this spiritual world and had no dealings with the world of matter. Matter was the creation of an inferior being, the Demiurge. He, along with his aides the archōns, kept mankind imprisoned within their material existence, and barred the path of individual souls trying to ascend to the spirit world after death. Not even this possibility was open to everyone, however. For only those who possessed a divine spark (pneuma) could hope to escape from their corporeal existence. And even those possessing such a spark did not have an automatic escape, for they needed to receive the enlightenment of gnōsis before they could become aware of their own spiritual condition... In most of the Gnostic systems reported by the church Fathers, this enlightenment is the work of a divine redeemer, who descends from the spiritual world in disguise and is often equated with the Christian Jesus. Salvation for the Gnostic, therefore, is to be alerted to the existence of his divine pneuma and then, as a result of this knowledge, to escape on death from the material world to the spiritual."

Gary W. Derickson goes further to expatiate in excerpts from his book 1,2 7 3 John: Evangelical Exegetical Commentary:

“Based on the internal evidence of 1 and 2 John, a problem had arisen within the church, possibly throughout Asia Minor. We know from church history that near the end of the first century, and in the early second century, proto-Gnosticism, specifically Docetism, arose within the church

In later years this developed into a theological system known as Gnosticism. Its teachings blended Greek dualism with Eastern mysticism. It adopted the dualistic view that only the nonmaterial, or spirit, was good while anything material was evil. Along with this came Eastern mysticisms focus on secret knowledge reserved only for the chosen few. Though present in seminal form in the late first century, it blossomed into full expression in the middle and latter second century. By the middle of the second century its adherents were producing their own gospels and epistles, of which the Gospel of Thomas and Gospel of Judas are examples.

John appears to have anticipated Gnosticism development and threat to the health of the church and wrote to counteract its influence. Based on the Greek dualistic concept that matter is evil, and spirit is good, Gnosticism concluded that for God to be truly good, He had to be pure spirit and could not have created a material universe. Therefore, a lesser god, an emanation from the true God, must have created it. The God of the Old Testament was one of these emanations that are called demiurges, and so was a lesser god than the ultimate God.

This form of dualism influenced their view of Jesus. Recognizing His deity, they concluded that Jesus could not have had a physical body. Corporeality would require God to come in contact with the evil material world. This teaching was called Docetism (from *dokeo*, seem or have the appearance) and claimed that Jesus only appeared to have a physical body, but in reality, was a spirit and so did not suffer and die on the cross. He only appeared to have done so.

A modification of the Docetic view of Jesus was promoted by a false teacher in Ephesus named Cerinthus. His false doctrine, known as Cerinthianism, was an early form of adoptionism, and taught that Jesus was a human upon whom the Christ spirit descended at His baptism. It was this spirit of Christ that then empowered Jesus in His ministry. Then, just before Jesus' crucifixion, the Christ spirit departed from



the man Jesus, who subsequently died on the cross. So, while Jesus died, the Christ neither suffered nor died on the cross, but only appeared to have died.

Such phrases as what our hands handled, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and He who came by water and blood may imply that such a heresy as proto-Gnosticism is being addressed. Each of these references to Jesus uses incarnational language that requires corporeality a physical existence, and so might indicate an early expression of Gnosticism. These statements served as John's way of affirming the humanity of Jesus, whose deity John had clearly demonstrated in his Gospel. The issue this epistle addresses is not that the heretics believed Jesus to be someone other than the Christ (and believed in Jesus anyway), but rather that they believed the Christ to be someone other than Jesus.

Adapted from 1, 2, & 3 John: Evangelical Exegetical Commentary by Gary W. Derickson.”

The next chapter will focus on how this revelation of Mystery Babylon was fulfilled as a fact of history and how the present church system is simply a manifestation of Mystery Babylon.

### Assignment

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1. Please summarise the warnings of John concerning attempts of some to deny the Divinity of Yeshua, Jesus and cite at least two scriptures.
2. Kindly share any two insights you gained from Revelation 17.

## CHAPTER 6

### Historical Fulfilment of Mystery Babylon in 4th Century

Saints who are waiting for return of the Lord owe themselves a duty of care to understand the danger of living and labouring under faulty foundations of errors and lies.

*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3).*

*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (Proverbs 28:13).*

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man,*

*which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:24-27).*

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### *3 Centuries of pain and darkness*

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From the latter half of the first century to the fourth century, the Christian church suffered extraordinary persecution from the Roman Empire, just as Yeshua had promised. Saints were hunted down like animals; others were required to renounce their Faith or die cruel deaths in the Roman Coliseum where they were thrown to wild animals while nobles watched with glee. An entry in Wikipedia provides a historical context of what saints experienced:

“The persecution of Christians occurred, sporadically and usually locally, throughout the Roman Empire, beginning in the 1st century AD and ending in the 4th century AD. Originally a polytheistic empire in the traditions of Roman paganism and the Hellenistic religion, as Christianity spread through the empire, it came into ideological conflict with the imperial cult of ancient Rome. Pagan practices such as making sacrifices to the deified emperors or other gods were abhorrent to Christians as their beliefs prohibited idolatry. The state and other members of civic society punished Christians for treason, various rumored crimes, illegal assembly, and for introducing an alien cult that led to Roman apostasy

The first, localized Neronian persecution occurred under the emperor Nero in Rome. A more general persecution occurred during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. After a lull, persecution resumed under the emperors Decius and Trebonianus Gallus. The Decian persecution was particularly extensive. The persecution of Emperor Valerian ceased with his notable capture by the Sasanian Empire 's

Shapur I at the Battle of Edessa during the Roman–Persian Wars. His successor Gallienus halted the persecutions.

The Augustus Diocletian began the Diocletianic persecution, the final general persecution of Christians, which continued to be enforced in parts of the empire until the Augustus Galerius issued the Edict of Serdica and the Augustus Maximinus Daia died. After Constantine the Great defeated his rival Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in October, Licinius and his co-emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan which allowed tolerance of all religions including Christianity.”

The Roman Empire was rattled by the Faith of Christians in a personality called Yeshua, Jesus. To compound the situation, the saints willingly embraced martyrdom rather than engage in Emperor worship.

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### *Two broad responses*

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There were two types of responses to the onslaught of the Roman Empire.

#### **The Tiny Faithful**

There was a faithful remnant who remembered the words of Yeshua, were faithful unto death.

*But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two*

coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city. 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. 21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. 24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And fear not them

*which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. 40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me (Matthew 10:6-40).*

They went underground and were preserved by The Lord. Those who paid the supreme price of martyrdom did so with the right attitude.

### **The larger majority**

**T**he larger majority was worn down by the extreme persecution suffered at hands of the Roman Empire. Worse still, they were disillusioned at the non-return of Yeshua as He said in John 14:1-6. and were tired of waiting. In effect, they were primed for the greatest switch blade attack by Satan whose agenda has always been to corrupt the Church and take away the cutting edge of fidelity to Yeshua, Jesus, the Head.

*The Great Falling Away*

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Chronicle of descent from of the Church from Faithful spouse and Body of Yeshua, Jesus to wife of Roman Empire (Revelation 17 fulfilled).

Let us recapture the historical realities that combined to culminate in the Great Falling Away of the 4th Century. In order to gain ‘respectability and acceptance’ from the Lords and Nobles of Europe, leaders of the Church dumped the simple, uncomplicated Fivefold which led the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. This was marked by the humble serving of the brethren as espoused by Yeshua in Matthew 20:25-28. In its stead, from the time of the Nicolaitanes in Revelation Chapter 2 (about AD 95), there was a preference and tendency towards the Episcopal model of colourful bishoprics which gave the bearers respectability in their respective spheres of influence. This quest to be recognized, accepted, and honoured was a steep slope or off ramp from the Kingdom to the world. Apparently, the prayer of Yeshua in John 17:9-18 for the Church to be separated from the world was not heeded.

This yearning to escape persecution, scorn and gain acceptance received an unexpected boost from a strong Roman Emperor, Constantine, whose mother, Helena, was a Christian. He claimed that he saw a vision of the Cross before the Battle of Milvan Bridge against his rival Maxentius on 28 October. According to his account, he heard a voice promising him victory. He won the battle decisively and manifested a soft heart towards Christianity. The facts of History clearly dispute the claim that Constantine converted to Christianity because the Empire and Rome, its capital City displayed symbols of Idolatry.

Furthermore, it was only on his death bed that Constantine, after a reign marked by much shedding of blood, was baptised by Bishop Eusebius in 337 AD. (See Bibletruthpublishers.com). In February, Constantine delivered the first of the goods sought

earnestly by church leaders. He and Emperor Licinius signed the Edict of Toleration in the Northern Italian City of Milan. By a stroke of the pen, persecution, rejection, and the thorn of crowns was decreed out of the experience of Christians. Christianity became legally recognized throughout the Roman Empire as a lawful religion anyone could engage in as a legal right without retribution. Church leaders and believers who had suffered years of persecution went into ecstasy! The Church came out of the shadows and ‘took its rightful place in society.’

Now entrenched as a Patron of sorts, Constantine presided over translation of the Gospel of the Kingdom – marked by personal relationship with Elohim which required believers to be disciples who enthroned Yeshua, Jesus into their hearts as Saviour and Lord - to Religion marked by cramming and recitation of creeds; engagement in rituals without heart on certain ‘holy days’ and hours inside religiously designed buildings. The cornerstone of his Imperial Patronage of the Church was convening of the Council of Nicaea between May to August 325 AD to resolve the toxic doctrine of Arianism. The outcome was the Nicene Creed which became the gold standard for determining who is a Christian! Kingdom life was effectively jettisoned in favour of recitation of creed. Because the Emperor had converted and the Edict of Toleration recognised Christianity, there was necessity to enjoy the warm embrace of society. Since the Emperor and Nobles of Europe were now congregants, the need to build worthy houses of worship became acute, hence a new era of design and construction of massive building projects throughout the empire as ‘the Church’ people see and know (no longer the spiritual Body and Bride of Yeshua, Jesus. New rites of passage needed to be established. Key among them were various sacraments people received starting with ‘Infant Baptism’ to signify ‘membership’ of the ‘Church’ as an organisation you ‘join.’ With this development, the need to be born again by the Spirit was thrown out of the window. Unregenerated people became members of the Church because they were baptised as infants and could recite the required creeds from memory, without heart connection.



The need for a professional male only priesthood caste to run the big business that the recognized ‘Church’ turned out to be an essential need. Structured like a pyramid, it guaranteed that one individual ruled the spiritual lives of a large number of people in a Parish, Diocese, Arch Diocese or globally. The Levitical/Aaronic religious order of the Old Covenant was resurrected and clothed with bright colours which made it a desirable profession to get into. When family members of deceased clergy began to lay claims to church property such as parsonages and bishops’ courts, a smart solution was found in 1123 and 1139: compulsory vow of celibacy first broached in 304. Furthermore, it was believed that if priests could have authority and control over their sexual impulses, they would automatically gain pre-eminence over the Nobles whose sexual escapades were well known (according to History News Network. In enacting this rule, another New Testament prophecy played out in high definition.

### **History News Network**

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth (1 Timothy 4:1-3),*

First iteration of the ultimate falling away. The descent from relationship to religion was ultimately sealed as a permanent deal on February 27, in the City of Thessaloniki when Emperor Theodosius 1 of the Eastern Roman Empire signed the decree which made Roman Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. Emperor Valentinian of the Western Roman Empire was a witness to the decree and gave his assent. This was the first manifestation of Mystery Babylon. The wife and Body of Yeshua had unceremoniously ditched Him for a new spouse and covering: the

Roman Empire! This was Mystery Babylon demonstrated as union of Church and State.

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:3-6).*

*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues ((Revelation 17:15).*

*And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth ((Revelation 17:18).*

It must be noted here that this development in the 4th Century was but a rehearsal of the ultimate union of Church and State which will close out the human age when Yeshua will return. The fact that these things happened offer a stark warning to the saints of the Last Days that it will happen again in the days leading to return of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah just as Paul prophesied.

*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that*

*man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).*

**T**he Divine Command: Come out of Babylon because it is bound for utter judgement and destruction!

*And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto*

*heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning (Revelation 18:1-9).*

In a subsequent chapter, we shall examine how the Protestant Movement was fundamentally compromised at its foundation with the root of Mystery Babylon.

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### Assignment

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1. Please summarise any aspects of the 7-point falling away process which touched you most.
2. What is your personal take away from this chapter?
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 7

### Features of The Roman Empire and Church Union

Following from the things discussed in the previous chapter, it is necessary to pinpoint some of the features of Roman Catholicism as a Religion all by itself which laid foundation for the rise of Protestantism in the 16th Century.

- ❖ Rejection of Grace and embrace of works as basis of 'Salvation'
- ❖ Devotion to a version of Mary that essentially promotes her to be a Mediatrix between the faithful and Yeshua, Jesus.
- ❖ Sin is a normal lifestyle of the faithful for which the temporary remedy is to confess same before a Priest and do the necessary Penance
- ❖ Sainthood is only attainable after death. This leads to devotion to a large pantheon of saints.
- ❖ Rejection of the Blood sacrifice of Jesus as complete. Consequently, re-enactments are done in regular weekly services.
- ❖ Baptism of infants as a way of gaining 'church membership.'
- ❖ A professional male priesthood caste that swears to celibacy not by choice but by compulsion which has left in its trails an atmosphere of immorality which has hurt the Church in many locations worldwide.
- ❖ The practice of indulgencies whereby those who are dead can receive atonement for sins committed while alive through intercession and payments by living relatives or friends
- ❖ A perspective of the 'Church' as an organization you 'join' and the building you 'go into' on certain 'holy days.'
- ❖ Christian Religion with its endless rituals and dead works replaced relationship with Elohim which is cornerstone of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- ❖ Rome displaced Jerusalem as centre of gravity.

- ❖ The emergent religious system needed the Political class more than it needed Jesus. As the previous chapter revealed, it ended up in an adulterous relationship with the Roman Empire as its spouse fulfilling the clear Revelation 17 prophecy of Mystery Babylon
- ❖ The Roman Church acquired the blood thirsty DNA of Rome by marriage. Foxes' Book of Martyrs and other historical works document the various cruel ways through which an innumerable number of saints were brutally killed. Their only crime was that they believed in Salvation by Grace through faith.

*And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:6).*

- ❖ Infallibility of Papal Authority and interpretation of the Scriptures as final.
- ❖ With this, only those he delegated part of that authority to as Priests could read and understand scriptures whereas the masses were not entitled to read but to rather hear what the Priests said.
- ❖ The union of the larger wing of the Church and the Roman Empire fulfilled the Prophecy of Daniel concerning the latter days.

*His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay (Daniel 2:33).*

*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise ((Daniel 2:40).*

Simply state, this indicated that before the end of the age, an empire identified as the Legs of Iron would reign on earth. The two legs of the Roman Empire became:

- ❖ One leg stood for the Military, Political and Cultural strength of Rome
- ❖ The other leg stood for the Religious part of Rome – which is so strong that it literarily rules the world till today through one of the most organised, powerful, and global church systems that has its own ‘State’ status in Vatican City; its own diplomatic relations with most nations of the earth and one of the largest gathering of believers estimated to be over 1.3 billion.

Founded in ----BC by the twins Remus and Romulus, the City State of Rome was a Republic ruled by the Senate which appointed Military Commanders as Caesars who led the army to war. Following the brutal assassination of Julius Caesar on March 15, 44BC, his protégé Octavius outsmarted the conspirators and established Rome as an Empire in 27 BC. It was during his historical reign that Yeshua was born. As recorded in this scripture:

*And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city (Luke 2.1-3).*

- ❖ The Roman Catholic Church, as an European construct sought to reinforce its claim to divine approval by embracing the notion that because the Jews rejected Jesus and were accessories to His crucifixion, they were rejected by God. In their place, the Christian Church (Catholic) was raised to inherit all the promises in the Old Covenant.

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### *Significance of the union of Church and State*

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- ❖ Based on both Daniel 2 and Revelation 17, the union of church and state signified the reality that the world had approached a critical state towards end of the age.

- ❖ The reality that there would be features of a ‘Roman’ presence in the very last ‘empire’ which would be on earth by the time Yeshua, Jesus would return to set up the Millennium.
- ❖ A clear understanding of that last empire and how it would unfold is essential for all true students of end time prophecy: the successor ‘empire’ would have some of the features of Rome mixed with inferior substances ‘Feet of Iron mixed with Miry Clay’

*His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. 36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. 37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And*



*whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure (Daniel 2:33-45).*

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### *Replacement Theology*

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The Roman Catholic Church inherited a general ignorance of Romans chapters 9, 10 and 11 concerning Elohim and the Jews which reared its head in the first century Church. As [israeltoday.co.il](http://israeltoday.co.il) observed in a December 16, 2021, article by David Lazarus, starting with the writings of such early Church scholars like Irenaeus (135-202 AD), Ambrose (337-397 AD), Augustine (354-430), and peaking with John Chrysostom (344/355-407 AD), there was release of fiery proclamations which demonised Jews as lost, rejected by God and essentially replaced by the Christian Church. Interestingly, [israeltoday.co.il](http://israeltoday.co.il) asserted in the same article by David Lazarus that Emperor Constantine was to take replacement theology and anti-Semitism to a whole new level. At the Council of Nicaea, Lazarus reported that Constantine ‘forced all Gentile Bishops to cleanse the Church from all things Jewish. He ordered (321 AD) Sunday instead of Shabbat (Saturday) as the holy day of the week and changed the dates for Easter so that its relationship with Passover would be lost”

**Challenge for saints of the Last Days**

As said in a previous chapter, saints who are waiting for return of the Lord owe themselves a duty of care to understand the danger of living and labouring under faulty foundations of errors and lies. It is easy for Protestants to point accusing fingers at the Church of Rome over the faulty foundations discussed so far. As lawyers would say however, he who comes to equity must come with clean hands. In the next chapter, we will explore faulty foundations of the Protestant Movement which represent features of the great Falling Away that is the subject matter of this Course on Apostasies, Heresies, Errors, and the Pseudo Gospel.

### Assignment

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1. Please identify any 12 of the 18 features of Roman Catholicism that were at variance with scripture discussed in this chapter.
2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 8

### The Protestant Version of Mystery Babylon

The foundation of the Protestant movement shows a dark side which is often overlooked: the DNA of Rome was inherited and sustained over the years, leading to a systemic falling away. This falling away has been so normalised that many take it for granted that as long as apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel ‘work,’ or produce ‘results,’ there is no need to bother about how healthy the roots are. This utilitarian perspective of the gospel makes of none effect the Holy Scriptures as a revelation of the immutable counsel of Elohim and compass of life. In this chapter, we will explore the faulty foundation of the Protestant movement and trace the DNA of Rome it did not deal with but built upon to create the religious equivalent of the Tower of Babel that it is today. At this stage, it is safe to ask that only those who are interested in knowing the Truth should continue this excavation of the roots of the gospel!

*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3).*

*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (Proverbs 28:13).*

#### In the beginning

On October 31, 1517, a Roman Catholic Priest, Martin Luther, nailed his 95 Thesis to the Door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was basically a challenge to some, not all, Roman Catholic belief systems. He did not intend to leave the Catholic Church but to challenge it to change some doctrines and dogmas he considered offensive and nonbiblical from within. Before then, he was frustrated that various works of religiosity did not bring him closer to God. This included such self-abnegation as walking barefooted in his black costume. The mercy of Elohim God

responded to his hunger and thirst, leading to a dramatic epiphany when revelation of this scripture was received.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).*

His discovery that righteousness is attained by Grace through Faith rather than through various works of religious labour was so impactful that he felt a compulsion to challenge some dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church which he found unhelpful, hence the 95 Theses.

The Roman Catholic establishment was not about to shift to his demands. It struck back hard at the incipient rebellion. At the Diet of Worms, convened January-May 1521 by Emperor Charles V during the reign of Pope Leo X, Martin Luther was asked to renounce his views or be expelled from the Church. Unwilling to go back to spiritual bondage, as he saw it, Luther refused to renounce and was expelled as a heretic. The die was cast, and he was thus permanently separated from the Church of Rome. This became the foundation of the Protestant Movement. Protestantism is therefore a separation from Rome based not on a rejection of the totality of what it stood for but disagreement over specific doctrines and dogma such as Salvation by infant baptism, righteousness by works, infallibility of Papal authority, the dogma of Indulgence whereby those who are alive can give money and pray for the punishment of the dead to be softened as well as all the other points outlined in this and previous chapters.

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*Various aspects of the DNA of Rome in  
Protestantism*

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We overlook a vital truth embedded in the description of Mystery Babylon: it is the mother of a harlot religious system that would dominate the earth's realm! As a child of Rome, the Protestant Movement fits into the 5th verse of this scripture.

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth (Revelation 17:3-5).*

As we have seen so far, the 4th Century was to be the beginning of a falling away which would see emergence of religion based on abomination, blasphemy, and adulterous relationship of the Church with the world. While Protestants love to lampoon Roman Catholics as out of the way, a trip to the Mirror will reveal spots, wrinkles and traditions of men which show that apart from Salvation by Grace through faith, the broad spectrum of acceptable beliefs and liturgies may be inherited from Rome. Let us try to outline some of those features.

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*Union of Church and State: Embrace of  
Patronage by Political Leaders*

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In the ensuing crises with Rome, Martin Luther sought help from Frederick III, the Elector of Saxony. According to Britannica.com, the online knowledge resource hub, it was while Luther was protected in the Wartburg palace of this noble man that he translated the Bible into German. In Geneva, John Calvin, a father of Protestantism, united Church, and State in the 16th Century

(see vlib.iue.it). In England, which was later to become the main bastion of the Protestant movement, everything sprang from the patronage of King Edward VIII, who in 1534 effectively united Church and State to create a new religious reality in which the reigning monarch is the official Head (as detailed in Britannica.com. The Church of England matched Rome in terms of the mixture we have been discussing. At foundation of the Protestant Movement, therefore, was the uncanny embrace of the union of Church and State, just like Roman Catholicism!

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### *Replacement Theology*

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David Lazarus wrote in Israeltoday.co.il that “Anti-Jewish ideology is also found in almost all streams of Protestantism, beginning with Martin Luther (1483-1546) and his antisemitic rhetoric during the latter years of his ministry. Frustrated about the small number of converted Jews after years of biblical preaching and reformation, he finally ordered the persecution of Jews and justified these atrocities in his sermons and writings influencing future Protestant generations.” He ends by observing that the ‘poison of Replacement Theology is still working in many Protestant denominations.’ It is believed by many that a booklet of Martin Luther titled ‘Jews and their Lies’ laid the religious foundation for antisemitism in Europe. (Source jewishvirtuallibrary.org quoting Internet Medieval Sourcebook; From Luther’s Works, Volume 47: the Christian in Society IV, Philadelphia; Fortress Press, 1971 pages 268-293).

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### *Clergy Versus Laity*

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One aspect of the DNA of Rome which Protestants embraced and even put on steroids is a tiny professional priestly caste which

acts as a mediator between a holy God and an unholy people. This Protestant tendency is manifested in these symbols:

- ❖ Special training in hidden knowledge is to be known only by the Ordained clergy through Seminaries and Theological Institutions (which take many outside the Bible to be programmed with humanistic wisdom of scholars).
- ❖ Elevated altars for the Clergy to minister from.
- ❖ A Theatre like environment in which the ‘laity’ is supposed to dwell in seats below the stage to be blind consumers of what they are fed, incapable of checking out accuracy of what they are told.
- ❖ Departure from the ‘School paradigm’ of ministry practiced by Yeshua, Jesus, and Paul.

It is important to be reminded that Yeshua came to inaugurate a new priesthood paradigm – the Order of Melchizedek - distinct from that of the Old Covenant.

*The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4).*

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).*

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### *Rebellion, Individualism and Divisiveness*

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It is necessary to state that the DNA of Rome also manifested in the Protestant movement in terms that can be regarded as retribution. Just as Luther rebelled from Rome, so also has rebellion become a

standard fare in the movement. Based on dreams, visions, fancy ideas, and emotional stirrings, people rebel against authority to start whatever they want as ministries, expecting Elohim God to approve of same. This has made it almost impossible for Protestants to agree together on most issues as each person clings to narrow interpretations of the Truth, denouncing others holding to their own versions of ‘truth.’ Instead of focusing on what the Bible says in plain language, Protestants cling to what founders of their denominations interpreted. As unity of the Faith is jettisoned, disunity becomes systemic. The situation is prefigured in this scripture:

*And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:5-6).*

**R**ight from the early days of the Reformation, leaders loomed so large that their followers saw them as demi-gods. That situation has now exploded fully into a vast number of cults, built around charismatic leaders and their ideas. People flock to such people as ‘solution providers,’ focusing on the miracles, blessings, and breakthrough they project themselves as capable of giving whoever they wish. Many Christians ‘go to church’ not to encounter the Lord Yeshua, Jesus but ‘men and women of God’ to whom they offer unwavering loyalty, do not test their spirit, or check the fruit they bear in terms of how they live. The result is the tendency to create posters, flyers, commercials whose star is not Yeshua, Jesus but the human leaders of ministries and churches.

*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me (John 12:32).*

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can*



*no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

It is impossible to be a blind follower of human leaders in error and still be a disciple of Yeshua.

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*Prioritization of 'Church Growth' over  
Kingdom Growth: The ABC syndrome*

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Across the Protestant landscape, the in thing is to achieve 'Church Growth at all costs. With the strong individualism around human leaders, the ABC syndrome is prevalent: Attendance (at meetings/programmes), Building (as focal point) and Cash (the ultimate declared or undeclared intention. Mammon is thus given a seat at the high altar to which people bow and sow seeds in order to get their financial returns.

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:24-27).*

*Worship is compromised and corrupted*

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Humans are supposed to have a personal relationship with Elohim hinged on worshipping Him in Truth and in Spirit, devoid of idolatry or obeisance to humans or other objects.

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11).*

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).*

Protestantism has changed the narrative subtly: people flock to church with the wrong motive to use God to get what they want, not worship, love, and obey Him unconditionally. As Churches attract such crowds and keep them through advertising and public relations, they project their infidelity to Yeshua and are like the Church at Sardis

*And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee (Revelation 3:1-3).*

*Normalization of Apostasies, Heresies, Errors,  
and the Pseudo-gospel*

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With all that has been shared here, it is easy to see that the Protestant Movement has become a hotbed for producing and distributing all kinds of ‘other’ gospels. With each denomination built around the words of founders/interpretations of scripture rather than scriptures, the raft of apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel that has emerged reveals that this is the Falling away in high definition! It is evidence that we have come to a critical juncture in the end times when the man of Sin will arise who will be a friend of the Protestant Church and Israel.

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12).*

What is unfolding is the Protestant version of Mystery Babylon, which keeps people trapped in error.

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Revelation 17:3-6).*

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### *Normalization of Worldliness*

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**I**n the Protestant Movement, the lines between the Church as an institution and the world are now blurred. Individual believers seem to have forgotten the reality that though in the world, we are not of it and should live separate, not isolated lives. In the process, these scriptures do not seem to move many again:

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean*

*thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).*

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).*

*From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:1-5).*

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### *Misuse of points of contact*

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Points of contact are in the bible as instruments of quickening the faith of the people. Yeshua and the apostles used them at various points in time as recorded in various scriptures. The way Protestant ministers use points of contact now borders on idolatry. This is so as points of contact have been so elevated that faith of believers has shifted from Yeshua to those physical, carnal objects which are looked upon as having magical powers by themselves.

*Subtle disinclination to study the Bible*

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The various apostasies, heresies, errors, and shades of the pseudo-gospel ravaging the Church are substantially traceable to a subtle disinclination of saints to study the Bible systematically, understand and live by the holistic truths. The excellent standard set by the saints at Berea need to be recovered so that saints can have enough of the word inside of them to escape the snare of error.

*And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Acts 17:10-11).*

Summary: Between Rome and Protestantism, all are guilty as charged!

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23).*

As Rome was a manifestation of Mystery Babylon, so also

Eternity is too precious to be toyed with! While we are alive, it is important that we check out the foundations of our faith to discover and deal with all errors that are found. Rather than walk blindfolded into eternity, it makes sense to dig, identify, renounce, and repent of things which.

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### Assignment

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1. Please summarise what you learnt from each of the 11 points in this chapter.
2. In what way can the Protestant Movement be said to be a manifestation of Mystery Babylon?

3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 9

### The Protestant Version of Mystery Babylon Part 2

In this chapter we will dwell on 8 additional failures of the Protestant movement which are more manifest in these end times than during the days of Martin Luther. When combined with information in the previous chapter, it paints the picture of a Church out of sync with the Divine purpose.

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#### *Defective Christology*

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The Protestant Movement failed utterly in its Christology, which is the doctrine of Christ. To some, He is just The Saviour Who will take them to heaven when they die. To others, His Words are just suggestions for moral living. It is therefore important to observe that a defective Christology will automatically foster apostasies, heresies, errors, and a pseudo-gospel. Worse still, the content of most preachments and teachings by Protestants and a general disposition to skimming the surface of poetic and wisdom books for ‘firecracker’ verses to throw at the brethren reveals a disdain for the stature of Yeshua, Jesus.

Yeshua, Jesus is not a mere man. He is not just a Prophet or worker of miracles. The uniform testimony of Scripture is that He Is Elohim God made flesh through the miracle of the Incarnation. His Words are the ground norm of the New Covenant. He is not only Saviour but also the King of the Kingdom. His words are not mere suggestions, but represent the approved Word of Elohim, which should be obeyed in a loving relationship. Significantly, The Father affirmed Him publicly.

*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a*



*dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:16-17).*

*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him (Matthew 17:1-5).*

This testimony of Him by the writer of the Book of Hebrews sums up the mystery of Elohim in Yeshua.

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: (Hebrews 1:1-3).*

*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his*

*friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (John 15:10-14).*

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*Controversies over Holy Spirit*

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The way Protestants treat Holy Spirit indicates existence of another spirit at work. The uniform testimony of scriptures is that Holy Spirit mediated the Incarnation when He planted Yeshua in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:29-35), Filled Him with Power for Ministry (Matthew 3:16-17), quickened His dead Body for the resurrection to take place (Romans 8:11). Yeshua, Jesus taught the Church that Holy Spirit will replace Him in the earth realm when He ascended to heaven (John 16:7), Teach us all Truth and remind us what Yeshua taught (John 14:26). Holy Spirit is to indwell the hearts or spirit-man of saints and flow therefrom (their bellies (John 7:37-39). Holy Spirit would also empower the witness of saints so that they can do the miracles which Yeshua did and even greater ones (John 12:24, Acts 1:8). These and more provisions of scripture suffice to guide the Church to relate with Holy Spirit in sobriety and avoid profanity and blasphemy against He Who Yeshua gave this stark warning:

*Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come (Matthew 12:31-32).*

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*Two broad sins have been committed against Holy Spirit.*

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## Cessation Advocates

These are theologians who have advanced the theory that after He was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, Holy Spirit is no longer needed in the earth realm. They claim He has ceased to function and was no longer needed because the Christian Church can function without His Presence. The Denominations which subscribe to cessation theology go about doing what they please and organise themselves with no space for them.

### **Pentecostals who misrepresent Him and are profane concerning His Person.**

In this category are those who have elevated disorder to a high art. Unwilling to study or understand 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 and 14, they walk in ignorance of the gifts of Holy Spirit, act without charity, and live in disorder. Many people can relate with the reality that the misuse of Tongues breeds contempt for Pentecostals and drives people away rather than attract them.

*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? (1 Corinthians 14:1-6).*

*There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. 20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. 21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? (1 Corinthians 14:1-6).*

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*Marriage - as indissoluble Union*

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One area where the words of Yeshua, Jesus as King has fallen to the ground in the Protestant Movement is the Word of Yeshua that marriage is an indissoluble union of brothers and sisters in Him. In His teaching, only infidelity can bring about a crack and break in the union, if the offended party cannot forgive and forget.

*It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery (Matthew 5:31-32)*

He repeated the same principle in this scripture.

*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. 10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. 11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. 12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs,*

*which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it (Matthew 19:3-12).*

Today, what can be termed as an epidemic of cheap divorce is upon the Protestant Movement to the degree that Roman Catholics seem to have higher thresholds for annulling marriages. It seems many Protestants have little or no standards with Pastors taking the lead in this messy business.

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*Replacement Theology on Steroids – Blotting out Hebraic Roots of the Gospel as to names of Elohim, dates, etc.*

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As observed in earlier portions of this Course, both the Roman Catholic Church and Martin Luther embraced Replacement theology. It is needful to observe that from the 16th century till date, this has morphed into a full-blown religious enterprise with these features: Elohim has Names which signify His Personality and Power. Elohim, Yahweh, Jehovah, Yeshua, and others are His Names. In the bid to stamp out the Hebraic roots of the gospel, Protestants joined Rome to call The Most High by generic titles such as God (which can be appropriated by other religions). The Name given to Yeshua Ha Mashiach (Yeshua-Yahweh's Salvation; Mashiach – the anointed One) by the Father at which every knee should bow was first substituted with the Greek translation Ioesus Christos (Christos - the anointed One). When English became the primary language of Europe, it was further translated into Jesus Christ. As people pronounce Jesus Christ, they potentially lose the vital promise associated with His Name such as this:

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that*

*Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father  
(Philippians 2:10-11).*

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*General Apathy towards knowing the times*

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The Body of Yeshua which He left on earth was infused with the capacity to know the times and seasons so that the main thing could be done and finished before He returns. (Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:19-20). Building on the failures of Rome, the Protestant Movement has constructed theologies and engaged in activities known as Attendance, Buildings and Cash. These guarantee that it would be so caught up with earthly pursuits that the end would come unawares.

*But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (Matthew 24:37-39).*

*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat*

*and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 24:42-51*

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***Inability to Watch and Pray, as Yeshua commanded.***

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*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41).*

*Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is (Mark 13:33).*

*Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak (Mark 14:38).*

*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man (Luke 21:36).*

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***Rejection of Master Plan of The Church as Given through Paul the Apostle***

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*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver,*



*precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

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*Eternity - deletion of consciousness of eternal destination of humans*

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It is strange that the average Protestant is ignorant of vital truths of eternity while some do not seem to care.

**For the Righteous:** Rapture of saints; Judgement Seat of Yeshua; Brief Experience of the Heavenly Realm; Reigning with Yeshua,

Jesus in the Millennium, New Heavens and Earth and eternity with Elohim

**For Sinning believers:** Missing the rapture, Life under the anti-Christ; Mark of the Beast; The Great White Throne Judgement, Hell and Lake of Fire and Brimstone for eternal damnation.

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### Assignment

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1. Please summarise each of the 8 points as briefly as possible
2. Which of them did Holy Spirit use to convict you?
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 10

### From Gospel of the Kingdom to Christian Religion

The summary of what has been said so far is this: Yeshua, Jesus gave to His Church the gospel of the Kingdom.

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).*

It is the good news that Elohim God sent Yeshua, Jesus His Son to pay the supreme price for the Sins of the entire world.

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29).*

Those who believe this good news are saved by His Grace and become new creatures.

*But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:8-13).*

*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And*

*hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:5-9).*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

Through the propitiatory death of Yeshua on the Cross, former enemies of Elohim have through the gospel a quality of relationship through which they can grow in intimacy to become His disciples

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25).*

**T**hey are also privileged to become His friends as they obey His command to be friends.

*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you (John 15:10-15).*

It is a gospel which turns human beings into sons of Elohim.

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:9-15).*

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (John 1:11-12).*

To make these objectives possible, the Church of Yeshua is to function as a living, loving organism rather than a dry religious organisation or corporation. To make this happen, the Lord gave to the Church five specific office gifts through which His Grace flows to empower the saints

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the*

*knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

**T**he Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm is sustained by the release and receipt of gifts and callings with which they serve the Lord and each other.

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness (Romans 12:1-8).*

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many (1 Corinthians 12:4-14).*

*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:7-10).*

This is achieved through what they learn in a School rather than a theatre paradigm showed by Yeshua Who fulfilled His assignment as The Great Rabbi through the Word.

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and*

*the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes (Matthew 7:24-29).*

The ministry pattern of His chosen vessel, Paul, showed the tendency to practise the Teaching paradigm of ministry.

*And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks (Acts 19:8-10).*

The service which saints render to others is in liberty at prompting of Holy Spirit.

*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:17).*

*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise*



*and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:10-11).*

This is the gospel of the Kingdom wherein Yeshua reigns supreme in the hearts of all saints, not a few clergy. It was one in which every saint was part of the new Priesthood Yeshua introduced on the earth – after the Order of Melchizedek

*The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4).*

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).*

**T**he Royal Priesthood is a sight to behold ordinary people doing extraordinary things as kings who exercise authority and power of the King of Kings and Priests who stand between Elohim and humans.

*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19).*

*Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 18:18-19).*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, (Mark 16:17-19).*

Their overarching assignment was to disciple the peoples and nations of the earth through anointed use of the Word, by Power of Holy Spirit. In the process, people so impacted will imbibe Kingdom Culture. Through them, their families, neighbourhoods, and communities would be transformed from inside out.

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).*

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).*

This replaced the Aaronic priesthood of old which was based on the division of people into two: a priestly caste or clergy which ministers to a large dormant laity in a theatre style mode.

### **From Jerusalem to Rome**

Paul preached this simple, gospel of relationship with Elohim across the then known world, writing extensively to various city Churches through his epistles. When he got to Rome, this was the gospel he preached, as this scripture attests:

*And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. 30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him (Acts 28:23-31).*

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*Some Negative features of Christian Religion*

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It can be safely inferred therefore that Christian religion developed in Europe after the simple original gospel shifted base from Jerusalem to Rome. From the corruption of the gospel in Rome, subsequent exportation of same took place across the world. As the marriage of Church and State was implemented in the 4th century, a new reality dawned: the simple gospel which essentially provided an open door for the individual sinner to become a saint

based on the shed Blood of Yeshua, Jesus which created a living relationship with the Father was replaced by a complex set of regulations that culminated in a radical revision of the concept of the Church to be a religion. Recitation of creeds replaced the need for a relationship with the Father!

From the spiritual reality that the Church comprises all those who are saved by grace through faith in Yeshua Jesus, the new paradigm needed addition of all kinds of requirements designed to sustain the emergent organisation. A new priesthood based on the Aaronic or Levitical concept replaced the simple priesthood of all saints. With their special colours and robes, the new priesthood required classification according to the extent of territory and human populations that the priests would cover. The larger the territory and the greater the socio-political influence, so would the priests need religiously designed ‘church buildings’ or Cathedrals that were prestigious enough. To finance these complexities, elaborate schemes designed to enslave the people and get money were established as well as a record system which captured every detail of life – from birth through baptism, confirmation, marriage, and death. This is how money became a major factor in “church” work. Truly, the backslidden religious order was the original “Big Brother” watching you. No one escaped its microscopic attention to detail!

From 1517 AD, the Protestant movement endeavoured to break out of some of these shackles. Unfortunately, the break was not total. Over time, the emergent Protestant movement denominated around their human founders and their interpretations of the bible. Keeping some features of Rome, they soon tilted towards the old wineskin of religion in order to sustain their organisations. One key failure of most of these Christian religions was the fact that they so glamorised heaven in life and in death to the degree that most adherents were not told much about the present phase of the Kingdom of God and their roles. Many who were truly saved in that era basically “lived to die.” They marked their time, so to say, waiting for when they would transit by death to heaven to receive rewards for their just

behaviour on earth. This trend was reflected in the beautiful hymns composed in that era. The result was a form of spiritual irresponsibility in which discipling the nations did not receive the required level of attention. Even when the Holy Spirit visited and breathed life into those deficient systems through revivals and awakenings, humans always brought back the old wineskin of religion. Over time, the stifling spirit of religion caused Holy Spirit to depart and leave humans to their own devices. Sometimes, ludicrous concepts of the role of the identity of the Church and its role were birthed.

Some sects denounced education as carnal and worldly; some specifically denounced Christian participation in the major professions like Medicine and Law as carnal and proof of worldliness. In some countries, many saints ended up as teachers and civil servants in low and mid-level salaried jobs. With few entrepreneurs, distaste for wealth, many saints of those generations were clearly incapable of affecting their generations. In some countries, Christian Pentecostal and charismatic groups made their camp on the edges of cities and villages to avoid contact with sinners and consequent “pollution.” Not understanding the difference between separation and isolation, they opted for the latter tendency. The charge of Yeshua Jesus for saints to be catalysts of transformation of their communities was basically ignored.

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16)*

*Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid*

*in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened  
(Matthew 13:33).*

The religious spirit also attacked the identity of Christians in another subtle way. Very few had a proper understanding of the fact that salvation brought true liberty and that they were now saints of God! Many therefore laboured to please God through various works of the flesh and traditions of men.

*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and  
honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from  
me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for  
doctrines the commandments of men (Matthew 15:8-9).*

They ended up making their salvation of non-effect through religiosity, leading to stunted spiritual growth and even retrogression.

### Assignment

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1. Please identify 7 truths in this chapter which explain what happened to the Church that derailed it.
2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 11

### Truth, Doctrines and Dogma

To fully understand how dangerous Apostasies, Heresies, Errors, and the pseudo-gospel are, the starting point is to comprehend the whole counsel of Elohim in the Word, or His Truth is one complete compass for life in the earth realm. For ease of understanding and application, the Truth in the Word is divided into smaller chunks of knowledge. The entire Word of Elohim God makes up His TRUTH. Because of our finite minds and limited capacity to comprehend, His TRUTH is broken down into small bits. Those small bits which combine to make the whole TRUTH are called DOCTRINES of the WORD. Doctrines are simply therefore, building blocks of the whole TRUTH. Doctrines are sound when based on scripture alone and represent the body of knowledge of the mind of Elohim God concerning all that pertains to life and godliness. When properly taught under unction of Holy Spirit, doctrines of scripture produce the outcome of renewed minds and transformed lives as Paul told Timothy:

*But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:14-17).*

Doctrines are provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom to guide us on how to live on this side of eternity. To be an able minister of the New Testament, we need to understand the doctrines of the Word of Elohim God, rightly divide them, and teach them faithfully,

without fear or favour! This is a solid insurance against backsliding through apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some (2 Timothy 2:15-18).*

*Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (Isaiah 28:9-10).*

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*Satan's Plot through Dogma or doctrine of humans*

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Over the years, Satan has sought to impose his own set of doctrines on saints.

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth (1 Timothy 4:1-3).*

Where he cannot do this frontally, Satan tries to corrupt the connotation of doctrine to present it as something religious or



negative. What is certainly religious and negative however is another concept altogether called DOGMA. A dogma is the belief system of a group of religious people or sect/cult which they hold on to tenaciously without examining its merits in the light of Truth. A dogma is a “DOCTRINE OF MAN” or corruption of the opposite, which is sound doctrine!

Because of this basic deficiency, dogmas cannot bring their followers to a genuine new birth experience. Where they are saved, they cannot be brought to perfection in Yeshua, since dogmas point elsewhere to human leaders or religious organisations rather than to Him. Therefore, dogma is a strong forte of Religion and religiosity. Those who embrace and live by dogmas often sacrifice Grace for Legalism; have no heart for love and unity of the Body. This is because are more concerned with their sense of superiority as they compare themselves with others.

*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (Matthew 15:9).*

*Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees (Matthew 16:12).*

*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (Mark 7:7).*

*Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? (Colossians 2:22).*

*As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine (1 Timothy 1:3).*

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to*

*seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (1 Timothy 4:1).*

*Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein (Hebrews 13:9).*

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication (Revelation 2:14).*

*So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate (Revelation 2:15).*

*But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden (Revelation 2:24).*

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### *Relativism*

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**W**hen the Doctrines of The Lord in His Word are not known or understood, Satan has a free course to introduce Relativism. This is a situation where people believe whatever they want to believe because of absence of any standard of Truth. Once ministers and brethren begin to cling to their personal perspectives or interpretations of truth, the outcome is systemic disunity.

*How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying (1 Corinthians 14:26).*

While believers may not gather in one place, all of us who believe in the Lord Yeshua, Jesus are supposed to embrace Unity of the Faith based on sound doctrines of His Word. It is one of the primary assignments of the Fivefold to bring the Church into this realm of unity.

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Ephesians 4:11-15).*

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*Old and New Testament Survey of the term  
Doctrine.*

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Contrary to what some modernistic teachers would have us believe; doctrine is a biblical term. Its connotation can further be gleaned from this survey from the Old and New Covenants. All texts are taken from the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

1. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: (Deuteronomy 32:2).
2. For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes (Job 11:4).

3. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law (Proverbs 4:2).
4. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts (Isaiah 28:9).
5. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine (Isaiah 29:24).
6. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine (Matthew 7:28).
7. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine (Matthew 22:33).
8. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes (Mark 1:22).
9. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him (Mark 1:27).
10. And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, (Mark 4:2).
11. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine (Mark 11:18).
12. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, (Mark 12:38).
13. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power. (Luke 4:32).
14. Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me (John 7:16).
15. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself (John 7:17).

16. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine (John 18:19).
17. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers (Acts 2:42).
18. Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us (Acts 5:28).
19. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord (Acts 13:12).
20. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? (Acts 17:19).
21. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you (Romans 6:17).
22. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them (Romans 16:17).
23. Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? (1 Corinthians 14:6).
24. How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying (1 Corinthians 14:26).
25. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (Ephesians 4:14).

26. For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; (1 Timothy 1:10).
27. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. (1 Timothy 4:6).
28. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (1 Timothy 4:13).
29. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee (1 Timothy 4:16).
30. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine (1 Timothy 5:17).
31. Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed (1 Timothy 6:1).
32. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; (1 Timothy 6:3).
33. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, (2 Timothy 3:10).
34. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (2 Timothy 3:16).
35. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (2 Timothy 4:2-3).

36. Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9).
37. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).
38. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity (Titus 2:7).
39. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things (Titus 2:10).
40. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,<sup>2</sup>. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment (Hebrew 6:1).
41. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son (2 John 1:9).
42. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (2 John 1:10).

It is imperative that we open up to Holy Spirit so that He can teach us the specific doctrines in the Holy Scriptures so that we can understand same. This is the key to live right as the word that is made flesh begins to bear fruit in our thought pattern, word, and deeds.

*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do*

*nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:4-7).*

### **Assignment**

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1. What is Truth?
2. What is sound Doctrine? Please cite at least 5 examples.
3. What is dogma? Please cite at least 2 examples.
4. What happens when Christians do not have any biblical standards, they all subscribe to?



## CHAPTER 12

### Classification of Doctrines

In this chapter, we will press deeper to examine classification of Doctrines. We can safely classify ALL doctrines which are preached, taught, or lived by on earth today into three broad categories.

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#### *True and wholesome*

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A true doctrine is one which is consistent with the revealed will of Elohim God in His Word. As a part of the whole TRUTH of the scriptures. True doctrines can be said to be sound or wholesome. Knowing and believing sound doctrine is not enough. Knowing many doctrines without receiving the grace to live out what is known can lead to spiritual pride. Knowledge puffs up when not accompanied by a commensurate life of love!

*Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth (1 Corinthians 8:1).*

*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed (James 1:21-25).*

For this reason, those who know and understand the Word are under a divine compulsion to seek the Grace of God to internalise the same words (let the doctrines be made flesh by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the mind, will and heart of the saint as he/she yields to the process through meditation, prayer, and willingness to submit).

When the Word is thus engrafted into a meek heart, it renews the mind and changes the worldview. In effect, the Word of doctrine acts like water which washes away the old filth of culture and engrafts the mind of Yeshua. When this transformation happens, the saint becomes mature in the knowledge of the Lord and does not struggle to obey His Word no matter how tough it seems! (Romans 12:1,2; Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Psalm 1:1-3; Joshua 1:8).

*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (2 Timothy 4:2-3).*

*Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9).*

Those who build their lives on true doctrine can face the future with certainty.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

*False and Fatal*

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These are doctrines that are non-biblical and not part of the TRUTH and offer the pathway to alternative, unholy lifestyles. They may be based on the ideas of man at the prompting of Satan. The ultimate aim of false doctrine is to deceive humans to believe a lie and thus miss the blessed eternal destiny designed for them by Elohim God. Satan missed his estate with just one sin, which was so foundational that no place was found for him in heaven again (Isaiah 14:12-16, Ezekiel 28: 12-17). Yeshua, Jesus called Satan the “father of lies” (John 8: 44) From his depraved mind, Satan manufactures all kinds of concepts, which he suggests to the mind of saints and sinners alike as thoughts and ideas. To the degree such thoughts and ideas will lead humans to build their faith in falsehood, Satan’s work is complete (Matthew 7:24-25).

False doctrine can proceed from backslidden hearts and driven by the desire to use the gospel to deceive people. The end however is utter destruction!

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall*

*enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:13-23).*

False doctrine can also be demand pulled – where believers basically seek out those who will tell them what tickles their ears.

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2 Timothy 4:1-4).*

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (1 Timothy 4:1).*

*Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein (Hebrews 13:9).*

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate (Revelation 2:14-15).*

*But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden (Revelation 2:24).*

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### *Toxic*

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By toxic, we mean the potentials of a doctrine to cause some discomfort or avoidable difficulty on a saint who believes in it. A doctrine can be toxic without being fatal. This happens when denominational interpretations or opinions of humans interfere with the exactitude of the Word of God and people grow into such interpretations as a lifestyle. Whatever a minister built arising from distortion of the gospel to make it more attractive may lead to a situation where the works will burn and rewards lost though the individual may barely squeeze into the Kingdom on the day of reckoning.

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

When Yeshua, Jesus, returns, all who are truly in Him and have allowed His Words to transform their lifestyle will make it in the

end, even if some things they believed and taught were not 100 per cent correct. Toxicity levels vary for different types of doctrines. That saints may not know everything 100 per cent is expounded in these scriptures:

*The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law (Deuteronomy 29:29).*

Paul the Apostle was to amplify this message in 1 Corinthians chapter 13:

*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (1 Corinthians 13:11-13).*

### **3 Graces/Virtues**

That is why the Lord wants us to focus on these enduring graces and virtues: Love, Obedience, and Faith. Let everything we hear, preach, teach, or do flow out of true love of Elohim God and love of all people. Love of is a strong security against Apostasy, Heresy, Error, and the pseudo-gospel! Love of God however is not a feeling but is actively proved by obedience to His Word.

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that*

*a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you (John 15:9-15).*

We may not know all things concerning God and His Kingdom in the now, but our hearts should be right with Him 24/7! We need to receive the word and mix it with Faith before it can be truly profitable.

*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: (Hebrews 4:1-6)*

In the Kingdom, whatever is not of faith is regarded as sin.

*Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. 23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:22-23).*

*Root of the pseudo-gospel or gospel of the ‘new plastic cross’*

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Knowing that the gospel cannot be stopped, Satan often settles for a strategy of corrupting it with counterfeit versions as parable of the wheat and tares reveal. One chief tool in the arsenal of Satan is to plant a ‘tare’ in the physical “church” and quietly build up a media image of his minister. Over the years, Satan empowers his minister to preach, teach or author books with some fanciful ideas that tickle the ears of humans who are seeking for solutions to their emotional, financial and esteem needs. The enemy positions the fellow as an authority. People get hooked on his/her line of reasoning and take on board all that is preached as truth! Before long, a cult has been built around the fellow complete with all the concepts borrowed from the world – image makers, press agents and a plastic lifestyle as an icon or celebrity. Living up life, so to say, this person becomes the new frame of reference for his/her followers and Jesus is left behind! The words of their idol carry more weight than the words of Jesus. At this stage, the blinded followers are pretty much in the bag and can believe and do everything their idol tells them, including denial of the divinity of Jesus; denial of the capacity of sin to deprive saints of their security in Him and many other blatant lies of the enemy (Matthew 13:24-30; 30-43).

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*Differences between Non-biblical and Extra Biblical perspectives*

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In expounding scriptures, there are two possibilities which can be injected by Teachers and Preachers we also need to consider. The first are those which are clearly non-biblical. These are ideas and concepts which contradict the whole counsel of Elohim. To that extent, those who build their faith on such stand a real danger of missing the mark at end of the day.



*And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:26-27).*

Extra-biblical Truths can be fresh insights which Holy Spirit provide in specific generations to enable preachers to use contemporary issues to illustrate or expound scripture. Though what is preached or taught may not be exactly in the Bible, yet it does not contradict the whole counsel of Elohim. They rather bring fresh insight into the import of the word.

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*Example of Extra-biblical Truth*

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### **The Rapture - 1 Doctrine, 3 Interpretations!**

A typical example of extra biblical truth is the phrase Rapture of Saints. The word rapture is not found in scripture. However, the concept is deeply rooted in realities of what already happened with Enoch and Elijah who were translated without death. It signifies an obvious truth in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:49-55 regarding the catching away of saints. Three main approaches have developed based on clinging to various provisions of scripture.

### **There those who believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.**

**T**his school of thought teaches that shortly before the Second Coming of Jesus, He will appear in the air and with the great shout of the archangel, call His Church out of this world before the Man of Sin, the anti-Christ emerges as world ruler. It is he who will be used by Satan to unleash great pain on Israel and Christians who will be left behind. This interpretation is based on various scriptures such

as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58.

*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11).*

*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth*

*will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).*

**The Mid-Tribulation group** teaches the saints will be raptured in the middle of the Great Tribulation when the full identity of the Anti-Christ becomes manifest.

**The Post-Tribulation group** postulates that saints will live through the Great Tribulation, be preserved by the Lord supernaturally, and be raptured thereafter.

*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and*

*false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:15-31).*

All three groups believe in Salvation by Grace through faith in Yeshua, Jesus alone. All three groups believe in the eternal destiny of the righteous and the wicked and are agreed on the essential components of the Kingdom. They all believe that true saints in Yeshua will be raptured out of this world at a certain time.

#### **Potential Toxicity works out thus:**

**P**re-tribulation theology keeps saints on the cutting-edge of preparedness for Yeshua, Jesus to return. If this version is true, believers thereof stand to make it in the largest possible numbers because what you believe in will determine how you live and prepare for return of Yeshua, Jesus. If, however, this interpretation is not correct, many pre-tribulation saints will enter that dark chapter of human history – under rule of the anti-Christ - inadequately prepared for what they will meet!

Mid-Tribulation saints are a little more laid-back concerning rapture readiness. Their mindset is already formed that the rapture needs not be an obsession until the Anti-Christ emerges on the world scene. They are better equipped to live through the Great Tribulation. Some have actually started creating their own independent economic systems shunning banks and finances options like car notes, mortgages, stockpiling food and necessities in secret shelters and shunning ministry in public places in favour of home cells. The shortcoming here is that many may be caught by surprise if the rapture is a pre-tribulation occurrence.

Charity should moderate disagreements over this. Saints should not engage in abusive hurling of stones over when the rapture will occur. Our emphasis should be to live for Elohim God and be found in Him 24/7, loving Him, trusting in Him with all our hearts. This translates into a life that is lived in obedience to His Word, loving all humanity and the saints especially. We are also called to make the ministry of reconciling the lost to The Father a core lifestyle and being the best, we can be with the callings and gifting He invested in us either in pulpit service or marketplace ministry. We do all this in a milieu of watching and praying, not knowing the exact day and time of His soon return! These are the things we should concentrate in getting saints to live out so that no matter when The King returns, we will be found in Him! Yeshua, Jesus clarified that His Second Coming will be sudden. Our emphasis, for the sake of unity of the Faith should be on personal preparedness rather than splitting hair over things outside our control!

*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken,*

*and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh (Matthew 24:36-44).*

*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:28-29).*

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### **Assignment**

1. Please summarise the 3 key classifications of Doctrine.
2. Summarise the Differences between Non-biblical and Extra Biblical perspectives.
3. How should saints handle differences in understanding of doctrines of the Bible.

## CHAPTER 13

### Critical Assaults on the True Gospel of the Kingdom

In this chapter, we will examine Primary Sources of Errors, Heresies, the Pseudo-Gospel, and Apostasies which fill both cyberspace and many cities across the world. As I was about to write “Critical Threats,” I found the Lord preferred the word “critical assaults.” Curious, I wanted to know why the Lord did not want me to use the word “threats.” The Lord referred me to two scriptures which describe the nature of His Kingdom. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told Peter that the gates of hell cannot prevail against His Church.

*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:18-19).*

In effect, the gates of hell will assault the Church in each generation. Gates of hell include all doctrines that Satan and his demons will try to foist on saints either directly or through manipulation of the mind of carnal humans. In effect, there is a guarantee by King Yeshua, Jesus that such assaults will fail. The Lord then took me to the Book of Hebrews 12 to show the nature of the Kingdom to which we are called and made citizens and Ambassadors by the Blood of Jesus.

*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:28-29).*

Those who insist on twisting the Scriptures to suit their personal fancies had better beware because the Judge of the whole earth is a consuming fire! While He is patient and long suffering, Elohim God

does not suffer gladly those who pervert His Holy Words to suit their constructed pseudo-theologies!

*But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up (Matthew 15:13).*

Saints, let no one confuse you with sensible nonsense! The Word of Elohim God is not for private interpretation! It is to be received with meekness and humility in a heart and mind that is surrendered to the Sovereign rule of the King of Kings.

*Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:1-5).*

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### *Christian religion*

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On one end of the spectrum is Christian religion. In previous chapters, we traced the pathway Satan used to derail the gospel of the Kingdom and supplant it with Christian religion. We also saw the two broad tracts: union of larger wing of the church with the Roman Empire in the 4th century to create the largest single, monolithic religious organisation in the earth realm. A master in launching switch blade attacks, we saw how the honest effort of Martin Luther in launching the reformation was derailed to create another multi-faceted Christian religious system called Protestantism. Both aspects of Religion have done irreparable



damage to the psyche of their adherents. Creating ‘Church’ folks rather than saints, their followers derive identity from the ‘church’ they belong to rather than Yeshua, Jesus. Their lives are wrapped around ‘church activities’ rather than participation in the family of Elohim and His Kingdom. Christian religion has, after over 17 centuries proved itself to be a case of blind leaders leading blind followers.

*Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matthew 15:14).*

Lacking in personal relationship with Elohim, members of Churches are just incapable of Kingdom life – righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17-19). They resort to rituals and dead works, unable to affect their world the way Yeshua intended in both the spiritual and physical realms. Lacking a wholesome relationship with Holy Spirit, they either ignore Him or profane His Person and works. Churchianity which is a phrase which reflects the end product of Christian Religion is a spiritual dead end. The theatre-like, performance driven congregations of churchianity produces as outcome, believers who see Elohim as a ‘distant Unknown God,’ rather than an Omniscient, Omnipresent, Immanent Supreme Being Who has not just reconciled us to Himself but also truly dwells within us. In the Pentecostal and Evangelical wings of Christendom where there seems to be some light, such is dimmed by human leaders who project themselves rather than Yeshua, Jesus as ultimate ‘solution providers.’ As people are drawn to their self-serving image projections, Yeshua is blotted out of their consciousness as Lord.

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## *2. The Pseudo-Kingdom Gospel*

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At the opposite end of the spectrum, Satan has raised the pseudo-kingdom gospel ostensibly to fight the spirit of religion. But

it is here that Satan has shown his hand as truly an adversary of Yeshua, Jesus, and Truth. The pseudo-kingdom movement is the smartest trick in the bag of Satan to deceive the elect. Satan did not fight the Truth from outside but went for the jugular, from inside the Church! Targeting young professionals who were fervent and seeking answers to the ineffectiveness and poverty they saw and very intelligent ministers who rejected the dreary picture that religion painted of the gospel, Satan offered them a tantalising proposal. Under this scheme, the entire narrative of the gospel of the Kingdom was remodelled to create what is, another gospel entirely.

*For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him (2 Corinthians 11:4).*

*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:6-8).*

By going for their intellectual minds, many who were in the faith and in ministry have now been re-programmed to spear head an entirely different gospel which is built on a separate set of values. This fundamental change is cleverly masked by sound bites and lingo which confuse those they target. Let us take Matthew 6:33 for instance.

When you quote that scripture alone, you are engaged in intellectual mischief. Matthew 6:33 is part of a body of truth from verse 19-34 where Yeshua, Jesus was making the clear case that true saints must come into a place of complete trust in Elohim God to take care of their temporal needs as He has already guaranteed to care for His own. Within the context of the entire gospel message,

Yeshua Jesus is in effect offering all saints a real deal: ‘die to self’ and completely embrace the Salvation in Yeshua, Jesus as a holistic package, live for God alone and His Kingdom. In return, Elohim God has guaranteed all that pertains to life and godliness! It is a typical pseudo-kingdom maneuver to ignore the entire Sermon on the Mount and focus on verse 33 as a springboard to lead people outside Scripture into all kinds of ideas of men. What are some of the key doctrinal leavens of the pseudo-Kingdom movement that are so dangerously anti-Christ driven? Why should you beware and make sure you are hearing the right message of the Kingdom of God?

- ❖ The pseudo-kingdom movement rejects the divinity of Jesus Christ!

Of course, they do not come out boldly to say this. But the entire structure of this ‘other gospel’ rests on this flawed pillar, which was first propounded by Arius, the priest of Alexandria, Egypt who in the 4th Century developed a strange theology called Arianism which rocked the early Church. It was one which claimed that though Jesus is the Son of God, He was not God made flesh! If the pseudo-kingdom movement is of God, it would receive the solid testimony of scripture regarding the fact that Yeshua, Jesus is Emmanuel – Elohim God among us.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3)*

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how*

*sayest thou then, Show us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake (John 14:6-11).*

Anyone who claims to be in the Kingdom on a basis other than the sinless blood of the God-Man, Yeshua, Jesus is suffering delusion of grandeur! The only valid passport of Kingdom citizens is salvation by grace through faith based on the Bloodshed by the Yeshua, Jesus of the Bible. What the pseudo-kingdom accepts of Jesus is that He is the Son of God and our senior brother. In effect, Jesus is to them something of a super Prophet and Teacher with an extra-ordinary anointing by the Holy Spirit. These scriptures sum up how to know those who are real or not.

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 12:3).*

*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (2 John 7-10).*

For a detailed exposition of the Divinity of Yeshua, Jesus, please download the free resource Understanding Yeshua, Jesus, Son of Elohim, and Son of Man at [www.kingdombooksclub.com](http://www.kingdombooksclub.com).

- ❖ In the pseudo-kingdom movement, the core personality is you!

In various approaches, the enemy uses the effusion of ideas to feed your ego that this world was created for you to dominate. Certain scriptures like Genesis 1:26-28 are taken out of context to present it as your chief purpose in life. After about 50 years in which this movement has picked up steam and even mutated into various sub-ideologies, those who have bought their doctrines remain struggling, working folks and average businesspeople, while the “kingdom experts” smile all the way to their banks, pilling up treasures for several generations of their off springs! With choice properties across the world, insisting on 5 figure fees to speak at “kingdom conferences”, no one seems to notice the anomaly where the propagators alone are truly blessed, feeding off their loyal clientele who snap up every product they release – at very expensive prices! Have you ever wondered why products of the pseudo-kingdom movement are so expensive? It is the prosperity movement re-invented!

- ❖ The Pseudo-kingdom movement downplays salvation by grace through faith.

For this reason, they do not consider the Great Commission a necessary activity. They believe that their “kingdom of God” is grown by some arcane revelation known too only some special few. If you want to know about the Kingdom, you need to come to such people. Bottom line is that the spirit of Babylon takes over and you are hooked onto books, DVDs, CDs, and teaching resources of these masters! Yet, other than mouthing slogans and sound bites, their adherents are incapable of manifesting Kingdom life!

*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 3:7).*

- ❖ The pseudo-kingdom movement detests the Bible.

In their enclaves, preachers try to twist passages they fancy to validate their opinions. Where the word is deemed ‘hard’ they try to discredit it. With rejection of Yeshua, Jesus as God and downgrading of the Word, their minds become fertile breeding ground for humanistic ideas packaged as kingdom truth. To say that some are given over to a reprobate mind and may have rejected the real Yeshua, Jesus permanently may state the obvious!

*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Romans 1:28).*

*Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith (2 Timothy 3:8).*

- ❖ The pseudo-kingdom movement makes you see the entire purpose of God as only earth bound.

The movement rarely speaks of the hereafter. They rarely speak of what happens when you die. The enemy knows that when these questions engage your heart, you will seek the right Saviour. The word “heaven” is almost detested by the pseudo-kingdom movement. The Millennial reign of Yeshua when our role as co-heirs and joint rulers. The eternal phase of the Kingdom of God – the real deal of the manifest Kingdom is not emphasised because the whole idea is to trap the unwary to chase an elusive takeover of all the heights of society in this present time.

*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the*

*glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:16-25).*

*Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice (John 18:36-37).*

Unfortunately, this pipe dream has not happened yet. A small nation that is often brandished as a “success story” is laughable, considering the pervasiveness of lasciviousness as a pastime and national income earner.

*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable (1 Corinthians 15:19).*

- ❖ The pseudo-kingdom movement detests the word “Church.”

Because of their limited acceptance of scripture, they do not realise that the full implication of rejecting the Body of Yeshua, Jesus is akin to rejection of Himself. The reality in the Holy Scriptures is that Yeshua considers the Church as His Bride, Body, and habitation of Elohim by His Spirit (Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 2:18-22). He has not rejected and cast away His Church! Until the day of consummation of all things, His Church will exist, even in imperfection. That is why despite failures of the Churches at Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, and Laodicea in Revelations chapters 2 and 3, which He pointed out, Yeshua still gave room for repentance and change. He did not throw any out!

*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And*



*he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me (Luke 19:10-27).*

What we owe those of them that can still be recovered are these: first detach for a season for a spiritual detox from their negative humanistic ideas that masquerade as truth; second, in love, engage in intense intercession and spiritual warfare to snatch them out of the hand of the wicked one. Certainly, we should not patronise their pernicious doctrines and in the process become a partaker of their evil ways! (Romans 16:17-18; 1 John 2:18-27; 2 John:8-11). We owe them love, real love: to pull them out of the path of perdition.

- ❖ Rejecting the immutability of the Word, these people resort to extra-biblical revelations.

Truly, the Lord is still speaking, just as He spoke of old. Holy Spirit will never cease to share the heartbeat of Abba and Yeshua, Jesus with saints until He returns. Yeshua, Jesus made it clear however, that Holy Spirit will NEVER DO these:

**Contradict what He already inspired men of Old to write.**

It is IMPOSSIBLE FOR Holy Spirit to contradict the Word of God! Any revelation which directly contradicts any written word is suspect ab initio (from the beginning) as lawyers will say.

## **Speak of Himself**

Divinity has established a simple pattern of relationship for humans to see. While in the flesh as the Son, Yeshua, Jesus essentially pointed all humanity to the Father. After His ascension, Holy Spirit was given to affirm explain Yeshua, Jesus to those who are His.

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you (John 16:12-15).*

**Down grade Jesus in the esteem of any human being!**

One function of Holy Spirit is to reveal Jesus Christ as God made flesh to saints.

**Allow anyone who is in Yeshua to remain comfortable with error.**

Holy Spirit is the source of discernment. If we are attuned to Him, we will never walk in darkness!

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?*

*He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him (1 John 2:18-27).*

- ❖ In pseudo-Kingdom Theology, Holy Spirit, rather than humans, is the Governor of the earth realm

This is low hanging fruit the average saints can easily debunk with basic knowledge of the scriptures. But because the word of leaders in this movement are deemed immutable, saints just parrot whatever they say without regard to the Holy Scriptures. In the Word, humans are clearly presented as created to govern the earth realm. These scriptures are so clear that one would wonder how any could miss them.

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb*

*bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so (Genesis 1:26-30).*

*And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him (Genesis 2:18).*

*The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men (Psalm 115:16).*

It was for this reason that the Incarnation was deemed necessary so that Elohim would in Yeshua provide Himself an acceptable sacrifice for the Sins of the entire world.

*Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4:3-7).*

Both Christian Religion which tilts to the right of the spectrum and the pseudo-kingdom movement, which tilts leftward are incapable of bringing adherents into a place of true liberty.

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## Assignment

*APOSTASIES, HERESIES, ERRORS, AND THE PSEUDO-GOSPEL*

1. Please identify 3 features of Christian Religion which render it incapable of becoming an instrument of empowerment of believers
2. Please discuss 5 features of the pseudo-kingdom message which render it toxic to true spirituality
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 14

### Tell-tale Signs to spot them

**A**t this stage of our study, it is profitable to examine a broad range of tell-tale signs which signify existence of a problem with a doctrine, liturgy, or ministry focus. We need to be like the saints of Berea who did not allow the great spiritual stature of Paul the apostle to intimidate them. They checked out his doctrine to see whether it matched the full counsel of Elohim in the Holy Scriptures.

*And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few (Acts 17:10-12)*

Anywhere you are and spot one of these signs, it is a sign that something is off the mark. If there are up to three of them manifested, please regard the situation as a red light. At the minimum, inquire of Holy Spirit what to do. Do not pretend that it is okay to dwell on error. A simple-hearted saint may be guilty by association or regarded as an accessory because of the funds you contribute to sustain rebellion or your physical participation in a scheme which deceives people away from the narrow to the broad way which leads to destruction.

#### **Rejecting the Pure Word, some prefer non-biblical revelations**

**W**e live in an age where many people want to know about the future. The environment is ripe for sorcery, divination, and various negative revelations from demonic forces released upon the world to deceive the elect and trap sinners to remain in their state.

Whenever “Thus says the Lord” contradicts, “It is Written,” beware and take heed to yourself. Jesus Himself warned His elect to take heed of what they hear.

**Secular Humanism is the core doctrine of all who reject the divinity of Jesus Christ**

Secular humanism is the doctrine of man. It subtly urges saints to abandon the bible and the Holy Spirit as pillars of our spiritual life in favour of a soul-led spirituality. In this soul led spirituality, we are urged to break down our Kingdom life into just two things: Love God and Love Man. Ordinarily, this looks good enough and seems to tally with what Yeshua, Jesus said. However, the catch is this: the God we are to love is not defined. It therefore, can mean anything to anyone. This undefined Being, therefore, is not the same as the Elohim God of the Holy Scriptures who is presented so clearly for our understanding.

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### *Liberalism*

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Liberalism is another strain of secular humanism. It essentially is the doctrine which advocates that you live the way you like without the “restraint” of Holy Spirit, the Word, or delegated authorities. Liberalism breeds extreme disorder and will feature prominently in the Church of the Last Days as many depart from the true Faith to feed their fancies.

*How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying (1 Corinthians 14:26).*

Worldliness is the driving force of liberalism. Liberalism is also a driving force behind the feminist movement within the Church,

which advocates “liberation of women from the bondage of biblical restraints” as their twisted minds think.

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*The Emergent and Convergent Movement*

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These two movements have already gained momentum in the Western World. Their basic proposition is that the narrative of the Bible is defective. They are re-writing the narrative to take away what they perceive as a Jewish cultural slant. Their chief aim is to produce a gospel in which all people of the world will be brothers and sisters. This will involve rejecting and taking away references to the Blood sacrifice of Yeshua, Jesus as the Lamb of Elohim God, Rejection of the Truth of Hell, and emphasis on this present life. There are various strands of what is called the emerging church movement. Like the pseudo-kingdom movement, the divinity of Yeshua Jesus is rejected. However, they see Jesus and his caring heart and ministry as a model to be emulated. This is the factor which drives them to a strong focus on social justice and good works which can confuse many saints.

To understand how far this movement is from the Holy Bible, please read this excerpt of a blog by Crystal Lewis of the emergent village on April 30:

“Torturing someone for eternity is not “justice.” Neither is “banishing them from God’s presence forever.” In fact, I like Rabbi Max Weiman’s ([www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)) observation that in true justice, the punishment fits the crime. The punishment for a human moral infraction could never logically be “eternal” because we are not capable of committing “eternal sins.” And Jesus (a Jew) made reference to an ancient concept of justice that involved “an eye for an eye”, which brings to mind the degree to which many (but obviously not all) Jewish people believed that the “scales” should be



balanced in the process whenever possible. What's most interesting is that Jesus went on to teach that holy justice meant abandoning even the eye-for-an-eye idea because in his mind, God would be much more gracious than that—and would expect the same from us.

The concept of an all-powerful deity who expects me to forgive 70X7 times when he clearly is unable to do the same is simply beyond my imagination. Frankly, I just can't believe it. If you read my blog, you know I'm no theologian, so I'm not interested in stringing together a bunch of patristic theory and half-hacked scripture to prove that God tortures people. If there is a God, then surely, his ability to reason, carry out justice, and love us will far exceed any theory or practice we can concoct in this life. And I don't think we need a torture theory in order to highlight the beauty of forgiveness.

I've become convinced that we are attached to the hell doctrine because we don't know what else to believe. However, from my view that's not a good enough reason to promote a co-opted theory about an abuser in an underworld that is highly unlikely to exist.

Finally telling someone to worship their torturer is abuse. I don't care how you slice it and dice it. It doesn't matter what kind of package you wrap it in or what kinds of pretty songs you sing about it. There is something unhealthy about a religious experience that has fear at its center. There is something wrong with a religion whose adherents are afraid to leave it because their deity might torture them. And there's something equally wrong when it isn't okay to come out and say that to people without being afraid of the consequences. I think we should re-examine the religious construct we're offering to people and question whether it's healthy... whether it's something we truly want the next

generation to believe... and whether we believe it because we want to—or because we're afraid not to.”

The Gracious Elohim, God of heaven will not be intimidated by men who want to re-invent Him after their own image and likeness. Those who want to believe the lie of Satan that He is a difficult taskmaster and that His written words are not sufficient guide to His Kingdom life in the now and in the world to come and yet want to worship Him are like the man who went to the marriage feast without the right wedding garment.

*And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said*

*the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 22:1-13)*

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*Rejection of the Holy Spirit as needful for life  
and ministry*

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There are many denominations which have excellent doctrines and practices but fail in this critical subject. To reject the Holy Spirit is to walk in darkness! Jesus Himself spoke extensively of the connection of the Holy Spirit and acceptable walk with Him and ministry with Him. To live the Christian life without the indwelling Holy Spirit is to have recourse to dead works and religiosity (Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 2:11-23). To also attempt ministry without the power of the Holy Spirit is to engage in fleshly endeavour as Apollos found out in Acts 18:24-28. Please study these texts: John 14:15-20; 25-27; John 16:5-15; Acts 1:4-8

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*Rejection of some or all the leadership office  
gifts*

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It is interesting how people will reject clear provisions of the Bible and cling to dogma constructed by humans long dead, formulated with the limited light they received while alive. One of such departures from scripture is rejection of the office of Apostle and sometimes, rejection of Prophets. The standard excuse is that these gifts were used to birth the Church and ended with the early church! Another school of thought rigidly suggests that only Yeshua Jesus could appoint apostles out of those who saw Him personally! The truth that is so clear in the word is that Yeshua, Jesus Himself

released His office as Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher to different vessels in the present phase of the Kingdom for providing the right mix of governmental authority and anointing needful to mature saints to do the work of ministry!

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

Any ministry which rejects this express manifestation of Yeshua, Jesus to His Church, will walk in sub-optimisation and therefore cannot produce saints who are fit for purpose in the Kingdom. As these gifts are deposited and released in the spirit man of saints, they cannot be only reserved for males to the exclusion of women. From the days of the Acts of the Apostles till today, He has chosen saints for service according to His Sovereign will and inclination of hearts of vessels, not their gender, race, or socio-economic status! For further understanding of this issue, please download your free copy of these resources: Course 112: Ascension Office Gifts Course 122: Women in Ministry & Course 114: Kingdom Leadership at: [www.kingdombooksclub.com](http://www.kingdombooksclub.com).

## Running Ministry according to the principles of Babylon

There are many who preach and teach sound doctrine but are guilty of imbibing and fostering the culture of Babylon in the Kingdom of God. The spirit of Babylon is manifested in these measures:

### **Pervading Spirit of the world**

This happens when “churches” look to the world to set the pace. This affects choice of music, dance, ecclesiastical robes, costumes, and hierarchy systems that are inherently contrary to the simple gospel of the Kingdom Yeshua, Jesus preached. Our Lord was so simple and ordinary that those sent to arrest Him needed Judas to identify Him from a “congregation” of only 12 people! In the name of being seeker friendly, the foundations of the Kingdom – the Blood shed by Yeshua, Jesus as the only means of reconciliation with the Father; Sin as absolutely alien to God and other such hot-button issues are systematically de-emphasised. Ultimately, people can become church goers for long without being converted in their spirit man and with no record of their names in the Lamb’s Book!

### **Mammon Worship/Commercialization of gifts, callings, and revelations**

Freely, the gifts, callings and revelations of Elohim God are received. Ideally, they should be released freely, without extreme copyright restrictions, beyond basic attributions, so that as many saints as possible may be blessed and pass same on to bless many others.

*And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two*

*coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat (Matthew 10:7-10).*

When the Lord gives the Word, great should be the company which publishes it Psalm 68:11!

If there is any need for funds to run the Kingdom business, materials supposedly from Elohim God should be marked with considerate pricing so that the widest possible number of saints can receive them and be blessed. Ungodly emphasis on money usually rebounds on the picture people have of God as an unfaithful and uncaring task master who will send His servants on assignment without making provisions for their welfare and to fund their ministries! On the Last Day, many ministers will answer to the Lord why they made pursuit of money to take pre-eminence. Babylon has for long, traded in the souls of men under the guise of even “church work” (Please read Revelation chapter 18 in full especially verse 13. Babylon is doomed for utter destruction and the Word of the Lord is: Come Ye Out from amongst her!

*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities (Revelation 18:4-5).*

We can safely say that if Elohim sends you on a mission, He will pay the Bills! Trust Him!

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*Rejection of Yeshua Jesus’s sacrificial life as  
model for leadership*

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Apostasy also occurs when those who purport to be called into ministry and especially leadership conjure various reasons to dump

the Yeshua, Jesus model of leadership which is self-effacing and fully sacrificial. Yeshua. Jesus clearly asked us to follow His example and obey His teachings. (John 13:1-17; John 14:21-24; John 15:7-16; Matthew 20:20-28). Leaders and saints in the Church of Acts had as their main badge of honour, a clear Christlikeness which involves shunning materialism and pursuit of riches so that out of their brokenness, the sweet aroma of The Lord would bless multitudes (Acts 4:13; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 11:26; Acts 20:17-35; 2 Corinthians 4:1-15; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10). To charge speaking fees and place various conditions before honouring an invitation to preach is a path which will lead to error and directly contradicts Matthew 10:8. That pattern has not changed and will never change! Pursuit of wealth for the sake of showing off is the beginning of error and ultimately, apostasy in ministry. Elohim God can bless His ministers and saints as they make Him and the Kingdom their prime pursuit.

*Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:31-34).*

**W**ealth from Elohim is to be used to expand the Kingdom. It should not be used to feed their fancies or compete with worldly stars for vain glory!

*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross*

*of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:17-21)*

Poverty is not advocated here. It is simply that if we cannot pursue God and Mammon! As we seek God wholeheartedly, He releases all that pertains to life and godliness, including finances, in His own appointed time to serve us and the Kingdom assignment in our hand! Matthew 6:19-34; 2 Peter 1:3,4. Before He releases such funds, the Lord is at liberty to try us and weigh our motives or even to train us with adversity by allowing us to labour for a season with little resources. The fires of the Cross do not destroy. They refine and enable us to build up spiritual muscles necessary for victory in the long term.

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*Putting Elohim God and the Kingdom in an exclusive box, subject to human whims*

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Elohim God has one Kingdom to which we all are called Ephesians 4:1-6. That Kingdom has just one Constitution, the Bible, with universal application. For that reason, all these are humanistic boxes: Denominations with their mutually exclusive dogmas and ideologies and practices. Elohim God is calling all of us to teach and practice the truth that our primary affiliations are to the King of Kings and that ALL blood washed saints are our brothers and sisters. What we have are simply different congregations of One United Church. Our congregations are simply branches of the same tree, Yeshua, Jesus! Any Leader who is not teaching this truth but building walls around “his” or “her” congregation is engaged in



scattering the flock of Yeshua, Jesus. This does not mean that leaders should allow wolves to come in and tear up the flock. Wolves should be discerned by their fruit and excluded from their nefarious mission. Matthew 7: 15-20; John 10:1-16. Making the physical building to be the Church. The Church is simply the redeemed of the Lord. Where they gather to worship is secondary to their spiritual state. To neglect the spiritual health of the flock while concentrating resources in acquisition, decoration and maintenance of physical structures is a great contradiction and displaced priority. Does this mean we no longer need sanctuaries? The plain answer is a big No! Sanctuaries will be needed as training, equipping and as resource centres for empowerment of saints who are then released to affect the community. We therefore “gather to scatter” is the paradigm!

Those who have no sanctuaries can still fulfil the purpose of God by meeting in homes, storefronts, trailer parks, Portacabins and indeed anywhere else, including tents and open fields and parks where two or three can gather in the name of Jesus! (Matthew 18:19, 20). Meetings can also be conducted online, with zoom, Facebook Livestream, Skype, Blog talk radio and other social media. We must avoid a situation with virtual media, our relationships become superficial leading to ‘hiding.’ In expects congregating virtually, we need to truly connect with other saints and be under specific authority. In this way, we ensure effective release of His presence and power as well as become accountable to godly spiritual authority (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:25, Romans 13:1-8).

### Assignment

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1. What frame of mind will enable us to spot error?
2. Please summarise each of the 9 tell-tale signs of error
3. Are there other telltale signs you have observed that are not cited in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 15

### Tell-tale Signs Part 2

In chapter 14, we identified 9 tell-tale signs with which and through which saints can recognise doctrines and liturgies that can lead to apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel. In this chapter, we will examine a further 7.

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*Elevation of ANYTHING above Love of God,  
people, and pursuit of His Kingdom*

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The way Yeshua, Jesus preached, which was emulated by His apostles, the primary purpose for which we are left on planet earth after salvation is to show our love of The Father by being wholly consumed with the purpose for which He came. He came to save the lost so that they will become citizens of the Kingdom (Luke 19:10). He has vested us with life, callings, gifts, and other special abilities so that we may deploy them to that singular purpose (Matthew 6:19-34, Luke 19:10-27). Anything which interferes with this pursuit and focus is idolatry. A spouse, child, ambition, career, business ministry, or even the self-life may be an idol (Matthew 10:32-39; Matthew 16:24-26).

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*Anti-Semitism*

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This is the sin of hating the Jews and despising their need for a secure homeland. Christian religion has a dark track record of anti-Semitism because of the faulty replacement theology formulated in Europe. That theology taught Christians that by rejecting and

orchestrating the crucifixion of Jesus, Jews lost their prized place with Elohim God. This jaded theology further postulates that the Church has been raised to inherit all the promises in the Old Testament. Adolf Hitler was encouraged in his heinous agenda by proponents of the replacement theology movement, including writings of some of the most prominent reformers. A careful reading of Romans chapters 9,10,11 and several texts reveal that the temporary falling away of the Jews was designed by Elohim God to provoke Jews to jealousy. He still has an agenda for the Jews, which will yet be fulfilled.

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*Judaizers/Rabid Christian Zionists*

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On the other side of the spectrum, it is error and possible apostasy to suggest that a blood washed, spirit-filled saint needs to learn and practice the cultural lifestyle of Jews – such as circumcision in order to please Elohim God. From the earliest days of the Church till today, Scriptures clarify that saints from Gentile backgrounds are not bound by the ceremonial provisions that guided Jewish life! (Acts 11:1-18; Acts 15:3-31, Galatians chapters 1,2,3,4,5) Yeshua, Jesus Himself taught about the limited span of the Old Testament rituals and announced that He came to fulfil those things which were a shadow (Matthew 5:17-20). The New Covenant in Yeshua, Jesus has a deeper and higher standard of righteousness than the Old.

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those*

*days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more (Jeremiah 31:31-34).*

**A** careful review of Matthew 5:21-48 attests to this reality. Today, many saints are misled into believing that they can physically guarantee security of Israel through the wealth and military might of the United States of America. Many are being misled by blind religious leaders to engage in political solutions which effectively impede the Now agenda of Elohim God for the Jews. That agenda allows Gentile nations to unite in an unholy plot to destroy Israel through emergence of the Anti-Christ who will initially purport to be a friend intent to ensure security for Israel. He will eventually commit the abomination of Desolation and unleash the worst pogrom on Jews when they refuse to accept him as their God (Matthew 24:15-22, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).

**T**hese developments will trigger the return of Yeshua Jesus with the saints as Revelations 19:11-21 says to rout armies of the world gathered to annihilate Israel at the Battle of Armageddon. Unconsciously therefore, some ministers and saints are working against the return of Yeshua, Jesus by playing the political card. What Israel needs more than anything else at this time is massive investment in intercession, evangelization, and discipleship! Of course, investments to care for the poor and weak are part of the gospel programme.

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*The Two deadly and opposite isms: Chauvinism  
& Feminism*

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Creeping steadily into the gospel movement are two deadly opposite isms: Male chauvinism and Feminism. One thing Yeshua, Jesus, came to do was to break down every middle wall of partition to produce one new man: sons of Elohim God who are not to be known by their gender, race, tribe, or socio-economic status, neither Jew nor Gentile, bond nor free. This is by His Spirit within the human spirit and the spiritual gifts He deposits as instruments of identity and mission.

*For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:26-29).*

*And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all (Colossians 3:10-11).*

Any ministry that fosters divisions of saints into male and female is on an erroneous foundation and capable of leading into apostasy! Those who believe Elohim God has called them to shut down the ministry of women are in error. Those females who flaunt their success in ministry as license to dominate and subjugate men are on a slippery path of perdition. Marriage is a choice. Women who consent to marriage have by the same measure, consented to have a covering in the person of the husband, no matter how deficient he may be.

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*Syncretism*

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Syncretism is the mixture of elements of the gospel with various practices including palm reading, astrology and various other rituals which have occultic connotation. The heavy reliance on incense, candles, oil, and images from the Old Testament including making replicas of such sacred objects such as the Ark of the Covenant is an idolatry by other means. Included here are such bizarre practices as using the image of the dove so heavily to represent the Holy Spirit in a way which contravenes the First Commandment.

*Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; The same applies to wearing crosses with images supposedly of Yeshua, Jesus hanging thereon (Exodus 20:3-5).*

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### *Strange Doctrines*

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These are doctrines or preachments which have no valid foundation in the Holy Bible and may actually contradict what Elohim said when properly examined. The word advocates that minister should avoid an undue quest for ‘wisdom’ to spin and promote humanistic or satanic doctrines.

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. 9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein (Hebrews 13:8-9).*

Strange doctrine rocks the faith of young believers and those who have not paid the price of discipleship, making them unstable as they hear from various speakers of their agendas. One reason the Fivefold is given is to stabilise the Faith of saints from such mental and emotional flip flops.

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-12).*

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### *Faulty Foundations in Ministry*

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When life or ministry is built on a faulty foundation, the outcome is negative. A foundation is faulty when:

- ❖ A person sets out to start a ministry in a state of strife, quarrels, confusion, recriminations with where he or she used to serve.
- ❖ A person starts a ministry without attempting to overcome basic sins or be free from certain bondages such as hurts and

wounds in the soul. In that unhealed state with the emotional and mental strongholds, the person may minister death rather than life by preaching out of a rotten inner core.

- ❖ Where a minister refuses to undergo a legitimate discipline pronounced by a senior authority designed to receive purging from gross sins such as immorality, fraud, stealing and instead, goes off in a huff to start his/her own ministry.
- ❖ Where the person who is beginning a new ministry does so in a manner which does not meet basic standards of integrity before God and man.
- ❖ Where somebody goes into ministry specifically to make money; achieve prominence or compete with contemporaries.

*(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. (Philippians 3:18-19).*

- ❖ Where a minister operates as an Island, with no council or authority he or she relates with or is subject to. Consequently, the minister may become a virtual emperor, creating, and preaching doctrines that are outside the remit of the Scriptures.
- ❖ Where a minister justifies a bad personal experience and uses same to distort the doctrines of the Word. If, for instance, a minister had a failed marriage and got a divorce, it is likely that the ministry birthed out of that life experience can be hall marked by easy divorce. Over time, the entire Bible teaching on marriage as a divine union between two saints is repudiated and lost. Elohim God Himself elevated His Word above His very name.

*I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. We should*



*also allow the Word to stand on its elevated pedestal and be subject to it rather than want to subject the Word to our personal experiences. That your marriage failed is no justification to lead other saints knowingly or unknowingly, along that same route (Psalm 138:2).*

Please ask the Holy Spirit to search you to identify and convict you of any faulty foundation so that you can cooperate with Him to get deliverance before it is too late.

*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3).*

On the last day, God will judge motives, foundations and practices which undergird ministry!

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. It is recommended that while there is still time, ministers should go to God in deep repentance concerning their personal and ministry foundations (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

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### Assignment

1. Please briefly summarise each of the 7 errors identified in this chapter.

*APOSTASIES, HERESIES, ERRORS, AND THE PSEUDO-GOSPEL*

2. How useful is this chapter to you?
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

## CHAPTER 16

### The Key Doctrines Satan will always attack

There are fundamental doctrines which define basic issues of the Faith we need to know about how Elohim God wants us to live in the present age until Yeshua, Jesus returns to set up the manifest phase of the Kingdom here on earth. A sound doctrine is not established with just one thought or verse of scripture. Often, Elohim God will say various things about a body of divine knowledge and Truth. He then leads us by help of Holy Spirit to compare scripture with scripture until the entire pieces of the jigsaw fit to present a whole.

*For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: Isaiah 28:10).*

For this reason, all those who are called to ministry need to make a diligent study of the Word backed by Prayer and under unction of Holy Spirit a part of their lives.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).*

It is in this way that preachers and teachers will expound the correct doctrines or building blocks of the Holy Scriptures rather than spew out their fancies.

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves*

*teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (2 Timothy 4:1-5).*

At the risk of sounding repetitive, we will reiterate some of key, basic doctrines.

*Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe (Philippians 3:1).*

Satan is in the habit of training his fire on these doctrines to either make saints to be ignorant of, forget or simply make them of none effect through corruption or twisting.

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### *The Doctrine of Yeshua, Jesus*

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Let us begin with a survey of the Doctrine of Yeshua, Jesus as Incarnation of Elohim and therefore very God and very man. It is not enough to believe in Jesus. The question is: which Jesus? In these end times, the question has become very profound because people are preaching all kinds of Jesus! Some are preaching a Jesus who is an angel. Some are preaching a Jesus who is a prophet. Many pseudo-kingdom sects led by some popular writers and commentators who claim to know “Kingdom truth” preach a Jesus who is just the son of God and therefore stops at being merely our senior brother. They believe and teach that He is not God. To avoid losing their followers, they do not approach this subject frontally. They rather do so by emphasizing the error that the Kingdom is about you and not Jesus. Some go as far as to claim that it does not matter what you believe, as long as you can love God and fellow humans. Sound doctrine of Yeshua, Jesus however clearly articulates His identity as Elohim God Who was supernaturally incarnated in the womb of a Virgin, Mary based on the

foreknowledge of The Father. His Incarnation was fore-ordained because Elohim knew that Adam and Eve would miss the mark.

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).*

**I**t was also to fulfil the prophecy when Adam and Eve fell.

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15).*

His Incarnation, Life and Death were all prophesied hundreds of years before due time

*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

Scripture also affirms that He was born a Jew of the lineage of David and Abraham among others, lived in human flesh to feel the pains of mortal humanity, in order to be our near Kinsman and faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:10-18; Hebrews 4:14-16); Imbued with the Holy Spirit He received without measure at the Baptism of John, He went about doing good to all men, meeting their needs (Matthew 3:13-17; John 3:34; Acts 10:38).

**Y**eshua, Jesus shared the principles of the Kingdom and Himself as the **ONLY** way to reconciliation and relationship with the Father (John 14:6). This biblical Yeshua, Jesus took upon Himself the sicknesses, pain and paid the price for sins of the entire world with His death on the Cross of Calvary. Healing, deliverance, and blessings are part of the inheritance of believers in Him. (Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 8:1-17; 1 Peter 2:24). Three days after His death, He resurrected and after appearing to His disciples and teaching them principles of the Kingdom; He ascended bodily to heaven where He is enthroned with the Father (John 20:1-31, John 21:1-25, Acts 1:1-11). He sent the Holy Spirit to be with all His saints, teach, comfort, and guide them through life and empower their witness as His Ambassadors (John 14:12-18, 25-27, John 16:7-15, Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-39). That same Yeshua Jesus will return on a day no man knows and set up the Kingdom of Elohim God on earth (Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11).

**T**he real Yeshua, Jesus is the express image of the Father and physical manifestation of divinity (John 1:1-4; John 14:1-11; John 12:44-50; Colossians 1:10-19; Colossians 2:1-10; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Hebrews 1:1-13). Anyone who believes in a Jesus who is not the clearly articulated God and Man in the Bible is obviously on track to believe error and heresy. Because the relationship of that person with The Father will rest on lies rather than truth, eternity cannot be guaranteed! The **ONLY BLOOD** which can wash away sins is the Blood of the God-Man Yeshua, Jesus! The only basis of coming into the New Covenant with The Father which inducts one into His Kingdom is based on our faith in the finished work of the **REAL Yeshua, JESUS!** This is a very serious matter! Please freely download Course 102: Understanding Yeshua, Jesus The Son of Elohim at [www.kingdombooksclub.com](http://www.kingdombooksclub.com).

*The Doctrines of Sin, Sinfulness, and the  
Power of the Blood of Jesus to cleanse and  
make Holy*

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Sound doctrine recognises the utter depravity of the human nature and the proclivity to sin. Sound doctrine will present the Blood of the Lamb as the only solution to the sin problem. Those who are saved will be reminded that it is not a theoretical construct, but a living reality borne out in real life by the Spirit of righteousness received in Yeshua, Jesus.

Sound doctrine will therefore call the people to prove that their faith is real living holy lives, powered by His Grace. Sound doctrine will never compromise to the degree that “saints” so-called live-in sin which is a contradiction (Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:11, Romans 6:1-19).

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*The Doctrine of Salvation by Grace through  
faith*

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Sound doctrine will present Salvation by Grace through faith as a fundamental step into the Kingdom. Sound doctrine will never deride this simple but essential truth as many in the pseudo-kingdom movement do (John 3:3, 16; Romans 5:6-11; Romans 10:6-13). Sound doctrine will dig further to present the process of the new birth experience as Elohim initiated and moderated. This is done through Holy Spirit Who convicts of Sin, righteousness and Judgement and reveals Yeshua to the penitent as only solution to Sin. In other words, Salvation is by Grace, not of religious works as Ephesians 2:1-8 reveal.

*The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit*

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Sound doctrine will teach people the Personhood of Holy Spirit Who is part of the Triune yet One Elohim God. His pervasive role in the life of saints: revealer of Yeshua, Jesus; He who convicts of sin; transformer of life from glory to glory; the instrument of uniting us with other saints; comforter, teacher, and He who empowers saints with callings, gifts, and ability to walk in signs, wonders, and miracles.

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*The Doctrine of The Word of God*

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Sound doctrine will place the Word of God in its exalted pedestal – above the teachers, preachers, leaders, and saints (Psalm 138:2). It will make it clear to all saints that the Word of God is immutable; was inspired and can be understood by every saint who is yielded to the person and work of Holy Spirit. Cults will lead people away from the Bible and try to establish them on the words of their leaders. The pseudo-kingdom movement prefers to serve their members the filtered edition of the Bible laced with humanistic dogma which attract itching ears.

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*The Doctrine of Life as a pilgrimage in this present time and the process of pain, suffering, challenges, and difficulties*

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Sound doctrine will clarify that our span of life on planet earth is temporary. That we are told to “occupy, till He comes” will be put in the right context so that saints do not spend their whole lives chasing temporal pleasures and assets. Sound doctrine will teach



saints that persecution, misunderstanding, trials, difficulties, challenges are part of the normal fare of the life they are called to live and that the grace of God suffices to overcome (2 Corinthians 6:1-10; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; 1 Peter 2: 1,12).

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*The Doctrine of the Kingdom of God*

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True doctrine of the Kingdom will bring forth the understanding that the future phase of it, will be a global reality when Yeshua Jesus returns to rule and reign on planet earth; that it is worth every trouble or pain of the present! Sound doctrine will teach saints they are in the Kingdom at the present time and need to submit completely to the King who reveals His Presence, Authority and Power in and through them. This will challenge saints to live for Jesus in the now and trust Him completely to provide their every need and that what to eat and drink are not things to pursue as the world does (Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 14:17-19; 2 Peter 1:3,4; Matthew 26:31-46). The reality that all who live this way are one indivisible Kingdom nation of Priests and kings will also be taught so that they can walk in unity of faith (1 Peter 2:9-10; Ephesians 4:1-6).

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*The Doctrine of Restitution*

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Sound doctrine will teach people about restitution. Restitution is the act of demonstrating true repentance for sin by restoring to someone what was taken away. Most sins are against God and fellow humans. While repentance is made towards God, the aspect that injured humans need to be practically dealt with. It could be a simple apology. If it involved stealing of money of goods, such should be restored to their rightful owners (Luke 19:1-10).

*Doctrine of Love is the operating system of the Kingdom*

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This is rarely treated as doctrine by preachers (John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13; Romans 13). Satan has made many to forget that the commandment to love is not a suggestion but a profound manifestation of Elohim (1 John 2:7-11, 1 John 3:1-23).

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*Doctrine of Unity and need for saints not to walk in isolation but in fellowship (Ephesians 4:1-6; Hebrews 10:25)*

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*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast*

given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me (John 17:1-23).

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*Doctrine of Authority*

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All saints are residual authorities capable of manifesting the authority of the King and Power of His Kingdom in liberty of sonship (Matthew 16: 8-19; Matthew 18:18). Yet, there are vessels it pleased the Lord to confer His delegated authority for leadership in the Kingdom who need to be discerned, received, and submitted to in love, prayed for and blessed (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Galatians 6:6-9).

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (Romans 13:1-8).*

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by*

*the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

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*Doctrines of the Rapture of Saints, Great Tribulation, Second Coming of Jesus, and Eternity of the righteous and wicked*

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Sound doctrine will also clearly teach saints that the Church will be raptured, saints will face the Judgement Seat of Yeshua for assessment of the quality of their lives and ministries. The Great Tribulation for saints who missed the rapture and Israel will be properly understood. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb followed by the physical return of Yeshua, Jesus with all the saints after Marriage Supper of the Lamb will be clarified. Yeshua, Jesus's Millennial reign with the saints as co-heirs will be so clear that believers will make the value decision to pay whatever price to align themselves with Him.

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*The Doctrine of identity, assignment, and mode of operation of Satan, demons and evil*

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Saints have a right to know the person, nature, and assignment of the adversary of their souls, Satan and all his cohorts. There are enough facts and light about Satan and his demons in the Word that going into extra-biblical searches may be potentially dangerous. Satan would prefer saints to walk in ignorance about him and his ways. Saints are called to a life of establishing the ordinance of the

Kingdom through faith and spiritual warfare. To keep saints in ignorance is to set them up for Satan to defeat (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-17; Matthew 16:18-19; Ephesians 6:10-18).

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*The Doctrine of Eternal Hell and the Lake of Fire*

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The eternal destiny of the righteous with Elohim forever and eternal damnation of both sinners, backsliders, apostates, heretics, and those who remain in error will be so clear so that people will have enough information to make the right choice of where they want to spend eternity. This should be made a major feature of the annual ministry curriculum so that saints walk in the blessed hope that is their inheritance (Matthew 24; Matthew 25). Saints need to know that Satan, demons, sinners, backsliders, heretics, apostates, and unbelievers will ultimately end up in the Lake of Fire as their ultimate reward. Truly God is Love and full of mercy. However, He has appointed that ultimately, everyone will decide their eternal habitations: with Him or with Satan. As scriptures clearly teach, multitudes will choose the way of present pleasure and future pain, some relying on wrong doctrines! (Matthew 25:41-46; Galatians 5:16-21; Revelation 20:7-10; 11-15; Revelation 21:7-8, 27; Revelation 22:15, 18-19)

Note: Pastor Grace deals with the doctrines of the Bible. Watch the Digging Deep Series.

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*What does it mean to have a seared conscience  
and be turned over to a reprobate mind?*

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When an individual allows Satan or human reasoning to becloud his/her ability to receive the word with meekness, there comes a time when Holy Spirit departs from the conscience of the

individual concerned. In that case, the mind may remain dark and cannot receive the Light of Yeshua, Jesus (John 1:1-6). In this environment, the conscience of the individual is seared as with a hot iron. The person who was once in Yeshua literarily forces the indwelling Holy Spirit out, since He is the Spirit of Truth and does not strive with anyone. Apostasy or falling away is the logical outcome. Make no mistake about this: many former saints are falling away from the faith as they abandon truth in search of fancy ideas which deny that Yeshua, Jesus is Elohim God made flesh, which is the hallmark of the pseudo-kingdom movement. Here are some scriptures which bring the matter into bold relief:

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence*

*of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (Romans 1:18-32).*

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm (1 Timothy 1:5-7).*

*This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme (1 Timothy 1:18-20)*

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (1 Timothy 4:1-2).*



*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate (Titus 1:15-16).*

Any so-called saint who does not understand and live within the ambit of the Doctrines of the Word of God is actually under the influence of the spirit of Lawlessness which will be a key feature of the end times.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; (2 Timothy 3:13-14).*

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will*

*come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (2 Timothy 4:1-5).*

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### **Assignment**

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1. Please summarise the need for sound doctrine.
2. Kindly outline in brief form any 7 doctrines discussed in this chapter which you received light in.
3. What does it mean to have a reprobate mind and seared conscience? What are the dangers?

## CHAPTER 17

### Deeper Understanding of the Liberal Gospel

Liberal Theology is the expansive term which includes many doctrines which deviate intrinsically from acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as immutable and the substitutionary work of Yeshua, Jesus on the Cross as the only acceptable way to reconciliation with Elohim for all humans of all ages. As a theological construct, liberalism is a product of human reasoning and logic. However, because liberal theologians are great humanists and engaged in great social works, they are so popular that their views are scrutinized, posing a challenge to the faith of many young believers who may admire their personalities and public image. Many of the mainline Protestant Denominations have opened up to liberal theology and have lost some of the most fundamental pillars on which the gospel has rested since the first century AD.

Liberal Theology needs to be examined further in this course so that we can have a better and fuller understanding of what it is. In this way, we can be equipped to stand for biblical accuracy. Writing in the [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org) website, Andrew Hoffercker defines Liberal Theology and expounds it extensively.

“Liberal theology is rooted in modern, secular theories of knowledge and has moved towards participation in the work of the church as the priority for Christians at the expense of delineating theological belief, which has led to the abandonment of many orthodox beliefs in many mainline denominations.

He goes further to articulate eye-opening statements in the scholarly article which peels off the veil to a form of Christianity which has been gaining traction since the 17th Century:

“Liberal theology includes a wide variety of theological, philosophical, and biblical perspectives that have their roots

in the European Enlightenment (c. 1660–1798). In preceding centuries, Christian theology was expressed in creeds and confessions based on the authority of the Bible and tradition which extended back to the early church. The newer theologies were products of universities that substituted modern, secular theories of knowledge that rejected external sources of knowledge and substituted subjective autonomy of human reason or experience.”

Hoffecker in the same article identified distinctions between standard theology and those which emerged from the Enlightenment:

“Although previous confessions differed in their emphases, they expressed doctrines consistent with the belief that the Bible and the creeds articulated a coherent, unified, and authoritative worldview, which Christians accepted as cognitively true, and constituted a sound basis for living. The Enlightenment methods of rationalism and empiricism replaced traditional alliances between philosophy and theology in the search for truth. European thinkers argued that traditional theologies were outmoded and that Christianity must adapt to developments in modern culture if it was going to survive. Without modification, it was thought, Christianity would become increasingly irrelevant. Such accommodation made liberal religion subjective—a matter of one’s moral speculation or a function of human feeling or intuition and later as a matter of pragmatic action.”

In the same article, Andrew Hoffecker traced the origins and growth of this form of theological thought and how it invariably opposed one of the most fundamental doctrines of the Bible: The concept of the Triune Elohim or Trinity.

“The earliest expression of liberalizing Christianity was the Polish Racovian Catechism’s (1605) Unitarian beliefs which replaced the traditional doctrine of the Trinity. Eventually,

Deism gained wider acceptance as a rational substitute for historic Christian belief. Deists claimed that from the vast number of doctrines and practices of the world's religions, human reason could distill a bare minimum of beliefs that constitute a purely natural or rational religion. One Deist enumerated the following beliefs: the existence of God; God is worshipped by virtuous behavior (all other acts such as prayer, hymn singing, and sacraments not being virtuous are irrelevant); penitence washes away sins (not Jesus' death and resurrection); rewards and punishment await mankind after death; priests ought to abandon teaching mysteries (especially miracles) and instead encourage rational moral living."

In that same piece, Hoffecker did an excellent work in linking up the rise of Liberal theology with the rise of intellectualism where the human mind played an oversized role in formulating this changed expression of Christian thought:

"The modernizing of Christianity was abetted by new methods of biblical interpretation. Previously the Bible was privileged as divinely inspired and therefore authoritative in its theological and historical content. Theologians cited biblical texts to establish doctrines and practice. Liberal scholars insisted on applying modern hermeneutical tools used to interpret other ancient literature. The unique redemptive events witnessed to by the Bible were reinterpreted as myths that were products of communities' religious experience at the time they were written. Lower criticism evaluated the preservation and transmission of texts and established which texts were most reliable. Higher critical methods went further by using secular reason to evaluate authorship, dates of composition and questioning traditional meanings and interpretation."

Hoffecker identified a major moving force in propelling this philosophical approach to theology in the person of Immanuel Kant, one of the most brilliant minds of his generation.

“Philosophical innovations also profoundly influenced the development of liberal theology. Immanuel Kant articulated a revolutionary view of knowledge which made mankind autonomous in their knowing. He proposed a motto for the Enlightenment—“Dare to reason”—which he believed freed humans from slavish adherence to previous ways of thinking. He detached reason from faith regardless of its background in Protestant and Catholic traditions. Only what could be demonstrated by reason or learned through scientific method qualified as knowledge. Kant thereby not only assured the advance of science but also drove a wedge between religion that dealt with matters of faith and scientific experimentation which established matters of fact.

In *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone* (1793), Kant transformed Christianity from a redemptive historical religion revealed in the Bible into a deistic moralism. He dehistoricized the Fall by declaring Adam a moralistic idealization of how all people corrupt their moral dispositions. People do not inherit original sin, but like the story of Adam every person subverts moral duty, which is ultimate, to lesser, subordinate priorities. Being “born again” (John 3:3) was not the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit but an act of the human will which reorients the human disposition toward moral duty. Jesus’s divinity consisted of his being the archetype of moral good will, not the ontological Son of God. Jesus’s work was not a substitutionary atonement. Sin, or what he called “radical evil,” is so personal that it cannot be atoned by someone else but must be atoned only by the autonomous self.”

One insightful view of Hoffecker which all students of the Bible should understand is the way the philosophical inclination of

Immanuel Kant affected how liberals approach the sensitive issue of biblical interpretations.

“To justify his divergences from orthodox Christianity, Kant said that whenever the Bible differs from our morally legislative reason we must conform the text to rational moral principles. He also formulated the modern distinction between the priest and the scholar. While clergy are morally bound to defend historical confessions of their respective churches, scholars are free to criticize and publish their findings based on modern criteria. This distinction established the precedent for a double standard of truth between what the church teaches based on revelation found in the Bible and the newly emerging modern theology based on rational criteria. Kant’s philosophy and his reasonable religion earned him the title “the philosopher of [liberal] Protestantism.”

## **Background**

The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy in an article First published Thu May 20, 2010; substantive revision Tue Jul 28, 2020 has this entry on this man whose works were quoted by Andrew Hoffercker:

## **Immanuel Kant**

Immanuel Kant (1724–1804) is the central figure in modern philosophy. He synthesized early modern rationalism and empiricism, set the terms for much of nineteenth and twentieth century philosophy, and continues to exercise a significant influence today in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, aesthetics, and other fields. The fundamental idea of Kant’s “critical philosophy” – especially in his three Critiques: the Critique of Pure Reason (1781, 1787), the Critique of Practical Reason (1788), and the Critique of the Power of Judgment (1790) – is human autonomy. He argues that the

human understanding is the source of the general laws of nature that structure all our experience; and that human reason gives itself the moral law, which is our basis for belief in God, freedom, and immortality. Therefore, scientific knowledge, morality, and religious belief are mutually consistent and secure because they all rest on the same foundation of human autonomy, which is also the final end of nature according to the teleological worldview of reflecting judgment that Kant introduces to unify the theoretical and practical parts of his philosophical system.

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*A Practical Example of Liberal Theology*

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Late Archbishop Desmond Tutu was one of the most popular religious figures of both the 20th and 21st Century. A powerful speaker, his impact was far beyond his native South Africa. Few of us understood his theology, which is one of the driving forces of the modern ecumenical movement. The following piece is a typical liberal theology on convergence from Archbishop Tutu:

### **God Is Not a Christian**

By Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Reader Supported News 02 June 11

The following is excerpted from the Archbishop Desmond Tutu's new book, "God Is Not A Christian: And Other Provocations." This talk also comes from a forum in Britain, where Tutu addressed leaders of different faiths during a mission to the city of Birmingham in 1989.

“hey tell the story of a drunk who crossed the street and accosted a pedestrian, asking him, “I shay, which ish the other shide of the shtreet?” The pedestrian, somewhat nonplussed, replied, “That side, of course!” The drunk said, “Shtrange. When I wash on that shide, they shaid it wash



this side.” Where the other side of the street is depends on where we are. Our perspective differs with our context, the things that have helped to form us; and religion is one of the most potent of these formative influences, helping to determine how and what we apprehend of reality and how we operate in our own specific context.

My first point seems overwhelmingly simple: that the accidents of birth and geography determine to a very large extent to what faith we belong. The chances are very great that if you were born in Pakistan, you are a Muslim, or a Hindu if you happened to be born in India, or a Shintoist if it is Japan, and a Christian if you were born in Italy. I don't know what significant fact can be drawn from this - perhaps that we should not succumb too easily to the temptation to exclusiveness and dogmatic claims to a monopoly of the truth of our particular faith. You could so easily have been an adherent of the faith that you are now denigrating, but for the fact that you were born here rather than there.

My second point is this: not to insult the adherents of other faiths by suggesting, as sometimes has happened, that for instance when you are a Christian the adherents of other faiths are really Christians without knowing it. We must acknowledge them for who they are in all their integrity, with their conscientiously held beliefs; we must welcome them and respect them as who they are and walk reverently on what is their holy ground, taking off our shoes, metaphorically and literally. We must hold to our particular and peculiar beliefs tenaciously, not pretending that all religions are the same, for they are patently not the same. We must be ready to learn from one another, not claiming that we alone possess all truth and that somehow, we have a corner on God.

We should in humility and joyfulness acknowledge that the supernatural and divine reality we all worship in some form or other transcends all our particular categories of thought and imagining, and that because the divine - however named, however apprehended or conceived - is infinite and we are forever finite, we shall never comprehend the divine completely. So we should seek to share all insights we can and be ready to learn, for instance, from the techniques of the spiritual life that are available in religions other than our own. It is interesting that most religions have a transcendent reference point, a *mysterium tremendum*, that comes to be known by deigning to reveal itself, himself, herself, to humanity; that the transcendent reality is compassionate and concerned; that human beings are creatures of this supreme, supra mundane reality in some way, with a high destiny that hopes for an everlasting life lived in close association with the divine, either as absorbed without distinction between creature and creator, between the divine and human, or in a wonderful intimacy which still retains the distinctions between these two orders of reality.

When we read the classics of the various religions in matters of prayer, meditation, and mysticism, we find substantial convergence, and that is something to rejoice at. We have enough that conspires to separate us; let us celebrate that which unites us, that which we share in common.

Surely it is good to know that God (in the Christian tradition) created us all (not just Christians) in his image, thus investing us all with infinite worth, and that it was with all humankind that God entered into a covenant relationship, depicted in the covenant with Noah when God promised he would not destroy his creation again with water. Surely, we can rejoice that the eternal word, the Logos of God, enlightens everyone - not just Christians, but everyone who comes into the world; that what we call the Spirit of God is

not a Christian preserve, for the Spirit of God existed long before there were Christians, inspiring and nurturing women and men in the ways of holiness, bringing them to fruition, bringing to fruition what was best in all. We do scant justice and honor to our God if we want, for instance, to deny that Mahatma Gandhi was a truly great soul, a holy man who walked closely with God. Our God would be too small if he was not also the God of Gandhi: if God is one, as we believe, then he is the only God of all his people, whether they acknowledge him as such or not. God does not need us to protect him. Many of us perhaps need to have our notion of God deepened and expanded. It is often said, half in jest, that God created man in his own image and man has returned the compliment, saddling God with his own narrow prejudices and exclusivity, foibles, and temperamental quirks. God remains God, whether God has worshippers or not.

This mission in Birmingham to which I have been invited is a Christian celebration, and we will make our claims for Christ as unique and as the Savior of the world, hoping that we will live out our beliefs in such a way that they help to commend our faith effectively. Our conduct far too often contradicts our profession, however. We are supposed to proclaim the God of love, but we have been guilty as Christians of sowing hatred and suspicion; we commend the one whom we call the Prince of Peace, and yet as Christians we have fought more wars than we care to remember. We have claimed to be a fellowship of compassion and caring and sharing, but as Christians we often sanctify socio-political systems that belie this, where the rich grow ever richer and the poor grow ever poorer, where we seem to sanctify a furious competitiveness, ruthless as can only be appropriate to the jungle.” ([www.readersupportednews.org](http://www.readersupportednews.org))

One scripture which comes to mind is this:

*Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set (Proverbs 22:28).*

In the modern era, some of the most popular preachers no longer insist accept this truth:

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).*

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### Assignment

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1. Please outline 5 deficiencies of liberal theology based on the article by Andrew Hoffercker.
2. What did you find divergent from the Bible in the article by late Archbishop Desmond Tutu?
3. How helpful is this chapter to your understanding of the subject matter of this course?

## CHAPTER 18

### Epilogue

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#### *Our Responses*

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A three-dimensional thread connects false doctrines, whether they are classified as apostasies, heresies, errors, or the pseudo-gospel. That thread is the wilful or inadvertent distortion, perversion, or cherry picking of the core tenant of the Holy Scriptures concerning its reliability, the Person and redemptive assignment of Yeshua, Jesus. When humanistic wisdom intrudes into the sanctity of the Holy Scriptures as we learnt from the last chapter or when the word is handled with insincerity, the outcome differs from what The Lord intended.

*Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,*

*that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us (2 Corinthians 4: 1-7).*

As said in a previous section, all roads may lead to Rome, as the saying goes, but not all theological postulations lead to Yeshua and His Kingdom. Any so-called theology or belief system with distorted features is inherently defective and will lead away from Him, though professors and practitioners may make loud claims of affinity with him. In view of the extensive body of truth the Lord unveiled in this course, a valid question may be ‘what should we do?’

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*For All saints*

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**B**e genuinely born again. Do not dwell on the low ground of creed-based Christianity. Have a genuine encounter with Yeshua, Jesus and be a product of the new birth experience which is manifested by operation of Holy Spirit in the human spirit.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again (John 3:3-6).*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

**I**nvest in personal and group study to know and understand the Truth in the Holy Scriptures, which is the only basis of true liberty

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).*

*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:15-17).*

**I**t is also important to learn as much as possible on the subject of False doctrines, apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel. If we know the truth in the gospels, we cannot be easily deceived by purveyors of falsehood.

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*For Leaders called to Ministry*

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**L**eaders need to be genuinely converted. Beyond conversion, they should live in such a way which first gives space for the Lord to form the Word in them before they go forth to preach or teach others. One reason Paul was very effective in his ministry was the reality that Yeshua was first revealed in him before he launched out to preach. Even though he did not physically walk with Yeshua, Paul was not behind the other Apostles because of this encounter with and formation of Yeshua in Him.

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And profited in the

Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. 20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ. 23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. 24 And they glorified God in me (Galatians 1:13-24).

**I**ntentionally preach and teach the pure gospel so that sinners receive Salvation by Grace through Faith and become true new creation in Yeshua (Ephesians 2:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

**T**each the said saints sound doctrine which will transform their hearts, renew their minds, and change their perspectives of life. As they embrace the sole Lordship of Yeshua, they become His disciples and proponents of Kingdom culture.

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26).*



Ensure that the saints receive the holistic impartation of Grace from the Fivefold. This will give them the capacity to spot Apostasies, heresies, errors, and the pseudo-gospel and not be swayed or deceived as they discern contrary fruits in lives of such folks.

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we*

*not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock (Matthew 7:15-25).*

**D**iscern and avoid those who preach and teach error: Do not receive them and their lies! Rely on the Holy Spirit and the Word made flesh in you for discernment. We need Holy Spirit 24/7 to avert the real danger of falling away. The great number of Christians that are helpless victims of Satan today attests to this reality.

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have*

*received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him (1 John 2:18-27).*

**S**eparate the fellowship of saints from anyone preaching a different Jesus. One of the greatest temptations to avoid or overcome is the danger of understating the dangers of false doctrine. It amounts to spiritual irresponsibility to assume that young believers can handle error, heresy, apostasies, and the pseudo-gospel on their own. True shepherds have a divinely given authority and responsibility to not only feed the flock but also to spot wolves and frustrate their satanic agendas.

*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep (John 10:9-15).*

*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you*

*than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ (Galatians 1:6-10).*

Leaders should not be concerned with public opinion when there is need to protect the flock from wolves whose pernicious doctrines can affect eternity.

*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple (Romans 16:17-18).*

*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (2 John 7-11).*

This is very serious, saints! Are you “sowing” into any ministry or person who denies the divinity of Jesus and claims He was just a supernatural creation of God? The Lord says, cut off every support for such people and get yourself separated from every soul tie with them. When Yeshua, Jesus returns, only those whose faith and whose lives are built on the sure foundation that He is God incarnated as Man – Emmanuel – will be secured by Him! Any Jesus other than what the Scriptures present is like a sinking sand!

Contend earnestly for the Truth firmly motivated by love for souls that may be in danger of missing the mark and the purveyors. Contend for the Faith in tough love: Stand up for the Truth: tell them they are in error even if they are prominent men and women of God! Send them emails, post letters and call them.

*Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: 7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) 9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. 11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he*

*withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor (Galatians 2:1-18).*

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also*

*these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. 10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever (Jude 3-13),*

**I**ntercede for them and for their victims, and war against the spirit of error. We owe it as a strong duty to resist the spirit of error Satan has released into the world to confuse saints and mis-lead them. All leaders must be able to wage effective spiritual warfare where necessary.

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).*

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 Peter 5:8-9).*

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the*

*devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10-18).*

If you are a delegated authority, exercise the sword when necessary.

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil (Romans 13:1-4).*

*This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is*



*Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme (1 Timothy 1:18-20).*

True Kingdom leaders will also be required to help saints to understand the differences between opposite concepts:

- ❖ Kingdom V Churchianity
- ❖ Grace V Legalism
- ❖ Extra V Non-biblical Truths
- ❖ Spirit-led life of Faith V Flesh-led life of works
- ❖ Unity of Faith V Ecumenism

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### Assignment

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1. Please briefly discuss each of the 9 responsibilities of Leaders.
2. What are the 5 most remarkable things you learnt from this Course?
3. Course Essay/Feedback. Write an essay of not over 500 words which describe what you learnt from Course 134: Apostasies, Heresies, Errors, and the Pseudo-Gospel.

## Course Impact Assessment

1. Which of the following is not a feature of the Kingdom?
  - A stage platform
  - A domain
  - A dominion
  
2. True or False: Being in a family relationship with Elohim gives us license to twist his words.
  - True     False
  
3. Please define Rebellion
  
4. True or False Rebellion is contagious
  - True     False
  
5. True or False: The original rebel and his life mission is Satan
  - True     False
  
6. Briefly summarize the rebellion of Satan and the outcome. Support your response with a minimum of 1 scripture references.
  
7. Explain how Satan uses doubt to ensnare.
  
8. True or False: A rebel always works in isolation.
  - True     False
  
9. Which of the following is not a tactic of Satan in deception?
  - Lust of the eyes

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- Pride of Life
  - Lust of the emotions
10. Explain how Satan used lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life to tempt Eve and Yeshua. Support your response with scripture references.
11. True or False: It is ok to use intellect and emotions to interpret Holy Scripture.
- True    False
12. True or False: Grace is a license to continue in sin.
- True    False
13. True or False: Distortion of the Truth is the primary goal of Satan.
- True    False
14. Explain the correct method for interpreting scripture.
15. Provide a definition for each of the following: 1. Error, Heresy, Apostacy, Pseudo-gospel
16. True or False: another way to define pseudo-gospel is kingdom of man.
- True    False
17. Which of the following is not a strain of pseudo-gospel?
- Prosperity Movement
  - Pseudo-kingdom movement
  - Secular Humanism
  - Vengeance Movement

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18. Explain whether eternal security is promised regardless of lifestyle. Support your response with a minimum of two scripture references.
19. Explain the state of heart of one who is falling away and the role of those who refuse to wait for Holy Spirit in falling away.
20. Explain how Mystery Babylon cause the church to get off track.
21. Which of the following is not a warning from falling away?
  - Denying Yeshua's humanity
  - Allowing dangerous doctrine
  - Denying Yeshua's divinity
22. Briefly define Gnosticism.
23. True or False: Yeshua inspected the churches of Asia Minor.
  - True     False
24. Why did Yeshua state he hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes?
25. Explain why it is important not to live or labor under faulty foundations?
26. Select one of the features of Roman Catholicism which helped the rise of Protestantism and explain how it is contrary to Elohim's plan for His Church.
27. True or False: The protestant movement is normalized
  - True     False

28. True or False: Clergy verse Laity is a feature of the DNA of Rome.  
 True    False
29. Which of the following is not a feature of protestant movement?  
 Misusing points of contact in prayer  
 Allowing dangerous doctrine  
 Not inclined to study Holy Scripture  
 Normalizing worldliness  
 Yielding to Holy Spirit for direction
30. What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?
31. Define doctrines as provision of the Constitution of the Kingdom
32. True or False: What is not written in Holy Scripture is either dogma or tradition of men.  
 True    False
33. Explain the great falling away.
34. List and explain at least two feature of the Union between the Roman Empire and the Church. Include in your explanation what is Replacement Theology.
35. Summarize the fulfillment of Mystery Babylon.
36. Explain the difference between Rebellion, Individualism and Divisiveness.
37. Select at least two features of the Protestant version of Mystery Babylon.

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38. Which of the following is a negative feature of Christian religion?
- Recitation of creeds rather than relationship with God
  - Replacement of Aaronic/Levitical priesthood with the priesthood of all believers
39. Summarize your understanding of relativism.
40. Explain the difference between non-biblical and extra biblical perspectives.
41. Select the tell-tale sign that stood out most to you and describe how you have seen this in the church and its effect on the body of Yeshua.

## HOW TO BE INVOLVED

If you would like to be part of the elect who Elohim will use to impact and transform the Church world-wide with this revelation, there are various ways you can be involved, depending on your skills:

- i. Promote these revelations to the wider Body through electronic or print means or via Facebook and other Social Media platforms.
- ii. Be part of those who will use revelation in this course to train other leaders and saints within your loop of Kingdom influence – on and off Facebook
- iii. You have the skills/capacity to edit or proofread these materials
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# *Apostasies, Heresies, Errors and the Pseudo-gospel*

One of the issues Yeshua, Jesus and His apostles warned the Church repeatedly of is the reality that Satan would attack the gospel from inside out: corrupt the gospel message and offer it to unsuspecting humanity. This satanic project has been ongoing from the days of Yeshua, Jesus when Satan went about planting tares which looked like the Wheat of the Kingdom.

This resource covers a wide gamut of ideas and concepts which deviate from the central message of Yeshua, Jesus, His sacrificial death on the Cross and outcomes thereof. Within its pages are carefully assembled biblical-based truths which pinpoint deviations from the teachings and practices of the true Kingdom Church. In real terms, Apostasies, Heresies, Errors, and the pseudo-gospel are expressions of rebellion by humans. Here is a rich menu of specific issues which are covered in this book:

- Definition of terms: Error, Apostasy, Heresy, Pseudo-gospel
- Some specific Apostasies that are ravaging the Church
- Some errors that are rife in the Body
- Some Heresies that have been glorified
- Biblical chronicles of falling away from Truth
- Historical Fulfilment of Mystery Babylon
- Features & Significance of the Roman Empire and the Church union
- Various manifestations of the pseudo-gospel
- The Protestant Version of Mystery Babylon
- Truth, Doctrines and Dogma
- Classification of Doctrines
- Some negative features of Christian religion
- Critical Assaults on the True Gospel of the Kingdom
- Tell-tale signs for spotting Error, Apostasies, Heresies, and the Pseudo-gospel

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