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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 4th 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, Jesus derived from the Greek 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.

Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017. In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517. Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would

do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an 'African Cultural Church'. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant 'out of the seed of Ham' to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or 'one new man' spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace (Romans 11:5).

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to 'Protest' some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins. The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the ‘School’ Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events. 500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper

understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries and congregations accordingly.

This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes. On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but

that it should be holy and without blemish
(Ephesians 5:25-27).

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

The Lord gave the word: great was the company
of those that published it (Psalm 68:11).

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).

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument
of His Grace He designed you to be!

Chapter 25

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Second Coming of Yeshua, and Battle of Armageddon

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever (Revelation 19:1-3).

COMMENTARY

The sounds and sights of the heavenly realm are full of joy at the consummation of all things. This is the chapter where the world as we know it since the days of Adam will come to an end.

- John hears a great voice of much people in heaven full of praise and worship to Elohim. It is the voice of triumph!
- The word Alleluia is the Hebrew for ‘Praise The Lord’. Properly rendered by some as HalleluYah, it is the ONLY word which has no translation. All tongues and languages on earth pronounce it with the same intention and meaning.
- It is only in the Book of Revelation that Alleluia is used in the New Testament.

- o The heavenly host extols Elohim without limits:

“...Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our.”

- o The content of their praise shows that the people in heaven are intelligent, and aware of all things. They extol Elohim for judging the Babylonian system of both religion and commerce. They also know that what the earth has been experiencing in the Great Tribulation are the righteous judgements of Elohim on sin.

“For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.”

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great (Revelation 19:4-5).

COMMENTARY

- o We see some of the personalities that were shown at the very beginning (Revelations 4, 5, 6).
- o They remain in the posture of worship of Elohim and praise Him with Alleluia.
- o Heaven is full of voices. This time, the instruction is directed to all that fear Elohim – small and great:

“And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.”

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God (Revelation 19:6-9).

COMMENTARY

- Very few words are used to describe the day of day for all the Faithful. This is the ultimate day of the redeemed when they will be decorated as the BRIDE OF Yeshua. With the Death of Yeshua at the Cross of Calvary, His shed Blood became, as it were, the Bride Price to betroth the Church – all those who will be redeemed through it by Faith. In Hebrew tradition as demonstrated by Joseph and Mary, marriage is a two-step process: a betrothal when a man pays bride price for a woman but does not cohabit with her until a wedding and accompanying feast is done at a future date.
- These verses describe the Marriage Supper of the Lamb when the Church Triumphant will translate from betrothal or engagement to assume the full status of a spouse. The feast publicly cements the status of union of both.

- o Yeshua looked forward to this day.
- o Yeshua demonstrated clearly in his post resurrection life that in the Kingdom to come, partakers thereof will be able to eat and drink.

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom (Matthew 26:29).

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise (John 21:12-13)

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).

- o Verses 7 and 8 shows us that the qualification for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is twofold: His Righteousness which is a gift of Grace received by Faith and purity of heart. The eyes of Elohim are pure and cannot behold sin in thought, word, or deed.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”

Elohim undertakes to keep us in this state:

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen Jude 1:24-25).

Paul the Apostle made it clear that one of the most extraordinary assignments of true leaders is to teach saints, pray for them to be fit for purpose partakers in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb:

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (2 Corinthians 11:1-3).

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (Galatians 4:19).

- o The words of Revelation 19 are true sayings of Elohim we can rely upon as an anchor for our souls. It is no tale but the reality that saints who are faithful to the very end, by His Grace will partake of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb as verse 9 makes clear:

“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the

Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God”

- It is important to state with clarity those who will partake of the marriage Supper of the Lamb:
 - Saints of old such as Abraham who lived before the Old Covenant. They looked forward to the resurrection and Kingdom to come by Faith as Hebrews 11 shows.
 - Faithful people who lived under the Law, before Yeshua came and who had testimony with Elohim.
 - All those who receive the free gift of Salvation by Grace through faith since the Day of the Shed Blood at Calvary – New Testament saints.
 - All those martyred for the faith during the Great Tribulation – who refused to take the mark, name. and number of the Beast.

From a theologically sound perspective, all New Testament saints would have been to the Judgement Seat of Yeshua right after the rapture where their services will be evaluated. It is not necessarily a judgement for Sin but rather that of the quality of their walk and work

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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).

Paul taught Christians to walk in consciousness of the day of the Judgement Seat

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for

me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).

COMMENTARY

- The awesomeness of the scenes at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb hits John and on impulse he fell at the feet of the angel assigned to reveal these things to him.
- The angel prevents John and reminds Him that only Elohim deserve our worship and adoration: See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Return and Final Victory of Yeshua and His saints over the Anti-Christ, False Prophet, and their armies.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God (Revelation 19:11-13).

COMMENTARY

It is interesting to note that after the marriage supper of the Lamb, the very next things that are revealed are these:

- Unlike His first coming, which was as a Lamb, surreptitiously, known only to Mary, Joseph, and a couple of others at the Incarnation, the second coming of Yeshua is as a conqueror.
- The Names of Yeshua are very descriptive: Faithful and True. His Name is also the Word of Elohim.
- He Judges and makes war In righteousness.
- His eyes were like a flame of fire – penetrating and deep, able to see all things.
- His Head had many crowns – signifying all the things He was victorious on.
- He had a Name that no one else but Himself knew. E do not need to speculate on what the name is but rely on the principle in Deuteronomy 29:29.
- He was clothed in a vesture dipped with blood. This may be a reminder of the Blood He shed at the Cross of Calvary in His Incarnate state through which He gained legal right over the earth realm. This earth is given to humans as an inheritance according to Psalms 115: 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean (Revelation 19:14).

COMMENTARY

THIS IS A PICTURE OF WHEN YESHUA WILL RETURN.

Though angels will accompany King Yeshua on the second coming, the main force will be glorified humans or the saints triumphant: those who were part of the first resurrection and the rapture at the Trumpet blast in 1 Corinthians 15:50-55, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 as well as Tribulation saints who refused the mark, name, and number of the Beast.

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 (Jude 1:14-15).

- Their mission will be to vanquish the anti-Christ and False Prophet with their armies and reclaim the earth realm before the Millennial reign of Yeshua can start.
- By this time, armies of the anti-Christ and False Prophet surround Jerusalem with evil intent to destroy all Jews and crush Israel. Jews will cry out for the true Messiah who will respond, just as He prophesied.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and

on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords (Revelation 19:15-16).

COMMENTARY

- The sharp sword which Yeshua fights with from His mouth is The Word which is Himself.
- He will smite the nations with His Word.
- He will rule them with a rod of iron just as Psalm 2 proclaims
- He will thread the earth realm as the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of the Almighty.
- Yeshua is the righteous Judge of all the earth realm as assigned by the Father (John 5:22) For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
- On the vesture and thigh of Yeshua is the Name/title: King of kings and Lord of lords. This title harks to the reality that saints are joint heirs and co-rulers with Yeshua in the earth realm when He returns.

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 (Romans 8:16-17).

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we

shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:6).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great (Revelation 19:17-18).

COMMENTARY

- For a long time, Satan had manipulated inhabitants of the earth to reject the sovereign rule of Yeshua. He had used the False Prophet to seduce majority of people to commit idolatry by bowing to the image of the anti-Christ and taking the mark, name, and number of the beast. The game is up for the anti-Christ and False Prophet. Just 1 angel is dispatched to summon the birds of the air to the place where the high and low of the earth will be slaughtered on the great day of the wrath of Elohim.

- o The summoning of the birds of the air by one angel corresponds with the work of foul, lying spirits who would be at work to summon the kings of the earth and their armies to the Battle of Armageddon.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16).

- o For several millennia and centuries, humans have been driven by the flesh. The flesh thus has been the greatest hindrance to spirituality. Now, it is time to judge the flesh and human life will be squandered like never before.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army (Revelation 19:19).

COMMENTARY

- o It is the height of folly for mortal humans to fight the Lord Yeshua.

- Sin has a way of distorting the persona of humans, dislocating their psyche. To believe they can fight Yeshua at His Second coming is an indicator of the spirit of delusion.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh (Revelation 19:20-21).

COMMENTARY

- This shows the victory of Yeshua and His armies at the Battle of Armageddon. This victory paves the way for the Millennial Reign in Revelation chapter 20.
- The anti-Christ and False Prophet will precede Satan into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone by at least 1000 years. That is their just reward for lending their vessels to Satan!
- Israel will be saved from utter destruction by the anti-Christ. At this stage, the Jews would have been so sorely pressed that they will cry to the Lord for deliverance. Having been deceived and subsequently disappointed by the false messiah when he commits the abomination of desolation, the Jews will cry for the realm Messiah:
 - Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto

thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! 35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord (Luke 13:34-35).

These events are the fulfilment of some Old Testament Prophecies.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him (Psalm 2:1-12).

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee (Zechariah 14:1-5).

Revelation 19 marks the end of the human age as we know it. From Chapter 20 introduces a new reality in the earth realm.

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? 2. Who will qualify to be part of it? 3. Who will be part of the army that will accompany Yeshua to the Battle of Armageddon? 4. What other things did you learn?

Chapter 26

Imprisonment of Satan, The Manifest (Millennial Reign), Judgement of Satan and Great White Throne Judgement

Exposition of Revelation 20

In Revelation chapter 19, the human age as we know it ends with the defeat of the anti-Christ, false Prophet, and their armies. Both of them are consigned to eternal damnation in the Lake of fire and brimstone. King Yeshua and the saints triumphant who returned from heaven with Him are now on the earth realm, specifically the nation of Israel. The question is what next? Like most other passages in the book of Revelation, chapter 20 summarises some future developments. In order to get the full picture, we will need to compare scripture with scripture to gain a full understanding of the sequence of events.

This powerful chapter opens with the fate of Satan. Since he was expelled from heaven following his rebellion (Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:12-19), Satan invaded the earth realm and craftily deceived Adam and Eve to take their mantle as Governor (Genesis 3:1-8). From the day of the fall, Satan became the god of this world and messed it up with Sin as a lifestyle. Revelation 19 and 20 present the graphic picture that the game is up; he and his evil cohorts lost the earth realm to the original owner, Yeshua Who became human to reclaim the mandate (Psalms 115:16)

Verse by verse commentary

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season (Revelation 20:1-3).

COMMENTARY

- Angels are messengers of Elohim who wait on Him to execute His will in the universe. One angel is given a special assignment: to open the bottomless pit for a special inmate.
- Stripped of his power, Satan will be imprisoned in the bottomless pit. There, this enemy of righteousness and adversary of humanity and the Kingdom would be shut up for a specific period: 1000 years.
- This is the period needed for the manifest Kingdom called the millennial reign of Yeshua to take place in the earth realm.
- In the economy of Elohim, the manifest Kingdom would be one of universal righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. To guarantee this ultimate, universal Kingdom culture, every potential negative influence would be proactively taken away. This is a manifestation of Elohim's love in high definition.

- Satan is therefore locked away in a sealed prison for the stated period after which he would be given the opportunity to tempt inhabitants of the earth.

*Interlude: We need to address a question
of the ages*

Before we proceed, it is needful to address a question that humans have asked in their hearts: will the nations and peoples of the earth be wiped off the earth at the Second coming of Yeshua? When will the prophecy of Peter that the earth will be burnt with fire and the heavens rolled away like a scroll happen? The revelation we received is simple: When Yeshua emerges victorious at the Battle of Armageddon, all sinners and their nations will have a free pass into the millennium without passing through the gates of death. All who are alive on earth will be guaranteed a minimum of 1000 more years of life!

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years (Revelation 20:4)

COMMENTARY

- John sees two types of people in verse 4. The first are all the saints triumphant who are joint heirs with Yeshua and will be co-rulers with Him in the millennium. They sit upon thrones and judgement is

given unto them. These scriptures are to refresh our minds.

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 (Romans 8:16-17).

- o John also sees the souls of those that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua and the word of Elohim. These are the tribulation saints who were killed for refusing to worship the image of the anti-Christ or take his mark as instructed by the False Prophet in Revelation 13:14-18. It is their reward or payback time. After suffering for Him, the time comes to be exalted with Yeshua.

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

- o These two categories of saints will live and reign with Yeshua in the manifest phase of the Kingdom, which will last for a millennium (1000 years). They will be assigned over specific nations, provinces, states, cities, and communities to rule over as Priests (who teach ordinances of Elohim and Kingdom culture to the peoples and nations who got a free pass into the Kingdom). They will also be given authority to rule over such people as kings and report to Yeshua Who will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem, His global capital city.

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:6).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

- o Description of the Manifest Kingdom. The Kingdom of Elohim is the realm of His Sovereign rule over humanity and the earth realm. With His Incarnation, Yeshua received the legal mandate to be the Second Adam. What the first Adam lost to Sin, the Second Adam will recover through righteousness and total submission to the will of the Father (John 4:34, John 5:30, John 6:38). The dominion mandate of Genesis 1:26-30 was lost when Adam and Eve fell. At His second coming, Yeshua will walk in it to rule the earth in righteousness and show how the earth realm would have been like if Adam and Eve had not fallen. It will be a time when there would be no death, sickness, sorrow, terrorism, wars, or any form of crises. Wild animals will cease to tear up and eat up each other and humans. It will be a picture of pure bliss with humans living at the benefice of King Yeshua.

This is the language with which Prophet Isaiah described what he saw in a figure:

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the

sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord (Isaiah 65:20-25).

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. 4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and

streams in the desert. 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (Isaiah 35:1-10).

The beauty of the creation of the universe will be manifested during the Millennium!

The Kingdom is in the hearts of the redeemed when Yeshua reigns in their lives and all saints are part of His nation. But a time is coming at Yeshua's return when the Kingdom will be a manifest, tangible reality worldwide. This is the Kingdom that Yeshua repeatedly required all His disciples to seek first above any earthly good. He requires true disciples to live for the world to come and prioritise their investments thereat.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far

more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection (Revelation 20:5).

COMMENTARY

As the manifest Kingdom occurs in the earth realm, there will be a parallel reality: All those who died without Yeshua will remain in their graves until after the Millennial reign. At the appointed time, they will be resurrected to face judgement for their sins.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Revelation 20:6).

COMMENTARY

Those who took part in the first resurrection and rapture of saints are blessed. They have escaped the snares of death and judgement permanently. This is why saints are required to not just start the race but to also finish well and strong, never stopping or allowing distractions until they breast the tape, just like Paul admonished and showed.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they

do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-14).

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the

nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them (Revelation 20:7-9).

COMMENTARY

A great mystery is laid out for us in plain language concerning what will happen after the 1000 years elapse.

- o Satan will be loosed out of his prison.
- o He is permitted to tempt all the humans who got a free pass into the millennium and enjoyed the beneficial rule of King Yeshua.
- o The Lord does not impose Himself on humans or coerce them into what they do not want. For this reason, all humans who had the free pass will be tried and tempted to see if they truly embrace righteousness and the rule of Yeshua or if they prefer rebellion and the rule of Satan. Multitudes will be deceived because of two reasons: inherent rebellion in unregenerate humans who cannot embrace righteousness. Secondly, anyone who received the mark of the beast before the millennium cannot repent because they permanently signed up for perdition. Their fate will be made worse when they live out a thousand years under Yeshua and yet end up in the place of eternal torment.
- o It is sad that these unregenerated and ungrateful humans will allow Satan to lead them to fight against Yeshua's capital city, Jerusalem. Fire from heaven will consume them.

- This is the time of the Battle of God and Magog: it will occur on the other side of the millennium, not before, contrary to what many prophets say.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

COMMENTARY

- The devil is a created being. What this means is that just as he had a beginning, he also has an ending.
- On the appointed date, the devil will be cast permanently into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, which burns forever.
- To keep him company would be the anti-Christ and False Prophet, part of his evil triad who had been cast therein in Revelation 19: 20 at least 1000 years earlier.
- This will be the ultimate, eternal home of all demons/evil spirits, sinners, and Hell, which was a temporary holding place.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them (Revelation 20:11).

COMMENTARY

- It is time for the Great White Throne Judgement!
- The glory of His Presence causes automatic cosmic shits. This is when the prophecy of Peter is fulfilled.

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. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up (2 Peter 3:7-10).

- This is part of purging the earth realm of all evil, including the first and second heavens where Satan and his demons have held sway for several millennia. The earth has been so polluted with bloodshed, evils such as charms, and magical dark arts. There is a need to clean it up so that what will remain is truly new and fit for purpose.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works (Revelation 20:12-13).

COMMENTARY

- The Great White Throne Judgement will be one when all the dead will be resurrected to stand for their sins – both the small and the great.
- The books which contain a record of the lives of the people will be opened. Because of Sin, their names will not be found inside the book of life. Since by works of the flesh no one can be saved, it is eternal doom which awaits all those who did not embrace the redemptive work of Yeshua at the Cross.
- The sea will throw up all the unrighteous dead that drowned over the millennia. Victims of air and road crashes will be brought to the Throne of Judgement. Human righteousness is like a filthy rag before Elohim. Only the blood of Yeshua can save humans from the wrath to come.

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost (1 Thessalonians 2:16).

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14-15).

COMMENTARY

- At the end of the Great White Throne Judgement, even Hell is judged and condemned to eternal perdition. It had been a temporary holding place for evil and functioned as headquarters of the kingdom of Satan. Hell is consigned to the Lake of Fire.
- All those whose names are not in the book of life deserve only one punishment: eternal perdition in the lake of Fire.

Our heavenly Father has graciously caused these truths to be documented as further expression of His love. Let us open our hearts to study, understand, and allow the truth in the Book of Revelation to enable us to make necessary adjustments. Revelation 1:3 shows how blessed we are to study and embrace the truths that set us free.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 3 things you learned from this chapter.
2. Which truth particularly hit you as revelation?
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 27

A New Heaven and New Earth.

Exposition of Revelation 21 Part 1

The old order is passed away at this stage and only the faithful are ushered into the new reality of life after the Millennial reign of King Yeshua. We shall rely on the grace of Elohim to grasp key truths in this chapter.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (Revelation 21:1).

COMMENTARY

- Chapter 21 is the beginning of another section of the Book of Revelation. Previous sections fit into what Yeshua told John as the scope of the Book.

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; (Revelation 1:19).

- The things that thou hast seen are covered in Revelation chapter 1: revelation of the Risen and glorified Yeshua.
 - The things that are – this is the state of the 7 Churches of Asia Minor in Chapters 2 and 3.
 - The Things that shall be hereafter – from the rapture of the church into the heavenly realm

implied in Chapter 4 till the Battle of Armageddon in chapter 19 ending with the millennial reign of Yeshua in chapter 20.

- John describes what He saw in Revelation 21: a new heaven and a new earth.
- The first heaven and earth realms would have passed away in the previous chapter.
- There is no more sea in the new earth. The seas of the world have drunk so much blood, and suffered so much pollution from marine spirits that they are no longer fit for purpose. The seas attract so much spiritual activity which cultures idolatry. It is one of the distinctions of the new world that there won't be a need for any sea. Here are some prophecies concerning this new reality.

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree (Isaiah 34:4).

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy (Isaiah 65:17-18).

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain (Isaiah 66:22).

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end (Psalm 102:25-27).

The whole counsel of Elohim shows three realms of heaven:

- The atmospheric heavens – this is basically part of the earth realm.
- The second heaven – this is the outer space. It is these two that will be folded up like a scroll and replaced by a brand new one. They were so polluted with Satanic activities that he is called the ‘prince of the power of the air’ (Ephesians 2:2).

The concept here is that the old earth and its heavens are now defunct. A new chapter is opening in the programme of Elohim for the earth, one of the smallest planets in the vast universe He created. The James Webb space telescope which scientists want to use to prove man’s ability to know the universe was created has rather shown irrefutable proof that the earth realm is just a tiny dot in the vast canvas of creation!

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Revelation 21:2).

COMMENTARY

- In continuation of the newness of all things, John sees the holy City, New Jerusalem, descending from Elohim out of the heavenly realm. It is this Jerusalem that was spoken and prophesied in some texts such as these:

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (Hebrews 12:22).

But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all (Galatians 4:26).

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20)

- The present Jerusalem is as earthly as all other cities of the world where iniquity abounds. This new Jerusalem is holy and pure.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away (Revelation 21:3-4).

COMMENTARY

- A great voice announces that the tabernacle or dwelling place of Elohim is with humans; that He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and He their Elohim. The concept is that of an eternal

community bound by a shared nature of holiness and purity, just as the Maker, Yahweh.

- o John hears a comforting message for all faithful pilgrims who go through various challenges, pressures, and issues of life on this side of eternity: a day is coming when Elohim will wipe off their tears!

“...And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;”

Let us take heed and hold on to the Lord and His faithfulness.

- o John hears these comforting words:

“...and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

There is a new world coming where mortality is swallowed up in immortality, where there will be no more pain because the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely (Revelation 21:5-6).

COMMENTARY

- o Elohim sits securely on His Throne as things unfold.

- He re-affirms that He is making all things new.
- He asks John to write that the words He hears are faithful and dependable.
- Yeshua reaffirms to John that what he was hearing and seeing is a done deal.
- Yahshua/Yahushua/Yeshua refers to Himself as the alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end. His divinity is emphasised.
- Yeshua promises to satisfy the thirst of His saints with the fountain of life which flows freely. In the sermon on the Mount, while in the Incarnate state, He had spoken in similar terms.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled (Matthew 5:6).

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son (Revelation 21:7).

COMMENTARY

- A major promise is made to all who will receive and run in the grace to overcome and finish their race of life.
- The promise is that they will inherit all things. Let us believe this word and give it space to propel us to overcome all challenges we face in the process of this pilgrimage.

- o The grand prize, however, is much bigger and significant: Elohim Himself.
- o The Father-son relationship Yeshua enjoyed with the Father is what we will enjoy.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death (Revelation 21:8).

COMMENTARY

- o This is one of the exclusion clauses in the Bible. We will aggregate the others into an appendix at the end of this book.
- o The list of those to be excluded from an eternal relationship with Elohim is explicit:

“But the fearful He has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.”

Fear torments and makes people react wrongly to challenges of life), and unbelieving (the word of the Lord is profitable to those with believing hearts), and the abominable(abominable things offend Elohim and run against moral decency), and murderers(both physical murder which involves spilling of blood and other forms of murderous behaviour are offensive to Elohim), and whoremongers (those who indulge in immorality and promote various forms including pornography, and X-rated movies), and sorcerers(all forms of meddling with dark arts, magic and desire to know what is 'hidden'), and idolaters (all forms of

behaviour and activities which displace the primacy of Elohim), and all liars (direct lying or being economical with the truth out of fear or desire to deceive).

- o Those who indulge in such sins are doomed to eternal torment in the Lake, which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Let us give heed to the truth which Elohim is unveiling to us in this passage and allow Him to govern every department of our lives. We have the instructions of our brother Paul regarding the way to incline our hearts to run this race till the very end:

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

Paul practiced this principle to the extent that the Grace of our Father enabled him to breast the glorious tape with confidence.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count

them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-14).

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

We need to esteem the world to come so highly that it dominates our consciousness. When this happens, the things of the earth will lose their hold on us.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the

right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 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 3:1-11).

Let us make some strong decisions and commitment to the Lord and the world to come so that our focus is clear. His Grace is sufficient to keep us from falling as Jude verse 24 says.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 3 things you learned from Chapter 21:1-8. 2. Out of the 3, which new thing did you learn? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 28

The New Jerusalem

Exposition of Revelation 21 Part 2

In the previous chapter, we examined Revelation chapter 21 and noted that it, is to all intents, the beginning of the fourth section of the Book. It speaks of when time is no more, and eternity has kicked in. The subject of consideration was on the new heaven and earth where there is no sea. In this second part of the same chapter 21, we will focus on the New Jerusalem, the ultimate description of the Bride of Yeshua as presented in verses 9-27.

Verse by verse commentary

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (Revelation 21:9-10).

COMMENTARY

- o One of the angels who executed the vial judgements invited John to behold the Bride of Yeshua in the fullness of her cosmic beauty and glory.

- o John was carried away in the spirit to a high mountain so that he could behold the Bride of Yeshua, the New Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from Elohim.
- o This is the time for tangible apprehension of what the heroes of faith looked forward to and for which they embraced all challenges of life with grace

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God....13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16).

- o Our finite mind is limited in its ability to comprehend certain things like the description of New Jerusalem and its designation as the Bride of Yeshua. We have

here, two concepts which are not mutually exclusive, from a spiritual point of view:

- o A literal, heavenly City where those redeemed out of the earth realm congregate.
- o The people who are purchase of the blood shed by Yeshua at the Cross of Calvary.

Instead of suppositions, we need to approach this section by as babes and receive by Faith what our Father has prepared for our eternal enjoyment. As humans, there is a limit to how much we can truly comprehend all that is written about a city whose Builder and Maker is Elohim (Hebrews 11:10). Concerning the Church, Paul the apostle used various terms and imageries to describe it such as Bride (wife) and Body of Yeshua (Ephesians 5:22-33). He also described it as the dwelling place of Elohim!

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:18-22).

Overall, there seems to be a connection with the reality that all the redeemed are the Bride of Yeshua and will be partakers of His glory and majesty reflected by the Beauty that is the New Jerusalem.

*Description of the new Jerusalem, its
wall, Gates, and Foundation*

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Revelation 21:11-14).

COMMENTARY

The description of the beauty of the New Jerusalem includes:

- It has the glory of Elohim.
- The light of the city is dazzling in its brilliance: like a jasper stone and clear as crystal.
- It had a high wall. Some categories of people will be excluded from the city. It seems this is the point of the existence of the wall.
- There were 12 Gates with names of the 12 tribes of Israel on each. The layout of the gates seems to reflect the arrangement of the tribes around the Tabernacle of Moses in Numbers chapter 2. For those who are seeped in replacement theology, this passage should offer a sharp rebuke. Elohim has not

rejected Israel. The theology of its temporary falling away is well articulated in Romans chapters 9, 10 and 11.

- o The wall of the city has 12 foundations and on each is inscribed the names of the 12 apostles. It is the good pleasure of Elohim that by election, the apostles were chosen by Yeshua. Apart from John, all died by martyrdom. Though they received the promise of blessings on this side of eternity, they forsook all in order to fulfil their assignments. Elohim reserved a special place of honour for them in His eternal plan for the Church triumphant.

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Measurement of the City

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. 17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel (Revelation 21:15-17).

COMMENTARY

- The angel had a golden reed to measure the glorious city, its gates and wall.
- The city has a foursquare structure – it is a cube or structure, whose length, height, and width are equal.
- In verse 17, we learn something interesting: the measurements angels use are the same as humans. Does this mean that angels are the same height as humans? We are not told!
- The space is massive: 12,000 furlongs in length, height, and width. This approximates to 1,500 miles or 2,400 kilometers.

To comprehend the statistics above, let us take in these comments quoted by David Guzik in his *Enduring Word*

COMMENTARY

- “A city of this size is too large for the imagination to take in. John is certainly conveying the idea of splendour. And, more importantly, that of room for all.” (L. Morris)
- Henry Morris, guessing that there will have been 100 billion people in the human race through history, and that 20% of them will be saved, calculated that each person would have a “block” with about 75 acres on each face to call their own. This is highly speculative, but illustrates the point that there is plenty of room in the New Jerusalem.”

Beauty of the Substances used

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass (Revelation 21:18-21).

COMMENTARY

- o The wall is made of Jasper which is a precious mineral.
- o The City is pure gold that is transparent like glass.
- o The foundations of the wall of the city are all precious minerals that convey a sense of original beauty and a decoration by Elohim Who is the architect and builder: The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst
- o The 12 gates were made of 12 pearls which is an expensive product while the street was of pure gold

“21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the

street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.”

Writing on the seeming complexity of these descriptions, David Guzik, suggests “If the dimensions and descriptions seem confusing or impossible, there are two main principles to keep in mind. First, we must understand the ideas communicated in the details (glory, beauty, splendor, and so forth). Second, we must understand that this is the city whose architect and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). We should expect it to be beyond our comprehension.

No need for a Temple!

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 21:22-23).

COMMENTARY

- John did not see any temple in the New Jerusalem. The expectation of a temple is normal since it connotes a meeting place between Elohim and His true worshippers.

- The reason that there is no temple is given: “for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it”. This conveys the concept that the need for temples is over. The redeemed are holy unto a holy Elohim. He is in the midst of His people. In effect, every space of the New Jerusalem is in essence a temple and there will be no need for a specific space to worship in. In the same way, worship is a never-ending lifestyle and therefore, there will be no need

to have a specific ‘holy day and time’ to ‘switch on’ to a worship mode.

- There shall be no night. Time is no more so there is no need to distinguish daylight and darkness of nighttime. Let us remember that there is no more mystery about Elohim for we shall know and see Him as He is.

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets (Revelation 10:7).

This is why John exhorts us to press onto perfection in holiness – while we are yet on this side of eternity.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (1 John 3:1-3).

- With the visible, physical presence of the Father and Yeshua, the Lamb illumination from their glorious appearance will ensure permanent light for all transactions in the New Jerusalem. There will be no need for electricity, solar power or the Sun and Moon. A greater light is available

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

Some Puzzling Descriptions

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it (Revelation 21:24-25).

COMMENTARY

- The nations that are saved will walk in the light of New Jerusalem.
- The glory and honour of the nations are brought into the New Jerusalem by the kings of the earth.
- The gates of the New Jerusalem shall be continually open and never shut.
- There shall be no night in the City of perpetual light.

Verse 26 repeats the concept in verse 24:

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it (Revelation 21:26).

These descriptions raise some questions:

- o Are they merely figures of speech to describe the beauty and uniqueness of the New Jerusalem?
- o Or do they raise a theological reality that has been glossed over by religion?
- o The reason we ask is that on the surface, verses 24-27 implies that the New Jerusalem will be the city of overcomers who will dwell with Yahweh and the Lamb. In that case, it implies that the new earth will have inhabitants and kings/rulers who may have been saved during the Millennium. These would then be subjects who come to pay homage to the King of Kings from time to time when righteousness is universal.

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16).

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9).

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

David Guzik quotes two authorities on eschatology whose perspectives supports what we have shared here:

- o “How encouraging to note that not all were destroyed when the nations came to do battle against

Jerusalem and the Lord Himself. There will also be ‘kings of the earth’ who will be a part of the eternal state.” (Hocking)

- “Among the mysteries of this new heaven and earth this is set forth to us: that, besides the glorified church, there shall still be dwelling on the renewed earth nations, organized by kings, and [xxii. 2] saved by means of the influences of the heavenly city.” (Alford)
- Since we cannot be certain about the full meaning of Revelation 21:24-27, it is best to give heed to this timeless precept:

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).

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 21:27).

COMMENTARY

- This is another exclusion clause. The first one in chapter 21 was in
- The description of those to be excluded is direct: 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life. The first exclusion clause in this chapter is Revelation 21:8.

- o Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of life are qualified to be part of His eternal Bride. It is not enough to claim to be saved. The Lamb's book of life is a chronicle of all those whose spirit-man or hearts are regenerated by Holy Spirit and become truly born again or new creatures.

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. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (John 3:3-8).

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).

It is sad that many church goers are wrapped around the emotions of their leaders, not the King of Kings, Yeshua. It is sad that people are fed measly diets of crumbs of promises designed to unleash their covetousness and appetite for more while they inch towards a certain eternity without light from the whole counsel of Elohim. He loves us enough to release the book of Revelation as a compass into end of the age. Let

us receive and walk in the truth therein and we cannot lose our way.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 5 things you are taking away from this chapter. 2. To what extent do you feel empowered by understanding of Chapter 21. 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 29

The Grand End of All Things

Exposition of Revelation 22

Everything which has a beginning also has an ending! Revelation chapter 22 is a culmination of the grand story of the creation of the heavens, earth, and humankind. This chapter should serve as a beacon of hope and light for all saints, enabling us to focus on the end, rather than get bogged down by present challenges.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Verse by verse commentary

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of

the tree were for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:1-2).

COMMENTARY

In Revelation chapter 11, we see the picture of the exterior of the New Jerusalem. Here in chapter 22, we are given a sneak peek into its interior. Whereas chapter 21 focused on the building materials and awesome dimensions, chapter 22 dwells on the contents and life therein. Let us remember that John was seeing visions full of types, signs, and symbols. In that regard, whatever we can comprehend today of what he describes is limited by the finite capacity of our minds.

- John was shown a pure river, clear as crystal. Whereas the new earth will have no more seas, as Revelation 21:1 says, this will be an exception. In the book of Genesis, we are told about rivers proceeding from the Garden of Eden to water the earth.

And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. 11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; (Genesis 2:10-11).

Here we see pure water proceed from the Throne of Elohim and The Lamb.

- The source of the River is the Throne of Elohim and The Lamb, the very epicentre of the New Jerusalem. The union of the Father and The Lamb is one of the undeniable realities of the

Book of Revelation. The ‘Lamb identity of Yeshua harks back to what Revelation 13:8 said: He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth.

The book of Psalms seems to be a prophetic declaration of this reality.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early (Psalm 46:4-5).

- o We also see the Tree of life displayed and at work. Adam and Eve were chased out of the Garden of Eden when they disobeyed Elohim, allowed Satan to deceive them to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That is how the introduced sin into the world and lost the Kingdom.

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil... 15 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 2:8-9, 15-17).

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 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden (Genesis 3:1-8).

If they had also eaten the fruit of the tree of life, humanity would have become irredeemable in the sin's permanency nature. That is why they were prevented from having access to this tree.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life (Genesis 3:17-24).

The redemptive mission of Yeshua was to pour out His sinless blood as an atonement for Sin at the Cross and breaking the consequence thereof, so that the redeemed can live victoriously in and through Him.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (Galatians 3:13).

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; (Colossians 1:12-23).

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up

in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:6-15).

Revelation 22 offers the grand prize: all true saints who triumph and make it into eternity by His Grace will have access to the tree of life in all eternity since they are now immortal.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth

them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever (Revelation 22:3-5),

COMMENTARY

- There shall be no more curses! From Revelation 21, saints enter a new phase of eternity where the consequence of transgressions of Adam and Eve are blotted out and the Edenic bliss is restored in greater measure.
- The throne of Yahweh and Yeshua, the Lamb, as epicentre of the world to come, shall be both prominent and accessible.
- The saints triumphant who overcame Satan, Sin and the world will serve Him for all eternity.
- The saints will enjoy two special privileges in eternity: the first is a deep personal relationship without limits ('see His face'). The second is they will be branded with His Name on their foreheads.
- It is an eternity of everlasting light. Because there is no night and darkness, there will be no need for artificial light such as candles or light of the sun.
- Elohim Himself will be the sole source of light!
- The saints who made it into eternity shall reign with Elohim for all eternity. This raises the issue we considered in the previous chapter: the possibility that there will be people in the new earth who may have been saved during the

millennial reign of Yeshua living in discernible nations.

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:6).

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:10).

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...⁶ Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Revelation 20:4, 5).

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done (Revelation 22:6).

COMMENTARY

- All that John saw and heard are faithful and true. They are dependable to guide people to make decisions in the now concerning their eternal destinations. The wise will take heed and make

necessary adjustments while the unwise will be like the foolish virgins of Matthew 25:1-13).

- Elohim sent His angel to show John the things which must come to pass in future.
- The future is deemed as one which must shortly be done. Considering the truth that the book of Revelation was given about AD 95, one may wonder how they are not yet fulfilled for the past 1,927 years. The biblical answer is simple: Elohim does not count time as we do!

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. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (2 Peter 3:1-10).

If Elohim has patiently stayed time so that as many as possible will be saved, sanctified, and preserved, we all have a duty to be ever ready. No one will know the date!

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7)

COMMENTARY

- o Yeshua has used this and other scriptures to warn that His second coming is imminent! In other passages, the same warning is made:

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Revelation 16:15).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

The entire book of Revelation, in a sense, offers believers an expansion of the invitation of Yeshua to the Church at Laodicea.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20).

- o Those who respond to the love of Elohim as expressed in the book of Revelation and make necessary adjustments to be ever ready are blessed people. This is consistent with the overall promise undergirding this awesome book.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand (Revelation 1:3).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 3 things you learned from this chapter.
2. What new thing (s) did you learn in this chapter on Revelation 22?
3. What will you do with this lesson?

Chapter 30

The Grand End of All Things

Exposition of Revelation 22 Part 2

In the previous chapter we zeroed in on Revelation 22:1-7. In this chapter, we will discuss the rest of the chapter.

Verse by verse commentary of Revelation 22:8-21

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God (Revelation 22:8-9).

COMMENTARY

- The splendor of the eternal state of believers which he heard, and saw must have dazzled John, knocking him off balance momentarily. In this state of disconnect from spiritual reality, he attempts to worship the angel who was giving him the guided tour.
- Thankfully, the angel promptly rebuked John gracefully and declined to receive the honour.
- Angels are messengers of Elohim who wait on Him and do His bidding, just like the redeemed are

(Hebrews 1:7, 14). Anywhere there is angelic worship it is a place of demonic activity. Satan uses only fallen angels, otherwise called demons, to draw humans desperate for 'solution' to their problems to such angelic worship.

- Saints are higher than angels and will judge the fallen ones.

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? (1 Corinthians 6:3).

- As the angel rightly noted, true worship belongs to Elohim alone.

This is the second time John was about to worship an angel but prevented. The first time was when an angel announced the blessedness of participation in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:9-10).

Lessons for us

More than any human, John received revelation of the deity of Yeshua, Jesus and wrote it extensively in his gospel (John 1:1-5, John 14:1-6 and other writings). He knew and had preached about Yeshua being the only access to the Father (John 14:6). It is possible that after the prolonged, intense sufferings John experienced for the sake of the gospel, the sights and sounds of the glorious blessings he would inherit may have caused him to be overwhelmed. We need to give heed to a danger like this, for if a close companion of Yeshua such as John could slide down a slope like this, the same situation may come upon us.

Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Corinthians 10:11-13).

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand (Revelation 22:10).

COMMENTARY

- He instructed John not to seal or close up the book of Revelation because the time for its fulfilment was at hand.
- About 2000 years ago, Elohim deemed the world had come to a place in His prophetic calendar when His saints should prepare seriously for eternity. From

that date till now, every preacher and teacher is under divine demand to teach righteousness and holiness generally but to also keep the book of Revelation unveiled.

- As is said in 2 Peter 3, there would be some preachers who will deem the time between when the book was given and now as too long. It would seem attractive to offer believers a slew of theologies which glorify the flesh. These scriptures offer us food for thought:

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. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein

shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless (2 Peter 3:3-14).

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).

- o Satan has craftily made many preachers and believers to view the Book of Revelation as dark and incomprehensible! The very book which should motivate saints to continue running the race of life and finish their pilgrimage into eternity is what he

has misrepresented. The exhortation of Paul to Timothy applies to all preachers of righteousness:

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).

- It is essential that we always bear in mind the reality that the Book of Revelation is the only one undergirded by a 3-fold promise for readers, hears and doers. We can only tap into this blessing as individuals, families, and congregations when we keep the book open and give Holy Spirit space to use its contents to inspire, challenge, convict and direct our lives (Revelation 1:3).
- There is no shadow of doubt that a proper understanding of the Book of Revelation will enable us to live as strangers and pilgrims who do not clutch at anything with the potential to cause us to miss the mark.

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. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Peter 2:9-12).

- o Rather than make saints to be lazy and unproductive as some preachers of pseudo-prosperity allege, those who are mindful of their eternal destinations will emulate Paul the apostle to fully discharge all the grace and strength received from Elohim to fulfil their assignments. The consciousness that we will come before the Lord to account for our lives and ministry responsibilities will inspire us to complete our Kingdom assignments. The principle is still ‘*Occupy, till I come*’ (Luke 19:11-27).

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

*The Power to choose which way to
respond.*

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still (Revelation 22:11).

COMMENTARY

One vital truth stares us in the face: Elohim does not control reactions or responses of human beings. He made us to be free moral agents with the capacity to decide what we want to do with our lives in the now and in eternity.

- All humans are free to reject the central thrust of the Book of Revelation. In that case, they will remain unjust and filthy by choice.
- The wise will choose to walk in the righteousness received as a gift from Elohim in Yeshua. They will opt for a life of holiness, no matter the costs.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

COMMENTARY

- Yeshua emphasizes that His return is near. Acceptance of this proclamation as a settled truth will save believers from the tendency to walk off ramp or backslide. It will keep our eyes on the Big picture, energize our prayer lives and inspire us to make the right choices when the enemy tries to seduce us as he did with Eve.
- The Lord is not just returning. His reward is with Him. He is a righteous judge who judges equitably.

His frame of reference is much more extensive than our finite minds can comprehend. For instance, Paul explained the principle that just as it takes a village to train a child, it is also takes various believers making their specific contributions which synergize towards the manifestation of the divine purpose. Elohim will reward the labour of all (1 Corinthians 3:1-9).

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end, the first and the last (Revelation 22:13).

COMMENTARY

This scripture strongly emphasizes the divinity of Yeshua in this passage. He is the Alpha (Beginning) and the Omega (Ending). He is part of the mystery that the Godhead is and many stumble at this truth. In the Book of Genesis, the divinity of Yeshua is revealed in these passages which speak of the Godhead:

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 (Genesis 1:26).

And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (Genesis 3:22).

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And

the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech (Genesis 11:5-7).

Yahweh prophesied his Incarnation in the Promise of Him as a Seed of the woman who would crush the head of Satan.

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).

All through the Holy Bible, the revelation of Him and His redemptive assignment is the core thread which runs through the writings of both the Old and New Covenants. John saw beyond the physical body of Yeshua and wrote these immortal lines about Him:

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. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (John 1:1-5).

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 14:8-11).

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Revelation 22:14).

We need to give heed to this warning about those who deny the divinity of Yeshua:

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 1:7-11).

Another exclusion clause

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie (Revelation 22:15).

COMMENTARY

In previous passages we saw exclusion clauses such as this:

- Heaven and eternity are prepared places for a prepared people who walk in the righteousness of their King and Head.
- Those who indulge in sin and remain therein at the point of translation (death or the rapture) have willingly excluded themselves from the state of eternal bliss.
- Various sins are mentioned in the Bible as fit for exclusion from the eternal presence of Elohim. In this passage, the specific ones outlined are these:

DOGS - those whose lives are filthy, especially morally bankrupt.

SORCERERS - those who dabble into astrology, consult mediums, or engage in occultic practices including witchcraft and manipulation of souls of people.

WHOREMONGERS - those who indulge in immorality and make it seem as one that Elohim 'winks at'. Various that are sexual in nature including masturbation, pornography, lusts and various forms of fornication and adultery.

MURDERERS - those who kill other humans at will. Life is in the blood, and no one has a right to spill that of fellow humans.

IDOLATERS - all allow various types of idols to displace Elohim from pride of place in their heart. This includes putting spouses, children, ministry ahead of intimate, personal relationship with Him. This also includes covetousness for anything or things which consumes the heart of individual saints.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Colossians 3:5).

- o Those who love to make lies. Lying is sin, period. Preachers who lie in order to feel great and project their ministries as ‘successful’ are signing for a terrible eternity. Making a lie is the fine art of not exactly lying, but deliberately deceiving others with false impressions. The holy standard remains; let you yea be your yea and likewise your nay.

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil (Matthew 5:37).

The Source of Authority

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star (Revelation 22:16).

COMMENTARY

- The overall source of authority of the book of Revelation is Yeshua, Jesus. Lest we forget, this book reveals Him as the triumphant King.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: (Revelation 1:1).

- He asked John to write the various facets of the revelation of Himself and the end of all things for the profit of His Church. The Book of Revelation should be part of the contents of the bible that should be systematically taught. This will strengthen their spiritual lives.
- Yeshua reaffirms two aspects of His identity. Regarding His Divinity, Yeshua is the Root or Creator of David. In His humanity, Yeshua is the offspring of David. We also find this theme in Isaiah 11:1 and Matthew 22:41-46.
- Yeshua is the Bright and Morning Star. Yeshua is the One Who ushers us into the morning of endless eternity. Earlier in Revelation 2:28, Yeshua introduced Himself in that manner.

The Grand Invitation

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And

whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Revelation 22:17).

COMMENTARY

- It is the Spirit of Elohim and the Bide who are making the invitation. The implication is either a call for Yeshua to return without further delay or a call for all saints to come to behold the wondrous truths in the book of Revelation.
- In this verse, saints are summoned to quench their spiritual thirst by understanding the mysteries of the world to come through the revelation of Yeshua.
- The power to choose and inclination of the will is emphasized. The water of life is freely available to those who are genuinely thirsty and willing to step into the water of life to drink.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Revelation 22:18-19).

COMMENTARY

Before end of the book of Revelation, Yeshua issues a solemn warning:

- Those who add to the word by stretching it to mean something other than what Elohim intended are

warned that they will attract more of the plagues written in the book.

- Those who subtract from the essence and meanings Yeshua intended to convey are in danger of eternal damnation: their names will be taken out of the book of life, the holy city and the blessed things written in the book.
- The key concern here covers both intention and actions of preachers and teachers. Let us stay in the Word and be faithful in serving the brethren with the pure truth.

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him (Proverbs 30:5).

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

COMMENTARY

- Yeshua closes the book of Revelation with a reminder that He will soon return. The fact that this truth is repeated a number of times indicates that it is something we should give heed to.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Revelation 16:15).

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

As said in a previous chapter, the entire book of Revelation seems to offer believers an expansion of the invitation of Yeshua to the Church at Laodicea.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20).

- The spontaneous response of John to the notice of imminence of return of Yeshua reveals he lived a life centred on His Master. He did not need to ask for a postponement, neither did he feel bad. John was expectant, so should we be.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Revelation 22:21).

COMMENTARY

The book of Revelation ends with a doxology or prayer for Grace. The New Covenant is a testament of Grace of Elohim towards His creation. We are saved entirely by Grace through faith (Ephesians 2:1-9). The Kingdom life is entirely possible only by Grace. Temptations and trials are overcome by Grace, and it is Grace which ensures our preservation from falling (Jude 1:24-25). Saints are called upon to grow

in grace so that there will be no room for backsliding or apostasy.

Let us have more grace for the end times!

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you (1 Peter 5:10).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Kindly share 5 things you learned from this chapter. 2. What new insight did you gain? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 31

The exclusion clauses Part 1

The Book of Revelation is given partly to show saints the end of their faith and triumph of good over evil. All that we have learnt in the 22 chapters should inspire us to sober reflection of the way we live so that we do not miss the mark and fall out of the way. There is a recent wave of ministers and ministries who seem to despise the essence of the Old Rugged Cross where Yeshua paid the ultimate price for redemption of humans out of the hands of Satan, Sin, Self, and the world. They claim their mandate is not to preach about sin and its consequences but to ‘encourage their listeners and make them happy.’ This terrible concoction is called the gospel of the New Plastic Cross.

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).

One of the greatest consequences of the doctrines of devils or the New Plastic Cross is that multitudes are deceived to believe that they are in ‘church’ without being part of the true Church of Yeshua, Jesus. The result is that what is now known as ‘Churchianity,’ from a biblical perspective, seems to be the shortest route to eternal damnation. To be in the physical church (as in building or organization) without being part of the true spiritual body of Yeshua is a tragedy that defines modern day church movements that are building brands around human leaders or denominations.

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).

That there is no consequence for the choices of people who claim to be in Yeshua, Jesus make, is totally out of sync with Scriptures. Let us see what Yeshua and writers of some New Testament texts say of the ultimate destination of those who claim to be Christians but do not live in righteousness; shun the character of Yeshua and thereby glorify Satan, the prince of the world system. This lesson is necessary so that we can all look at the mirror of the word and make necessary adjustments while there is time.

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 1:22-25).

The Exclusion Clauses

With minimal commentary so that the Word can be interpreted by the Holy Spirit, let us outline what can be called the Exclusion Clauses of the New Covenant.

BROADWAY CHRISTIANITY

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).

COMMENTARY

The Broadway is one which despises truth and people are lulled to believe they are heaven bound whereas they are hell bound. This is the candy form of ‘Churchianity’ of the New Plastic Cross where there is no mention of what sin is and eternal consequences. It is a broad way which attracts a crowd of milk-drinking church goers in arrested babyhood syndrome.

FALSE PROPHETS WHO ARE NOT COMMISSIONED BY THE LORD BUT RATHER USE DIVINATION, SATANIC UTTERANCE, OR MINISTER FROM THE FLESH IN THE NAME OF ELOHIM

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 (Matthew 7:15-20).

COMMENTARY

Let us note that there are those Yeshua regards as false prophets. They see themselves as in a race for pre-eminence, popularity, accumulation of wealth and ownership of the people who are addicted to their ‘prophecies’. He did not ask us to take what people utter as a sign of their spiritual worth. How they live in a manner consistent with the character of the Lord is what matters most.

PURSUING ‘CHARISMATIC GIFTS’ WITHOUT CHARACTER

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 7:21-23).

COMMENTARY

Eternal damnation is the portion of those may have prophesied or did miracles in Yeshua’s Name but bear the fruit of evil behavior. They essentially use the Name of the Lord and what looks like His gifts to deceive multitudes, enrich themselves as they are packaged and projected as ‘Solution Providers’. The Lord has not asked us to know people by external works they ‘perform’ but the ‘fruit’ they bear which reveals their true nature.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the

other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:16-26).

‘CHRISTIAN’ LIFE AND MINISTRY THAT IS NOT BASED ON 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 (Matthew 7:24-27).

COMMENTARY

Those who ‘go to church’ but do not get fed on sound doctrine in Kingdom Truth – including those who have slid into secular humanism – are bound for eternal perdition. The reason this is a grievous sin is that obedience is both proof of submission to authority of Yeshua, Jesus as King, and proof of love!

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 15:12-14).

Concerning the tendency of straying outside the Word, these scriptures are relevant:

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).

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

FALSE APOSTLES WHO ARE AGENTS OF SATAN TO TAKE EYES OF PEOPLE OFF THEIR KING YESHUA

But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful

workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (2 Corinthians 11:12-15).

COMMENTARY

The mandate of true Apostles and all the other five-fold is simple: perfection of the saints, equipping and empowering them for the work of ministry as priests after the order of Melchizedek. It involves consistently feeding them with the word, challenging them to look unto Yeshua, not themselves (to avoid co-dependency and arrested babyhood syndrome). When the saints are empowered in this way, the congregation or ministry functions as a living, loving organism of activated body parts rather than a dry religious corporation or organization. The truth is that any apostle so called or five-fold leader who does not embrace this biblical mandate and pattern may end up operating in an alien, religious paradigm which enslaves the saints, stultifies their growth, and makes the divine calling a mockery in the realm of the Spirit.

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).

NOT ABIDING IN YESHUA AND NOT GIVING THE WORD SPACE TO BE MADE FLESH – BACKSLIDING - LEADS TO ETERNAL DAMNATION

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 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 (John 15:1-6).

COMMENTARY

The reality that a ‘Christian’ can end up in hell is clearly stated in John 15:6. The same principle is repeated in these scriptures:

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. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned (Hebrews 6:4-8).

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).

HYPOCRISY

Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye (Matthew 7:1-5).

COMMENTARY

Yeshua had harsh words for hypocrites whose lives are filthy but focus rather on lives of others they think they are better than. The whole of Matthew 23 deals with this moral failure summarized in these words which show that at the height of hypocrisy is an intention to deceive:

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess (Matthew 23:25).

THOSE WHO DO NOT FORGIVE THOSE WHO OFFEND THEM, AND HOLD OUGHT LONGER THAN NECESSARY ENGENDER THEIR ETERNAL LIVES

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king,

which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses (Matthew 18:21-35).

COMMENTARY

Verse 35 is an ominous warning of eternal damnation for good Christians who allow themselves to be overtaken by ought and refusal to forgive those who sin against them, no matter how egregious the sins are. The gold standard in dealing with hurts is to not let them persist till evening or from night till morning. We are to recognise pain inflicted by others and run to Elohim for grace to discharge the same without delay. Where we cannot forgive forward, as 1 Peter 4:8 says, it is best to follow the kingdom conflict resolution process outlined by Yeshua in this passage:

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican (Matthew 18:15-17).

We are not to seek resolution of disputes in our favour but in the King's favour, which is to restore broken relationships. This approach will ensure that the offence does not fester to become a root of bitterness.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Ephesians 4:30-32).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears (Hebrews 12:14-17).

IDOLATRY: PLACING PEOPLE AHEAD OF YESHUA

Idolatry means anything which takes precedence over our primal loyalty and commitment to Yeshua as King. This can include family members, ministry pursuits or intense desire to be rich.

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 (Matthew 10:37-39).

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).

COMMENTARY

A life in which He is Number 1 with no competitor proves the Sovereignty of Yeshua. Those who place family members or other humans ahead of Him are simply degrading Him and, therefore, not worthy of Him.

NOT BEING WATCHFUL AND THEREFORE UNPREPARED FOR
THE RAPTURE:

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither

the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matthew 25:1-13).

COMMENTARY

The uniform testimony of the New Covenant shows that saints who miss the rapture have a chance to escape eternal damnation. This will be by a conscious decision not to accept the mark, name and number of the Beast who will rule the world after the rapture (See Revelation 13:14-18; Revelation 14:9-11). Such people will be numbered with tribulation saints who will be translated to the throne of Elohim when martyred for the faith. They will reign with Yeshua in the manifest Kingdom or millennium (Revelation 20:4-6).

LACK OF DILIGENCE IN DISCOVERING AND UTILIZATION OF ALL ENDOWMENTS BY ELOHIM – INCLUDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS – FOR PURPOSE OF OCCUPYING OR DILIGENTLY DOING KINGDOM BUSINESS

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me

five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:14-30).

COMMENTARY

Verse 30 shows with clarity, the fate of those who are careless about their destinies and the gifts given for fulfilment of same.

THOSE WHO ARE NOT COMPASSIONATE, WHO DO NOT CARE
FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was

thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal (Matthew 25:31-46).

COMMENTARY

Verses 45 shows that whatever we do for those in need, should be done as unto the Lord. Claiming to be a Christian and lacking in compassion and mercy constitutes a contradiction. Verse 46 shows the destination of such 'Christians'.

ASSIGNMENT

1. What are the core things you learnt from this chapter? 2. Please cite 7 of the exclusion clauses and the matching scriptures which ministered most to you. 3. What is your advice to Pastors and leaders of congregations?

Chapter 32

The exclusion clauses Part 2

In chapter 31, we began an examination of the holy scriptures to pinpoint specific scriptures which identify categories of behavior which can exclude their practitioners from the eternal blessings articulated in Revelation chapters 21 and 22. In this chapter, we continue with 11 others. Some are single issues, while others cover baskets of sin. In the main, we will give space for the Holy Spirit to speak directly to our hearts through the scriptures. Where comments are added, it will be to clarify biblical language.

NOT WALKING IN LOVE, THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WHICH BONDS THE BODY OF YESHUA TOGETHER

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35).

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked,

thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away (1 Corinthians 13:1-8).

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness (Colossians 3:14).

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

NOT WALKING IN UNITY

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 17:20-23).

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all (Ephesians 4:3-6).

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25).

UNGODLINESS AS A LIFESTYLE HAS ONLY AN IRREDEEMABLE
END

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).

COMMENTARY

Verses 32 makes the strong case that both those who commit sin as well as those who admire them are worthy of eternal damnation.

BACKSLIDING FROM THE FAITH, APOSTASIES AND HERESIES

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. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was (2 Timothy 3:1-9).

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. 7 For the

earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned (Hebrews 6:4-8).

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).

TO BE CARNAL MINDED AND WALK BY SIGHT, RATHER THAN FAITH IS A SLIPPERY ROUTE!

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they

that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:5-9).

COMMENTARY

Those who refuse to walk by Faith tend to rely on their carnal senses rather than Holy Spirit for direction. The Bible says that they cannot please Elohim.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6).

NOT BUILDING MINISTRY ACCORDING TO DIVINE PATTERN

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).

COMMENTARY

There will be many ministers whose works will perish because they used combustible substances which will never gain divine approval. There are many 'powerful' and 'successful' ministers today who are building according to worldly methods of marketing and promotion. Where ministry excludes the Fivefold (Ephesians 4:11-16); discovery and use of spiritual gifts as instruments of service (Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, Ephesians 4:7-10, 1 Peter 4:10-11) for instance, what is done is religion. Their works will not stand the test of the fire of Elohim which means they may be content with 'squeezing' into the eternal Kingdom as ordinary citizens.

INABILITY TO BE SEPARATE (NOT ISOLATED) FROM THE WORLD SYSTEM

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).

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen (1 John 5:19-21).

COMMENTARY

As believers, we live in the world but are not of this world system with its ungodly pursuits, fashion, and rebellious dispositions. That is why Yeshua prayed to the Father not to take us out of the world but to preserve us from the evil ruler of the systems of life.

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 (John 17:9-19).

Worldliness occurs when saints dump faith and walk by sight, a reversal of 2 Corinthians 5:7. In that state, their carnal senses take over and they pursue the lifestyle and fashions of this world. This creates a situation of enmity with Elohim, though they ‘go to church’ or are even ‘ministers of the gospel’. This is why we are called to ‘come out’ of the Babylonian systems of this world.

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).

Worldliness is like a placebo which dulls spiritual senses. The outcome is that people can be engrossed in the wrong things and therefore lose a sense of understanding of the timing of the end.

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (Luke 17:26-28).

OUTRIGHT SINFUL LIFESTYLE WILL LEAD TO EXCLUSION FROM THE KINGDOM

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness,

lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:13-21).

COMMENTARY

The list of Sins that are mentioned here have now become 'normal' in the modern church age. But the statements in Galatians 5:21 and 1 Corinthians 6:10 indicate that those in such lifestyle shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. For clarity the list of works of flesh in Galatians 5:19-21 can be grouped into 4 categories of sinful behaviour:

Immorality/Sexual Sins. Adultery (immorality involving one or two married people), Fornication (immorality involving single people), Uncleanness (a filthy heart and mind and such sexual sins as masturbation, pornography), Lasciviousness (lewdness of heart, mind and speech which reveals a rotten moral core in suggestive speech, attitude, or conduct).

Religious Sins. These include Idolatry (worship of any god outside Elohim) or having any mediator between humanity and Divinity outside Yeshua, Jesus (such as Pastors/leaders). Witchcraft: dabbling into the occult or tapping into the Satanic realm to exercise 'power'. This includes conjuring spirits, necromancy (communing with familiar spirits of the dead), casting of spells or extreme control which takes people, including believers out of the will and

purpose of Elohim; It also includes Heresies (strange beliefs which are diversions from the truth.

Personal sins against other people. These include: hatred (strong dislike for others that border on wishing them ill), variance (an attitude which tends to disagree with others), emulations (wanting to be like those who miss the mark), wrath (anger on steroids), strife (competition for preeminence and a quarrelsome spirit), seditions (sins against those in legitimate authority whether spiritual or civic), Envy (a heart that feels bad when other people are blessed and it shows in thoughts, attitude, speech or actions. It can propel people to think ‘why not me when other people are blessed and feeling bad; Murders (hatred for other people that is so intense to the point of desiring them dead. Physical act of taking lives of others.

Sins against oneself. Drunkenness (consumption of alcohol and other intoxicants to the degree that behavior is negatively affected, Reveling (rough living involving partying as a lifestyle).

Besides the Galatians 5 list, here are some additions to the list of works of the flesh which can hinder ‘faithful church goers’ from eternal bliss with Elohim:

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are

sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Unrighteousness (any lifestyle that does not proceed from the righteousness we receive by faith from Elohim in Yeshua. This includes all legalistic religious activities).

Effeminate (when males behave like females).

Abusers of themselves with mankind (immorality involving people of the same gender).

Thieves (those who steal what belongs to others).

Covetous (strong desire for material things or money which consumes the heart and mind) to where it is unhealthy (Colossians 3:5). It is a form of idolatry.

Revilers (those who despise those whose lives are right in the sight of Elohim).

Extortioners (engagement in such acts as blackmail to force people to do what the manipulator wants).

Stultified spiritual growth has potentials to make people miss the Kingdom

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them

that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:12-14).

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 3:18).

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 (1 Peter 2:1-3).

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1: 5-11).

COMMENTARY

Arrested Babyhood Syndrome stultifies growth. Those who refuse to grow fall into the danger of missing the glorious Kingdom.

- o The warnings which Yeshua gave to 5 of the 7 Churches which had failing marks are clear indicators of what will lead people from 'Church' to Hell. Let's examine them:

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; ...4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God (Revelation 2:1, 4-7).

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;... 14 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. 16 Repent; or

else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth (Revelation 2:12, 14-16).

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; (Revelation 2:18).

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds (Revelation 2:20-22).

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches (Revelation 2:26-29).

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).

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels (Revelation 3:5).

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see (Revelation 3:14-18).

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To

him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches (Revelation 3:19-22).

COMMENTARY

The words of the glorified Yeshua are truly clear.

The Final Exclusion Clauses in the Book of Revelation

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death (Revelation 21:7-8).

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:27).

COMMENTARY

Those who are fearful, unbelieving and liars are ranked with the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, and idolaters. Making a lie is the deliberate act of lying but also not being truthful. It involves a deliberate attempt to mislead by giving false impressions without lying outrightly.

We hope these passages will be used by Holy Spirit to give you, the reader, a comprehensive understanding of the reality that sin and sinfulness cannot be distinguished on basis of big or small. Yeshua is coming for a pure church without spot or wrinkle. This is why He is releasing the potent cleansing power of the word to purify our thoughts, words, attitudes and deeds.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:26-27).

It is wise to resolve to remain among the number whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life by His Grace, rather than give room for Satan to side-track us away from eternity. Let us emulate apostle Paul and keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate prize.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had

already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-14).

ASSIGNMENT

1. What are the core things you learnt from this chapter?
2. Please cite 7 items and passages which ministered most to you.
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?
4. What is your advice to Pastors and leaders of congregations?

Chapter 33

The Pathway to Possess Eternity

Elohim is the Just Judge. Just as there is punishment in the now and in eternity for those who despise Him and His Word, there are also blessings in the present and future for those who submit to the Sovereign rule of Yeshua. Before we outline the rewards, let us first discuss what we need to do to utilize the grace He releases for us to finish the race which began with Salvation.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24).

Though not exhaustive, these specific points should provide a clear road map for success in our Kingdom walk.

- o The Grace to be watchful and to pray without ceasing. This calls for understanding and matching the Holy Scriptures and biblical prophecies thereof with the facts of history and unfolding events or current affairs.

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).

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:18).

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; (Colossians 4:2).

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer (1 Peter 4:7).

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

When we watch, we will see unfolding bible prophecies concerning the end which other humans and backsliders cannot see. This will enable us to avoid wrong choices but draw down grace to live like the 5 wise virgins of Matthew 25:1-13.

- o A certainty in our hearts that Scripture is true: that Yeshua will return soon. This attitude enables us to look forward to the Rapture or Resurrection as a pathway to be with Him forever in Glory. This translates into a life of Holiness, Obedience, walking in Love and Unity with other saints that make up His Body in the earth realm.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Revelation 16:15).

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:12).

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28).

- o The Grace to study diligently, comparing scripture with scripture to understand what is written about what lies ahead.

One of the greatest dangers modern Christians face is that the enemy, Satan has programmed several ministers to cherry pick scriptures which are skimmed from the surface to give Milk of the Word to them. Those who are fed on Milk cannot grow and will become co-dependents of their human leaders. The Word, which can transform is that which is studied in sincerity as the whole counsel of the Lord. This calls for a rightful division of the Word, which is received, meditated upon, and internalized to be made flesh. In this state, we become one with the Word. It is in this context that the Word carries the power to produce fruit in our lives and produce what is uttered.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt

make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalms 1:1-3).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).

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).

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 17:11).

- o A life of certainty that we will be evaluated at the Judgement Seat of Yeshua, Jesus when He returns. This certainty translates into diligence to discover our spiritual gifts, talents and capacities and a willingness to frame everything we do within the context of how far they fit into Elohim's kingdom.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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 19:11-27).

It is also in this context that those who are in ministry do all that they can to build according to Kingdom principles, giving no room for the worldly fancies that are so popular in this generation (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

- o The necessity of intimate communion with Holy Spirit and receive Him as Teacher, Comforter, Guide Illuminator of the Holy Scriptures, and Empowerer.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (John 14:15-17).

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).

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 11:13).

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

- This requires a lifestyle of waiting on Elohim to know, embrace, and do His will in all things. Those who make Elohim's will their dwelling place are secure, just like Yeshua showed. This is a vital key to staying at alert, doing the right things always.

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).

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother (Matthew 12:50).

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not

pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done (Matthew 26:42).

- o A heart that is so fixated on the King and His Kingdom to the degree that primal pursuit of the same becomes a consuming passion. This enables the end time saint to cast all cares upon Elohim and trust Him completely. All of Matthew 6:19-34 is needful to understand, but let us take this extract.

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 6:33-34).

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

Christians whose hearts are not set on things above will miss the Rapture. Those whose hearts are fixed on the things above will Watch, Pray and Occupy as a lifestyle. Let us learn to cast all our cares on the Lord and trust Him to take care.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (1 Peter 5:7).

- o A life centred on Kingdom Purpose. It is one where saints are diligently occupied with Kingdom business

above all else, including life and career pursuits. With hands on the plough, such saints live as stewards who utilize all gifts, callings, special abilities, and opportunities in such a way to produce optimal return on investment for King Yeshua, conscious that we will come before His Judgement Seat to account for all that He entrusted to us.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the

joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:14-30).

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).

- o Recognition of what Idolatry means and an intentional deliverance from anything which takes precedence over our primal loyalty and commitment to Yeshua as King.

This calls for translation from believer to Disciple and growth in grace till the very end.

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 (Matthew 10:37-39).

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).

With this frame of mind, the end time saint finds it necessary to submit to the Lord for deliverance from the spirit of the age and worldliness which consumes the heart (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:1-5; 1 John 5:19-21).

- o A life marked by abiding in the Lord and growth in His Grace to bear abundance of fruit of the Spirit. With this frame of mind, the saint rejects choices which take the heart and mind away from the Lord.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring

forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 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. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples (John 15:1-8).

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 3:18).

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-11).

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 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. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving

thanks to God and the Father by him (Colossians 3:5-17).

- o Consciousness that we are strangers and pilgrims having a brief earthly experience on this side of eternity.

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. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Peter 2:9-12).

- o Holiness of life.

We are redeemed to be holy unto the Lord. Holiness is not something saints should put on and off at will, rather, it should be a permanent lifestyle of purity of heart, mind, attitude, speech, and actions. Holiness involves 3 interrelated things: on the first level, deliberate rejection of all evil in thought, word, and deed (Hebrews 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:22). Second, knowing that we cannot attain by self-effort, we earnestly desire and receive sanctification of our spirit, soul, and body by the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). Third, total consecration of our entire being to be used as a vessel of honour through which Holy Spirit manifests the nature, character and priorities of King Yeshua and His Word.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears (Hebrews 12:14-17).

- o Understand that the Exclusion Clauses concerning the future phase of the Kingdom and Eternity are for real.

Knowledge of the exclusion clauses outlined in chapter 32 will enable believers to make the right choices when faced with opportunities to Sin. They will thus walk on the narrow way which is less traveled.

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).

Some of the clauses are in these scriptures:

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...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 7:20-23, 26-27).

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed (Luke 17:26-30).

- o Faithfulness to the Lord and to those we are in natural and spiritual relationship with.

As we near the end of all things, one spirit that will be let loose in the camp of saints is that of unfaithfulness. Unfaithful people are so because they are extremely self-centred. When people are unfaithful, they can sabotage Kingdom assignments committed to their trust and pretend that they are doing well. They forget that Elohim is Omnipresent and Omniscient. The Lord places such a high premium on faithfulness that it is listed as a critical quality of those who will be part of His end time army.

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 (Revelation 17:14).

Faithfulness enables saints to be good stewards of gifts of life and grace, optimally using them for the benefit of the Master. He will reward the faithful.

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 (Matthew 24:44-46).

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He

also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matthew 25:20-23).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Briefly discuss 8 out of the 14 things believers need to do to make it into eternity.
2. What is your personal message to all believers?

Chapter 34

Promises of Rewards for the Faithful

Just as the Holy Scriptures describe the categories of those who will suffer eternal torment; they also extensively deal with rewards awaiting those who obey Elohim in time and in eternity. Yeshua was explicit in making the disciples see that rewards awaiting them will be worth the sacrifices involved in serving Him. The Lord takes it upon Himself to uphold those whose hearts are right with Him.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24)

The various promises speak of four inter-connected realities, namely:

- His abiding Presence as loving Father and caring King on this side of eternity.
- Eternal Life of bliss in all Eternity with Elohim.
- Escaping the Pains of eternal torment.
- Crowns of Righteousness which await those who fulfilled their earthly assignments.

We will examine, what the rewards and Crowns to be received in eternity are. Before then, however, let us understand that throughout human history, Elohim has established principles of rewarding those who are faithful to

Him and who seek first the Kingdom and His Righteousness. One of the ways Satan uses to prevent Christians from pressing into their lasting blessings is to accuse God of being a hard taskmaster.

One day, Peter, who heard Yeshua bemoan the fate of those whose hearts are fixated on riches asked about rewards for those who follow Him faithfully.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? (Matthew 19:27)

It is noteworthy that Yeshua did not rebuke Peter, but used the opportunity to lay out the reality that there is a reward in time and eternity for all faithful saints and ministers. Those who heard Yeshua understood what He said and took His words seriously. That is why they allowed the Holy Spirit to use their vessels with no reservations.

*Rewards specifically reserved for the 12
Disciples*

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28).

FOR ALL TRUE DISCIPLES IN ALL GENERATIONS:

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife,

or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first (Matthew 19:29-30).

From His answers, we learn that benefits and Rewards of faithfully following Yeshua are two-fold: A. In this Present Time. B. In Eternity. Let us break these down:

Blessings in this Present Time

- o Deliverance from the Adamic Curse on the earth realm which makes it a short life of struggle and sweat to obtain. This leads to the tendency to rely on the arm of the flesh to pursue riches at the expense of a relationship with Elohim and fellow humans. Those who live this way display an inability to receive the Fatherhood of Elohim, deny the power of the shed Blood and operate under the curse.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust

thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return (Genesis 3:17-19).

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited (Jeremiah 17:5-6).

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father

feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 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 (Matthew 6:19-32).

Those who are truly saved should get off the life of struggling to obtain what is already theirs by inheritance. Knowing who we are in Yeshua and exercising faith in His faithfulness can lift saints out of fleshly pursuits. He is a rewarder and provider for those who walk in faith!

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6).

- o Those who live by their fleshly strength and struggles act as if Yeshua has not come! Unfortunately, the veil of Religion also makes many saints accept Poverty as a sign of approval from God. The Price of the Blood of Yeshua, which was paid for our Sins was also for our healing and deliverance from back-

breaking poverty. He redeemed us not just from the curse of the law but also cancelled all ordinances that were contrary to us.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:13-14)

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (Colossians 2:14).

On this side of eternity, Elohim has made sufficient provision for our wellbeing, if we accept and walk in a relationship with Him as a responsible Father Who cares for His own.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take

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If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:11)

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life (Matthew 19:29).

Hundredfold of all things means that in this present life, Elohim is able to compensate for ALL things we lose in serving Him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing (Psalm 34:10).

- o Not only that, but He has also made sufficient provision for all of us. He knows our specific assignments and has made a provision of allocations of resources for us to fulfil our destinies and mandates.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known

unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (Ephesians 1:3-11).

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Peter 1:2-4).

The Divine Guarantee

He wants us to know that we have 24/7 access to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
(Matthew 7:7-10)

Elohim wants to be our source of supply and guarantor of all that we need!

Give us this day our daily bread... 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 6:11, 33-34).

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HIS PEACE AND ABIDING PRESENCE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:20).

COMFORT OF HOLY SPIRIT

If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (John 14:15-17).

ABILITY TO MOVE MOUNTAINS AND DO EXPLOITS BY THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT AND FAITH

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12).

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

In Eternity.

One of the most neglected scriptures is this passage:

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

Apart from the things Elohim has promised on this side of eternity, the real deal is in the world to come where He has prepared rewards that are incorruptible.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

WE WILL BE TRANSFORMED AT THE RAPTURE, IF FAITHFUL, AND GIVEN CELESTIAL, IMPERISHABLE BODIES RATHER THAN THE CURRENT, MORTAL BODIES

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and

this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

That is why the truly redeemed do not fear death, as we know that our days are appointed by the Father and cannot be cut short by Satan or humans.

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. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted (Hebrews 2:14-18).

DELIVERANCE FROM THE WRATH TO COME UPON THE EARTH REALM, THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The wrath of Elohim will surely come upon inhabitants of the earth after the rapture. Known as the Great Tribulation, this is a time when the intense wrath of Elohim will be poured out upon the earth realm. Faithful saints will be taken out via the rapture before these things begin.

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus,

which delivered us from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

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 5:4-11).

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).

WE WILL ENJOY ETERNITY WITH ELOHIM

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew 13:43).

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:..46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:

but the righteous into life eternal (Matthew 25:32-34, 46).

WE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

The Crown of Righteousness is reserved for those who fulfilled the divine assignments for which they were redeemed, called, anointed, and sent forth. It is not a function of size or scope of what they accomplished but is evaluated based on faithfulness in life assignments and ministry. This is what Paul looked forward to and assured us is the portion of all Overcomers.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (2 Timothy 4:6-7).

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

WE WILL BE JOINT HEIRS WITH YESHUA OF THE MANIFEST KINGDOM. THOSE WHO DISCHARGE THEIR EARTHLY ASSIGNMENTS WILL INHERIT ALL THINGS WITH YESHUA THEIR HEAD

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 (Romans 8:16-17).

Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; (1 Corinthians 3:21-22).

WE WILL BE PRIESTS AND CO-RULERS IN THE MANIFEST KINGDOM

In the millennial reign of Yeshua, the overcomers shall serve as Priest and Kings over definite territories, reporting to Him in Jerusalem, capital city of the Kingdom

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:5-6).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast

made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years (Revelation 20:4).

SUNDRY PROMISES OF BLESSINGS IN ETERNITY

Let us read these passages and see the awesome blessings reserved for us in eternity.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:1-6).

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God... 10 Fear none

of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death (Revelation 2:7, 10-11).

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (Revelation 2:17).

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star (Revelation 2:26-28).

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels (Revelation 3:5).

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I

have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name (Revelation 3:7-12).

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches (Revelation 3:20-22).

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John

saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son (Revelation 21:1-7).

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names

of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (Revelation 21:9-12).

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it (Revelation 21:18-24).

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:1-7).

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Revelation 22:11-14).

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues

that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Revelation 22:17-21).

The Lord is faithful and has made ample provisions to uphold us from falling as Jude verse 24 says. It is unfortunate that Satan has recruited prominent Christian leaders to offer believers a 'here and now' utilitarian gospel that is not anchored on the whole counsel of truth concerning blessings and rewards. Skimming the surface of the Bible, they identify and throw promises like shiny toys which feed into a system of covetousness which is idolatry.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Colossians 3:5).

Part of the purpose of the Book of Revelations is to give us a sneak peek into the glorious future of sons of Elohim. However, no human language can fully capture what lies ahead. When we give the Holy Spirit space, He enables us to grasp by faith a measure of the glorious future ahead.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all

things, yea, the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please write a summary of this chapter.
2. Summarize 4 rewards that lie before all faithful saints.

Chapter 35

Frequently Asked Questions

One of the grand objectives of this course is to provide saints with a clearer understanding of the Book of Revelation. For those on who end of the age has come, the words of King Yeshua, Jesus is very appropriate:

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. 3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them and departed (Matthew 16:1-4).

FAQ (Frequently Asked Question)

Why Hell, and Lake of Fire and Brimstone?

With the depth of revelation outlined in this course, the Lord wants to arm us with what it takes to discern the times and live like those upon whom the end of the world has come. Some secular humanistic preachers have declared the concept of eternal punishment for the unrighteous as inconsistent with what Yeshua answered Peter in Matthew

18 to forgive 70 times 7. Trying to use human logic to judge Elohim is a dangerous pastime.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? (Romans 11:33-34).

Let us note that the Word of Elohim is not subject to human interpretation, feelings, or opinions. The Lake of Fire was prepared for Satan and those fallen angels he took out of grace at his rebellion in eternity past.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (Matthew 25:41).

When people refuse the Salvation, Elohim gives freely in Yeshua, they literarily walk away from divine Grace and reward of eternal reunion with Him. What follows is a submission to Satan to rule their lives, hence sin becomes a normal lifestyle. On completion of the earthly journey, such persons invariably have chosen the eternal abode ordained for Satan as theirs also. That is what the Word teaches in plain language:

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4).

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon

him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him (Ezekiel 18:20).

At the core of the good news is the reality that by His death on the Cross, Yeshua made a way for all humanity to be reconciled to Elohim.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3:21-26).

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness

rather than light, because their deeds were evil (John 3:16-19).

Following the successful completion of the Calvary assignment, the focus shifts to man's response. Just like in Eden, Elohim respects free exercise of the will by humans. Before all believers, therefore, is the question of how highly do we esteem eternity of bliss with Elohim? Or do we prefer to despise Him and thus choose to spend eternity with Satan?

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-48).

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire (Matthew 5:22).

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him

which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28).

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day (Matthew 11:23).

And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire (Matthew 18:9).

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves (Matthew 23:15).

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (Matthew 23:33).

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death (Revelation 1:18).

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth (Revelation 6:8).

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works (Revelation 20:13).

Those who despise grace and shun the finished work of the Cross will be judged by their works. Since the best of man is like filthy rags before Elohim, they will face His wrath.

Bad as Hell was, it is merely a holding place for the unrighteous dead. At the end of the age, Hell itself will be consigned to the Lake of Fire and Brimstone for all eternity! This is a place of torment of conscious inmates/inhabitants for ever and ever.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:19-20).

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death (Revelation 20:14).

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).

The awesomeness of the promises and rewards in time and eternity for the faithful makes it imperative that none of us should allow Satan, any person, demon, or circumstance of life including lack or challenges to cause our eyes to shift away from King Yeshua and His Kingdom – even for a moment. Rather, let us hold on and press in till we breast the tape of eternity on the Day of the Trumpet, (the dead in Him shall rise first or the Rapture when mortality is swallowed up in immortality)! (1 Corinthians 15:50-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Even if we are suffering anything in this present life: Rejection, Persecution, Lack or any blessing that has not yet come through, let us hold on!

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (2 Timothy 2:12).

What Next after the First Resurrection and Rapture of the living saints?

In comparing scripture with scripture, the righteous dead that will be resurrected and living saints who are raptured have these things laid out for them as part of the various levels of reward:

- o They will be summoned to the Judgement Seat of Yeshua. This is where the rewards and crowns to be received will be determined - after the fire of Elohim's glory evaluates how they lived and the quality of their work, by His grace, while in the body.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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).

- o They will enjoy the pleasures of their full heavenly citizenship for a brief period. Through the writings of Daniel and the book of Revelation, it is estimated that this would be for 7 years – while the anti-Christ emerges, consolidates his rules of the earth realm. The Great Tribulation will follow for the last 3 and half years of this period.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that

where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know (John 14:1-4).

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you (Matthew 5:3, 10-12).

- o Thereafter, they will participate at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. At the Cross, Yeshua betrothed His Church paying the dowry or Bride price with His own blood. The Marriage Supper is where the union of Yeshua and His Bride will be formalized in the ultimate wedding banquet of all time.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto

me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:6-10).

- o All saints who took part in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will be the army that will accompany King Yeshua, Jesus at His second coming to the earth realm where they will vanquish armies of the world led by the Anti-Christ at the Battle of Armageddon.

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 (Jude 14-15).

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a

name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh (Revelation 19:11-21).

- o The success of Yeshua and His triumphant Church at the Battle of Armageddon closes a chapter of the human age as we know it. As co-heirs of the earth realm with Yeshua, they are positioned to eat the fruit of their faith in Him: to be joint rulers with Him during the manifest phase of the Kingdom otherwise called the millennial reign. During this time, Satan is locked away by a single angel so that there will be no malign influence on humanity.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-6).

It is noteworthy to re-state that the billions of people on earth who do not know Yeshua and may not have even heard of Him will not be killed at His Second coming. They will rather be given a free pass into the Millennium. To rule them as kings and as priests, teach them the gospel of the Kingdom and kingdom culture will be the saints who overcame Satan, Sin, the world and flesh.

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that

loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:5-6).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

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 (Romans 8:17).

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

How Profitable is the arguments for Pre, Mid and Post Tribulation?

It is an unnecessary debate! Over the years, we are convinced beyond doubt that the Pre, Mid and Post Tribulation debates are totally unnecessary! As they pit brethren against brethren and denominations against denominations, the enemy, Satan, is smiling all the way! The debates and arguments give him even more satisfaction because they evidence his handiwork of divisiveness.

The Absolutely Necessary Truth to know

The absolute, necessary truth to know is ‘what’ it is, irrespective of ‘when’ it will occur! Let us therefore study all the presentations, know, and be persuaded of the truth that saints will be raptured and be in a state of readiness by His Grace that no matter when it occurs, we will be among the number found faithful!

- o Saints need to know that the Word is clear that those who abide in Yeshua, Jesus and allow His words to abide in them have a Blessed Hope.
- o That Blessed Hope is that the Seal of Redemption which is the Holy Spirit will quicken them one day to have celestial bodies – whether they were dead before then or alive at that the time appointed by the Father.

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:22).

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13).

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

Saints need to know that there is more to life than the present sin-wracked, trouble filled one. We therefore cannot live

here on earth, focusing on material things of the day which will pass away!

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

For transparency, we believe that the overall thrust of the Pre-tribulation school of thought is consistent with divine precedence (Enoch and Elijah), the Faithful Character of Elohim and Biblical framework of the end of the age. In this Commission, we are persuaded of its consistency with Biblical realities. It is necessary to also state that while some faithful saints who take these things seriously and live a life of prayer, watchfulness, and faithfulness to complete their assignments, the vast majority of saints will not be raptured. However, because they are the elect of Elohim, the Great Tribulation will be very brief (42 months/1260 days/3 and a half months) and they will suffer martyrdom for refusing to take the mark, name and number of the beast or to worship his image. They are the tribulation saints we considered in some passages of the book of Revelation.

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 (Matthew 24:15-22).

- o Connection between the Rapture and Manifestation of the anti-Christ.

The pre-Tribulation school of thought makes the biblical case that the taking away of faithful saints who live like the wise virgins is the prelude to manifestation or unveiling of the anti-Christ. It is the true Church in the earth realm which is hindering the manifestation of the anti-Christ. The clearest biblical reference which makes a close connection between the rapture and timing of manifestation of the anti-Christ is this passage:

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).

- o Where do the unrighteous and the righteous dead go before the onset of eternity?

We need to shun religious fantasies and get our answers straight from the Holy Scriptures. These passages offer a helpful guide to our conclusion.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in

water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent (Luke 16:19-30).

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise (Luke 23:39-43).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their

labours; and their works do follow them
(Revelation 14:13).

4.(A). THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD.

After running their race and breasting the tape, the righteous dead go to rest in the Lord. The place where their spirit-man and soul stay is called Paradise, or Abraham's bosom, for the Jews. That is a temporary place of resting in the Lord, awaiting the day of the Trumpet when they will experience the first resurrection, just like Yeshua did. On the day of the Trumpet, their spirit and soul reunite with an imperishable celestial body with which they will live in eternity with Elohim (1 Corinthians 15:47-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Ultimately, they will be part of the eternal Bride of Yeshua, the New Jerusalem where the relationship with Elohim will be very intimate. They will also inherit all things.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son (Revelation 21:1-7).

4.(B). THE UNRIGHTEOUS DEAD

- The unrighteous dead will not take part in the first resurrection.
- Their physical bodies will remain in the grave while their spirit and soul are in the preliminary torment of hell. This will be so throughout the 1000 years of Yeshua's Millennial reign.
- They will be summoned to the Great White Throne Judgement. Because they rejected the love, mercy, and grace of Elohim in Yeshua, they will be judged on the basis of their works which are filthy indeed.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And

whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

- o They will suffer eternal separation from Elohim, in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone. It will be a conscious state in which the torment will be worse as they know that other humans including close relatives and friends are enjoying eternal bliss with Elohim. The exclusion clauses are clear on this.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death...27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:8, 27).

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie (Revelation 22:11-15).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please summarise the 4 questions and answers in a few words.

Chapter 36

Significance of Numbers, Conclusion and Epilogue

We need to start this epilogue with a caveat: in discussing the role and significance of numbers in the Book of Revelation, our approach is entirely biblical. We do not embrace most of the extra biblical approaches which border on astrology and the occult. We also deem it necessary to refute the core postulations of the Preterist movement who claim that Jesus returned in AD 70 based on a narrow interpretation of Matthew 24. The simple truth which nullifies that theology is this: the book of Revelation was given to John about AD 95, 25 years after General Titus and the Roman army destroyed the Temple and City of Jerusalem in AD 70. If Yeshua had already returned, there would have been no need for a revelation of the future. Without any shadow of doubt, the book of Revelation is a powerful book of encouragement and hope for all faithful pilgrims. Understanding the contents will inspire the pilgrims to press in until the pearly gates are accessed.

Significance and meaning of numbers

In various parts of scriptures, certain numbers are used to signify something. In other words, numbers often convey meanings. When certain numbers are used across a particular segment of the Holy scriptures, it makes sense to reflect and find out what is conveyed.

NUMBERS IN THE BEGINNING

The Bible opens with numbers that seem carefully calibrated. The account of creation in Genesis reveals the first mention of 7. Of this, creation took place in 6 days while Elohim rested on the 7th day and sanctified it as the Sabbath. According to biblestudy.org:

“The number 7 is the foundation of God’s word. It derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to creation. Used 735 times (54 times in Revelation alone), it symbolizes completeness and perfection (both physical and spiritual). If we include with this count how many times ‘sevenfold’ (6) and ‘seventh’ (119) are used, our total jumps to 860 references.” (Source: Bible Study.org website).

SIGNIFICANCE OF 7

Based on the story of creation, the number 7 signifies ‘perfection’ or ‘completion’. The overall idea derived from Genesis 1 and 2 is that there is nothing more to add to what Elohim has done or is doing.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, (Genesis 2:1-4).

Biblestudy.org says:

“According to some Jewish traditions, the creation of Adam occurred on September 26, 3760 B.C. (or the first day of Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar). The word ‘created’ is used 7 times describing God’s creative work (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27 three times; 2:3; 2:4). There are 7 days in a week and God’s Sabbath is on the seventh day.”

The number 7 in the Book of Revelations

THE 7 CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven...10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea (Revelation 1:4, 10-11).

7 GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS: SYMBOL FOR THE 7 CHURCHES

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven

candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters (Revelation 1:12-15).

THE 7 STARS: PASTORS/OVERSEERS OF THE 7 CHURCHES

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. 19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches (Revelation 1:16-20).

Revelation chapters 2 and 3 expound on Yeshua's messages to the 7 overseers/pastors of the 7 churches of Asia Minor.

7 LAMPS OF FIRE: HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS FULLNESS

John to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which

is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; (Revelation 1:4).

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 (Revelation 3:1).

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 4:5).

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth (Revelation 5:6).

7 SEALS ON THE SCROLL

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals (Revelation 5:1).

7 THUNDERCLAPS

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot

on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not (Revelation 10:1-4).

7 HEADS ON THE DRAGON

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads (Revelation 12:3).

7 HEADS ON THE BEAST: ULTIMATE OF SATANIC POWER THE ANTI-CHRIST WOULD OPERATE IN

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (Revelation 13:1).

7 HEADS, 7 MOUNTAINS, 7 KINGS

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 (Revelation 17:3-10).

7 Dimensions of Divine Wrath During the Great Tribulation

THE 7 SEAL JUDGEMENTS

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that

sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. 3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. 5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. 7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until

their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. 12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Revelation 6:1-17).

7TH SEAL INTRODUCES THE 7 TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets (Revelation 8:1-2).

7 TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 7 The

first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. 8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. 10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. 12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise (Revelation 8:6-12).

Notice of greater woes

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (Revelation 8:13).

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose

name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. 20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of

their fornication, nor of their thefts (Revelation 9:1-21).

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail (Revelation 11:15-19).

7 BOWL/VIAL JUDGEMENTS – GENERAL INTRODUCTION

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of

God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. 5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. 7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled (Revelation 15:1-8).

THE 7 BOWL JUDGEMENTS – IN HIGH DEFINITION

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood

of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great

day of God Almighty. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great (Revelation 16:1-21).

The Apostate church system unveiled

The book of Revelation gives us a closeup view of the 2 types of Churches:

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 (Revelation 17:1-6).

The True Bride unveiled

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God:

and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (Revelation 21:9-12).

CONCLUSION

The repeated use of the number 7 strongly suggests that this is an ultimate Book. An unveiling of our eternal destination and how to get there is so clearly outlined that no sincere saint will miss the way. We believe the purpose of Elohim has been accomplished with this commentary of the Book of Revelation. By His Grace, the Lord has given us an understanding of what the future holds for the true Church: no matter the fires of affliction, misunderstanding, evil speaking, and rejection in the present, we shall triumph and laugh last. We believe that the least effect of this work is to enable the elect to resolve to give the Holy Spirit the right of way to keep us ever ready, like the 5 wise virgins, conscious of the fact that the end may come anytime!

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Matthew 24:13).

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen (Revelation 1:7).

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown (Revelation 3:11).

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20).

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Revelation 16:15).

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is your takeaway from this chapter?

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1. Summarize the Marriage supper of the Lamb.
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 True False
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5. Explain the Grand Invitation of Revelation 22:17

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