

Get Ready
Get Ready
Get Ready EW 64.1

Agitate
Agitate
Agitate ST 708.1

Educate
Educate
Educate CME 30.3



Chain of Truth Ministries

Presents....

PREACHING THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

*Be ready to give an answer to every man that
asks for the reason of the hope that is in you!*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

THE FOUNDATION: JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD.....	2
Prophecies of Messiah	2
Jesus Christ is God	3
The Personality of God & Christ	3
THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE	5
The Everlasting Gospel	5
The Hour of Judgment	7
The Books of Judgment.....	7
The Standard of Judgment	8
Moral Law	8
Natural Law	11
When Did Judgment Begin?	14
Fear God	18
WORSHIP HIM: The Sabbath	19
THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE	23
Babylon is Fallen.....	23
Babylon the Confused.....	23
Babylon the Gate of the Gods.....	23
Babylon the Mother of Harlots	24
Some False Doctrines	28
Roman Catholicism & Apostate Protestantism	28
Islam	32
Hinduism.....	33
Atheism.....	34
The State of the Dead.....	35
THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE	39
The Beast.....	39
The Mark of the Beast	43
The Beast's Image	45
The Wrath of God.....	46
GOD'S DENOMINATED PEOPLE	47
They Keep the Commandments of God	47
They Keep the Faith of Jesus Christ	47
Justification By Faith	47
Righteousness By Faith	49
Victory Over Sin	54
THE SOP: The Testimony of Jesus Christ.....	58

THE FOUNDATION: JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD

Prophecies of Messiah

- 1. The Messiah would be the seed/offspring of a woman and would crush the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15).**
 - Jesus was born of Mary and crucified on a hill called the place of a skull (Matthew 1:16-18; John 19:16-18).
- 2. He would come from the seed/offspring of Abraham and would bless all the nations on earth (Genesis 12:3).**
 - Jesus was a descendent of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).
- 3. He would be a “prophet like Moses” to whom God said we must listen (Deuteronomy 18:15).**
 - Jesus was considered a prophet (Matthew 14:5).
- 4. He would be born in Bethlehem of Judah (Micah 5:2).**
 - Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1).
- 5. He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).**
 - Jesus was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-25).
- 6. He would have a throne, a kingdom and a dynasty, or house, starting with King David, that will last forever (2 Samuel 7:16).**
 - Jesus established an everlasting kingdom (2 Peter 1:11).
- 7. He would be called “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Everlasting Father,” “Prince of Peace,” and would possess an everlasting kingdom (Isaiah 9:6-7).**
 - Jesus said that “I and my Father are one.” (John 10:30).
- 8. He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, righteous and having salvation, coming with gentleness (Zechariah 9:9-10).**
 - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey (Matthew 21:1-8).
- 9. He would be pierced for our transgression and crushed for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5).**
 - A soldier pierced Jesus’ side while He hung upon the cross (John 19:34).
- 10. He would die among the wicked ones but be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9).**
 - Jesus died among two thieves but was buried with the rich (Matthew 27:38; 27:57-60).
- 11. He would be resurrected from the grave, for God would not allow His Holy One to suffer decay (Psalm 16:10).**
 - Jesus was resurrected and others came out of their graves too (Matthew 27:52-53; John 20:24-28).
- 12. He would come again from the clouds of heaven as the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14).**
 - Jesus told the high priest that He was Messiah and that He would come in the clouds of heaven (Mark 14:61-62; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Jesus Christ is God

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

John 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

I and my Father are one → John 10:30 **I and my Father are one.**

John 10:31 **Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.**

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and **because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

Jesus and Thomas

John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace be unto you.**

John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.**

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**

The Witnesses of John, Thomas and Jesus Christ Himself

Matthew 18:16 **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.**

The Personality of God and Christ

Matthew 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my **Father**: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever **the Son will reveal him.**

Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that **the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth,** fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

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

Psalm 95:3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings:** and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:11 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.

Revelation 19:12 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.

Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God.**

Isaiah 28:26 For his **God doth instruct him** to discretion, and **doth teach him.**

John 13:13-14 **Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.**

Master: *didaskalos* = teacher

Deuteronomy 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, **as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.**

Revelation 3:19 **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.**

Lamentations 3:32-33 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For **he doth not afflict willingly** nor grieve the children of men.

Exodus 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, **The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children,** and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Psalm 11:5 **The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.**

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and **the froward mouth, do I hate.**

Psalm 11:7 For **the righteous LORD loveth righteousness;** his countenance doth behold the upright.

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth **his love** toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

2 Peter 3:9 **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.**

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

The Everlasting Gospel

EVERLASTING

Greek: *aiionios*

Definition: from the beginning or since the world began

GOSPEL

Greek: *euagellion*

Definition: good message or good news

Genesis 3:14-15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 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.**

John 19:16-18 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And **he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him,** and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Romans 16:20 And **the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Hebrews 4:14-16 **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,** let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

John 1:12 But **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,** even to them that believe on his name:

Philippians 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

Luke 10:19 **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

Leviticus 16:7-8 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; **one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.**

Leviticus 16:9-10 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a **scapegoat into the wilderness.**

Leviticus 16:20-23 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, **he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.** And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there:

Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and **Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 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 16:17-20 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. 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. 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. **And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**

Isaiah 24:1,3,19 Behold, **the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste. ... The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled:** for the Lord hath spoken this word. ... The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly

Revelation 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 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. 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. 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.

2 Corinthians 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach **Christ's gospel,** and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ:** for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached **the gospel of Christ.**

The Books of Judgment

THE BOOK OF LIFE

- The righteous are recorded in the book of life
- Luke 10:19, 20. To be enrolled in the book of life is the highest honor given mortals. C.O.L. 299.
- Philip. 4:3. Names of faithful workers recorded. D.A. 313, 638.
- Ex. 32:33. Names of those who cling to sin will be removed. G.C. 483, 486.
- Rev. 3:5. Names of the faithful retained. G.C. 484.
- Rev. 13:8; 17:8. Wicked are not recorded. G.C. 483.
- Rev. 20:15. None will be saved whose names are not recorded in the book of life. Isa. 4:3, margin; Ps. 69:28; Heb. 12:23; Dan. 12:1.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

- Mal. 3:16-18. The book of remembrance records thoughts and victories gained. D.A. 637; G.C. 481
- Ps. 56:8. Our wanderings and tears of repentance are recorded in God's book. G.C. 481.
- Ps. 87:4-6. Place of birth and influences that go to make up our characters are recorded
- Ps. 139:15, 16. Our physical details are recorded
- Rom. 2:1-5. A man's life is written so accurately that if he professes one thing and lives another, he treasurers up wrath against the day of wrath. G.C. 487.

THE BOOK OF DEATH

- Jer. 17:13. Those who forsake God are written in the earth, or book of death. E.W. 52; G.C. 661.
- Hosea 13:12; Job 14:17. Sins sealed up.
- Deut. 32:32-36. Sins of the wicked are all laid up in store until the day of punishment. G.C. 666.

WARNINGS

Numbers 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

Proverbs 13:21 **Evil pursueth sinners:** but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

Genesis 44:16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? **God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants:** behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For **God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.**

THE JUDGE & JUDGES

Psalms 75:7 But **God is the judge:** he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Romans 2:16 In the day when **God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ** according to my gospel.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 Do ye not know that **the saints shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?

Moral Law

Matthew 5:17-18 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

Matthew 5:21-22 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 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 5:27-28 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

John 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

1John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

WHAT WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS?

Colossians 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **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**;

Jeremiah 31:35-36 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the **ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night**, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: **If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.**

Hebrews 10:1 For **the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things**, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

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

Matthew 27:50-51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

- ➔ This signified that the earthly sanctuary services had fulfilled their purpose and that all types had been fulfilled in Christ.

MOSES' LAW → the ordinances

1. Called the law of Moses (Luke 2:22)
2. Called law contained in ordinances (Ephesians 2:15)
3. Written by Moses in a book (2Chronicles 35:12)
4. Placed in the side of the ark (Deuteronomy 31:26)
5. Ended at the cross (Ephesians 2:15)
6. Added because of sin (Galatians 3:19)
7. Contrary to us, against us (Colossians 2:14)
8. Judges no one (Colossians 2:14-16)
9. Carnal (Hebrews 7:16)
10. Made nothing perfect (Hebrews 7:19)

GOD'S LAW → eternal

1. Called the law of the Lord (Luke 2:23,24)
2. Called the royal law (James 2:8)
3. Written by God on stone (Exodus 31:18; 32:16)
4. Placed inside the ark (Exodus 40:20)
5. Will stand forever (Luke 16:17)
6. Points out sin (Romans 7:7; 3:20)
7. Not grievous (1 John 5:3)
8. Judges all people (James 2:10-12)
9. Spiritual (Romans 7:14)
10. Perfect (Psalm 19:7)

GOD'S LAW IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Exodus 20:3

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Matthew 4:10

Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Exodus 20:4-5

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them...

1 John 5:21

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Acts 17:29

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

1 Timothy 6:1

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

Exodus 20:8-10

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work...

Hebrews 4:4

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:9-10

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother...

Matthew 19:19

Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Exodus 20:13

Thou shalt not kill.

Exodus 20:14

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:15

Thou shalt not steal.

Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Exodus 20:17

Thou shalt not covet...

Romans 13:9

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Natural Law

Isaiah 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; **he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.**

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

- Jesus came to magnify the law and make it honourable. He filled full the law. He was the Great Exemplar. A perfect offering without any blemish of sin and disease.

Deuteronomy 6:2 - 3 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to **keep all his statutes and his commandments**, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and **that thy days may be prolonged**. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and **that ye may increase mightily**, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt **not kill**.

Psalms 119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but **thy commandment is exceeding broad**.

Matthew 5:21-22 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 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.**

Psalms 37:8 **Cease from anger**, and forsake wrath: **fret not thyself** in any wise to do evil.

- Ungodly anger and hatred can bring with them anxiety and depression. A poor state of mental health

Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt **not commit adultery**.

Psalms 119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but **thy commandment is exceeding broad**.

Matthew 5:27-28 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but **he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body**.

Psalms 51:1,8 To the chief Musician, **A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.**

2 Samuel 11:2-5 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And **David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her;** for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And **the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.**

2 Samuel 11:15-17 And **he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.** And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and **Uriah the Hittite died** also.

2 Samuel 12:15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and **it was very sick.**

Genesis 25:30-34 And **Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.** And **Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.** And **Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?** And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus **Esau despised his birthright.**

Hebrews 12:16-17 **Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.** 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.

Revelation 22:14-15 **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.** For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and **whoremongers, and murderers,** and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

WHAT IS SIN?

1. Transgression of the law (1 John 3:4) or unrighteousness (1 John 5:17)
 - those who have pleasure in unrighteousness are damned (2Thess 2:12)
 - there is no unrighteousness with God (Rom 9:14)
 - God does not have pleasure in wickedness neither will evil live with Him (Psa 5:4]
2. Unbelief / doubt (John 16:8,9)
 - Can't enter the promised land because of unbelief (Heb 3:18-19; 4:6)
3. Pride is sin (Prov 21:4)
4. Despising your neighbour is sin (Prov 14:21)
5. Partiality in dealing with people is sin (James 2:9)
6. Wishing a curse upon someone is sin (Job 31:30)
7. Thoughts of foolishness are sin (Prov 24:9)
8. Knowing to do good and not doing it is sin (James 4:17)
9. Marrying someone not of the same faith is sin (Ezra 9:1-4)
10. Breaking God's health laws

When Did Judgment Begin?

Daniel 7:9-10 I beheld till the **thrones were cast down**, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

Revelation 20:12 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.

Daniel 8:14 And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**

Hebrews 8:1-2 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an **high priest**, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; **A minister of the sanctuary**, and of the true tabernacle, **which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

Hebrews 9:24-25 For **Christ** is not **entered** into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but **into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us**: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest **entereth into the holy place** every year with blood of others;

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined (cut off) upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

- ➔ Day = year (Num 14:34, Eze 4:6) SEVENTY WEEKS = 70w x 7d = 490 d/y
- ➔ When does the 490 year prophetic time period begin? It begins from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.
- ➔ Ezra 7:12-13 **Artaxerxes, king of kings**, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. **I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee**
- ➔ Ezra 7:7-9 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, **in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king**. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.
- ➔ THE AUTUMN OF 457 BC WAS WHEN THE COMMAND WAS GIVEN

- ➔ Since we are calculating time from BC to AD, we have to subtract.
- ➔ 2300 YRS - 457 YRS= 1843 YRS
- ➔ This does not account for year zero in our modern calculation of time. Since there is no such thing as a literal year zero, we add one year.
- ➔ 1843 YRS + 1 YR = 1844 AD Autumn

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

- ➔ 1) Seven weeks which begin from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem
- ➔ 7 weeks x 7 days = 49 days (years)
- ➔ 457 BC – 49 years = 408 BC (When Jerusalem was restored)
- ➔ 2) In threescore and two weeks Messiah is killed
- ➔ - Threescore (60) and Two (2)
- ➔ - 62 weeks x 7 days = 434 days (years)
- ➔ - 408BC – 434 years =AD 26
- ➔ - There is no year zero. Add 1. AD 27
- ➔ AD 27 autumn was the time of Christ's baptism AND the beginning of His ministry of healing
- ➔ Luke 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.
- ➔ Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
 - To this time Jesus referred when He declared, "The time is fulfilled" (Mark 1:15; DA 233). Jesus was anointed at the time of His baptism in the autumn of A.D. 27 (see also Luke 4:18).

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- ➔ In the middle of one prophetic week, the earthly sanctuary services would be made void.
- ➔ 1 week = 7 years
- ➔ One half of a prophetic week is 3.5 years
- ➔ This 3.5 year period starts at the beginning of Christ's ministry which was in AD 27
- ➔ AD 27 + 3.5 years = 30.5 (round up 31 AD)
- ➔ Christ was crucified in the spring of AD 31

How did Christ's ministry to the Jewish nation continue for another 3.5 years after His death?

Hebrews 13:5-6 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Christ worked through His followers to continue ministering to the Jews.

AD 30.5 + 3.5 years = AD 34

What happened in AD 34?

Acts 7:59-60 And **they stoned Stephen**, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Stephen was murdered by the Jews in the autumn of AD 34

The "vineyard" was then "let out unto other husbandmen" (Matt. 21:41; cf. Isa. 5:1-7; GC 328, 410).

Remember the remaining 1810 years that we calculated earlier?

We now have two remaining chunks of time.

1810 + 34 = AD 1844 Autumn

2 ways of calculating the time

- 1) 2300 years – 457 years
= AD 1844 Autumn (+1 for yr 0)
- 2) 1810 years + 34 = AD 1844 Autumn

Leviticus 23:27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Interpretation

The day of atonement, the tenth day of the seventh month, fell in 1844 on October 22, at which time the 2,300 days ended.

What Is Happening During the Judgment?

Daniel 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the **sanctuary** be cleansed.

THE LIVING CHURCH

High Priest: Jesus Christ the Shepherd

Priests: Pastors, administrators and believers

Ark of the Covenant: Following God's will

Altar of Incense: Intercession

Table of Shewbread: Ministry of the word

7 Lamps Candlestick: Evangelism and worldwide witness

Laver: Baptism

Altar of Sacrifice: Corporate confession of sin

THE LIVING TEMPLE

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Daniel 7:9-10 I beheld till the **thrones were cast down**, and the **Ancient of days did sit**, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened**.

Revelation 20:12 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**.

Malachi 3:1-4 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord**, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he **shall sit** as a refiner and purifier of silver: and **he shall purify the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

WHO ARE THE SONS OF LEVI?

Deuteronomy 21:5 And **the priests the sons of Levi** shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:

1 Peter 2:9 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:

WHAT IS BEING CLEANSED AWAY?

Jeremiah 33:6-9 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And **I will cleanse them from all their iniquity**, whereby they have sinned against me; and **I will pardon all their iniquities**, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Psalms 51:1-2 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies **blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 “And **the very God of peace sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God your **whole spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Fear God

Malachi 1:6 **A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you,** O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

- God is to be feared, worshipped and given sacrifices (2King 17:36)
- We are to give God our lives in service to Him (Rom 12:1)
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Psa 51:17)
- By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (Heb 13:15)
- Doing good and communicating your faith are good sacrifices (Heb 13:16)
- The fear of God involves refraining from bad language and lying. It also involves doing good and departing from evil. The fear of God motivates people to seek peace. (Psa 34:11-14)
- While we walk in the fear of the Lord, we receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Act 9:31)
- We learn to fear God by hearing His words and we should teach our children the fear of the Lord (Deut 4:10)
- We learn to fear the Lord by reading/studying our Bibles (Deut 17:18,19)

We should fear God because:

- God is watchful over the righteous and listens to them (Psa 34:15)
- God is against people who do evil (Psa 34:16)
- The Lord kills and makes alive. He humbles and exalts people (1Sam 2:6,7)
- The fear of the Lord tends to life (Prov 19:23) ▪ Prolongs life (Prov 10:27)
- The fear of the Lord and humility brings riches, honour and life (Prov 22:4)
- He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great. (Psa 115:13)
- Those who fear the Lord are happy (Prov 28:14)
- We should fear the Lord all day long (Prov 23:17)

WORSHIP HIM: The Sabbath

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Genesis 2:2 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.

Genesis 2:3 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.

- Before there was any Jew, the Sabbath was instituted at creation for mankind.

Ephesians 3:8-9 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **God, who created all things by Jesus Christ**:

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds**;

- Jesus is God and He created the world and instituted the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:8 **For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.**

Exodus 20:2 But **the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God**: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore **the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

- The Son of man, who is Jesus Christ, is Lord of the Sabbath day.

Malachi 3:6 For **I am the LORD, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Mark 2:27-28 And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.**

- Jesus would not change His special day of worship. He is the same all the time.

Mark 6:1 -2 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And **when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue**: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as **his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.**

- Jesus led by example. He kept the Sabbath during His life on Earth.

Mark 16:1-2 And **when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome**, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And **very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.**

Luke 23:54-56 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And **the women** also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and **rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.**

- The female followers of Christ kept the seventh day Sabbath.

Acts 13:13 Now when **Paul and his company** loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and **went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.**

Acts 13:15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, **the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.**

Acts 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 13:44 And **the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.**

Acts 16:11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

Acts 16:12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

Acts 16:13 And **on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.**

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, **where was a synagogue of the Jews:**

Acts 17:2 And **Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,**

Acts 17:3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 17:4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Acts 18:1 After these things **Paul** departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;
Acts 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.
Acts 18:3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.
Acts 18:4 And he **reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.**

- Paul and the apostles all kept the seventh day Sabbath.

Leviticus 23:32 It shall be unto you **a sabbath of rest**, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, **from even unto even**, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Mark 1:32 And **at even, when the sun did set**, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

Mark 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was **the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath**,

Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:9 **Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:**

Exodus 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Nehemiah 13:15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and **I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.**

Nehemiah 13:16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 13:17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and **profane the sabbath day?**

Nehemiah 13:18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

Nehemiah 13:19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should **no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.**

Nehemiah 13:20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

Nehemiah 13:21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

Nehemiah 13:22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to **sanctify the sabbath day**. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Exodus 35:3 **Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.**

Exodus 16:22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

Exodus 16:23 And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, **To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.**

Exodus 16:24 And **they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.**

Exodus 16:25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

Exodus 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

- The following activities should be done preparatory to the Sabbath: buying and selling, cooking, washing and bathing.

Isaiah 58:13 If thou **turn away** thy foot from the sabbath, **from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:**

- On Sabbath, we are not to do what we want to do. We are supposed to delight in holy activities and holy conversation on Sabbath. We should go to church, preach, teach, study the Bible, do missionary work, heal and rest on the Lord's day.

Mark 3:1 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

Mark 3:2 And they watched him, whether he would **heal him on the sabbath day**; that they might accuse him.

Mark 3:3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, **Stand forth.**

Mark 3:4 And he saith unto them, **Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?** But they held their peace.

Mark 3:5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, **Stretch forth thine hand.** And he stretched it out: and **his hand was restored whole as the other.**

- It is lawful to take care of people and heal them on the Sabbath.

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Babylon the Confused

BABEL – means confusion

There are over 4,000 recognized religions in the world. These religions consist of churches, congregations, faith groups, tribes, cultures, and movements. With over 4000 religions being taught everywhere, surely the world is in a state of confusion as to know how to be saved. All 4000 plus religions can't all be right.

Babylon the Gate of the Gods

In Babylonian the name *Bab-ilu* (Babel, or Babylon) meant “gate of the gods,” but the Hebrews called the city *balal*, a word in their language meaning “to confuse” (Gen. 11:9).

- The rulers of Babylon doubtless called their city the “gate” of the gods.
- They chose to think of it as the place where the gods worked with people, to guide the kingdom and control the earth (see on Judges 9:35; Ruth 4:1; 1 Kings 22:10; Jer. 22:3).
- Babylonian kings felt that they had been given control of the world by divine power
- The prophet Isaiah identifies Lucifer as the invisible king of Babylon (see on Isa. 14:4, 12–14).
- Satan designed to make Babylon the center and agency of his master plan to secure control of the human race, even as God purposed to work through Jerusalem. Thus, throughout OT times, the two cities typified the forces of evil and good at work in the world.

Babylon has been recognized as the traditional enemy of God's truth and people. As used in the Revelation the name is symbolic of all apostate religious organizations and their leadership, from antiquity down to the close of time.

John uses the name “Babylon” to describe all religious bodies and movements that have fallen away from the truth. This fact requires us to view this “fall” as progressive and cumulative. This is evident by the repetition of “is fallen”.

Babylon the Mother of Harlots

Revelation 17:1 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:**

The great whore is a woman.

- Woman represents a church → Jeremiah 6:2, Isaiah 51:16, Ephesians 5:23
- This church is described as a prostitute. This means that she is an unfaithful woman.

She sits upon many waters.

- Revelation 17:15 → waters represent all the nations and people of the world

Revelation 17:2 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.**

The people of the world are drunk from her wine.

- Wine represents teachings → Ecclesiastes 2:3, Isaiah 28:7
- Because the people are made drunk by the wine, this means that the wine has alcohol in it.

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is **deceived thereby** is not wise.

The unfaithful church is present in every nation and teaches false doctrines which deceive the world.

Revelation 17:3 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.

- Revelation 17:9 says that the seven heads are seven mountains.
 - o Rome is a city that sits on top 7 mountains. So we now know that the false church is located in Rome.
- "full of names of blasphemy" → What is blasphemy?
 - o Matthew 26:63-65 → claiming to be God is blasphemy
 - John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
- There is only one church in Rome that has blasphemed God.
 - o The Gloss of Extravagantes of Pope John XXII says this:
But to believe that our Lord God the Pope the establisher of said decretal, and of this, could not decree, as he did decree, should be accounted heretical (emphasis added).
 - The Gloss of Extravagantes of Pope John XXII, Cum. Inter, title 14, chapter 4, "Ad Callem Sexti Decretalium", Column

- 140 (Paris, 1685). In an Antwerp edition of the Extravagantes, the words, Dominum Deum Nostrum Papam ("Our Lord God the Pope") can be found in column 153.
- The pope of the Roman Catholic Church has the title VICARIUS FILII DEI. THE LITERAL MEANING: VICARIUS - substituting for, or in place of. FILII - means son. DEI – means God. The pope says he takes the place of the Son of God. He says he is Jesus Christ.

Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

- The Roman Catholic Church is the mother of all the other unfaithful churches. She gave birth to hundreds of churches. This great birth happened through the Protestant Reformation. Initially the Protestant Reformation was good, but the churches continued to hold onto some Roman Catholic doctrines.

Revelation 17:6 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.

It has been estimated that the Roman Catholic Church has killed approximately 50 million people in Europe alone, 15 million natives in North America, and 1.5 million Jews. A total of 66.5 million people.

As the centuries passed by, different Protestant churches kept on appearing. Each would bring more truth, but when they found a few truths they stopped and refused to adopt more revealed truth. As a result, God kept on raising up one denomination after the other, but nearly all followed the same pattern.

Revelation 17:4 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:

PURPLE

Luke 16:19- Purple represents riches

John 19:2-5- Purple represents royalty

The Roman Catholic Church is one of the, if not most, wealthy religious organizations in the world. The bishops wear a lot of purple.

SCARLET OR RED

Isaiah 1:18- Sins are considered to be like red blood stains.

Revelation 1:5- Figuratively speaking, Jesus' blood washes away our sins.

Red or scarlet can represent forgiveness of sins. The Roman Catholic clergymen are called fathers, and Roman Catholics are supposed to confess their sins to them and be forgiven.

GOLD, PRECIOUS STONES AND PEARLS

The Roman Catholic Church is incredibly wealthy.

PRECIOUS STONES

Proverbs 20:15-knowledge

The precious stones represent knowledge, but not heavenly knowledge. Because these precious stones belong to the apostate church, they would represent satanic wisdom which really is not wisdom at all.

PEARLS

Revelation 17:4, 18:12-16, Matthew 13:45- Pearls can represent anything very precious.

Matthew 7:6- In this place pearls represent the doctrines of the Bible.

The papacy is adorned with many counterfeit and corrupt doctrines that they parade around as something precious. Their teachings about indulgences is a good example.

Matthew 13:46 Jesus Christ is the pearl of great price. We could also say that the Roman Catholic Church is adorned with many false Christs which are worshipped. Think about all the popes who have claimed to be Jesus Christ on earth and have been worshipped by Catholics.

CUP

1 Corinthians 10:21- The Lord has His cup and table and the Devil has his cup and table.

Psalms 116:13- Cup can represent salvation

The Roman Catholic Church offers a counterfeit salvation. According to their religion, you work your way to holiness or buy your way to heaven by purchasing indulgences.

Jeremiah 16:7 – Cup can represent consolation

The Roman Catholic Church offers a false sense of comfort for sinners. Those who are works oriented can save themselves through their good merits. Those who are very wicked can confess their sins to a man and pay money to spend less time in purgatory.

Psalms 23:5- Cup can represent joy.

The Roman Catholic leaders are the most wicked and greatest hypocrites ever known. They make bold pretensions to piety and holiness; yet, inwardly they are ravaging wolves. In Job 20:5 the Bible says that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment...The true priests and ministers of the Lord have joy everlasting (Isaiah 61:6, 7)

Isaiah 51:17, 22; Jeremiah 25:15– Cup can represent an outpouring of the Lord's anger which makes people to tremble and shake in fear.

Ezekiel 23:33- The cup of astonishment is the *kos shammah* which means the cup of ruin or destruction.

In history, the Roman Catholic Church united with civil governments and wielded power for hundreds of years. The pope could order kings off of their thrones. The pope could call for military campaigns against those he did not like. In these ways the Roman Catholic Church has wielded a counterfeit wrath of God.

Matthew 20:22-23 - Cup can represent suffering and trial.

Some notable characters in the Roman Catholic Church have undergone severe trials and temptations much like Christ had undergone. However, some have suffered for wrong reasons. In order to expand the papal power across the globe, Roman Catholic missionaries succumbed to disease or were murdered. Many Roman Catholics have been killed because eventually the atrocities they committed came to be known. The public, in fits of upheaval and outrage, killed priests and their blood flowed through city streets. God's people suffer wrongfully at the hands of wicked men. The greatest example of this was during the millennium of papal supremacy beginning in 538 AD and ending in 1798 AD. Many Protestants suffered for righteousness sake (1 Peter 3:14).

GOLD

1 Peter 1:7-faith is more precious than gold

Galatians 5:6-faith works by love

Proverbs 8:10-knowledge of God

The papacy presents to the world a counterfeit faith, counterfeit love and Satan's perspective of God or false ideas of God. Their faith and love are in Mary and the pope.

Jeremiah 51:7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: **the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.**

Surely, the doctrines that come from a religious organization such as the Catholic Church would contribute to the craziness and madness in society.

Their doctrines have made men whip themselves to a bloody pulp.

Their doctrines have influenced thousands to make useless pilgrimages.

Their doctrines have influenced many people in the name of religion to kill little children, as well as, murder pregnant women.

BABYLON HAS DAUGHTERS

Psalms 137:8 **O daughter of Babylon**, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

Zechariah 2:7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the **daughter of Babylon**.

Babylon's daughters hold similar doctrines and behave in a similar way. Remember that Roman Catholics persecuted Protestants. The reformed churches also became a persecuting power too. Because of the Anabaptist rejection of the organizational hierarchies of both Protestants and Catholics and their sharp break with the Protestant Reformation, both Catholics and Protestants persecuted Anabaptists. The government united in the persecution of the poor Anabaptists. They were cruelly persecuted by imprisonment, exile, torture, fire and sword.

(SEE: Anabaptism and the State: An Uneasy Coexistence by Sandra F. Joireman of the University of Richmond & FROM: Religious Persecution During the 16th Century Protestant Reformation by Donald F. McNeil)

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**

Babylon is fallen is fallen → "is fallen" is repeated twice. This shows that the trend towards sin and apostasy is progressive.

Gradually, the Roman Catholic Church and all the Protestant Churches that still follow Roman Catholic doctrines will become more evil.

False Doctrines that Roman Catholics & Protestants Share

1. Natural immortality of the soul

1) THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING:

- i. The Bible certainly more than helps those who believe in its inspiration, and in the Church that has the authority to definitively interpret it. Through these great gifts, all can know the essential truths of the Faith, including the natural immortality of the human soul, both easily and infallibly. But this hardly helps when you are speaking to someone who doesn't accept the Bible as God's word.
...I say "natural" because human beings uniquely possess an immortal soul by nature. That means, man does not need grace in order for his soul to live forever. It would do so naturally, even if he ends up in the isolation and emptiness of hell forever.
(Catholic Answers: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/seven-proofs-for-the-natural-immortality-of-the-human-soul>)

**The belief that the soul is naturally immortal means that people can live forever either in Heaven or in a place called Hell. The false beliefs of a place called Hell and eternal torment of the wicked is based on the natural immortality of the soul. **

2. Eternal torment of the wicked

1) THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING:

- i. The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. *Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire."* The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs. (CCC 1035)

2) Baptists

- i. WHEREAS, The Scriptures affirm that this judgment of the unconverted is a judgment unto conscious, *eternal suffering* apart from the steadfast love and grace of God (Southern Baptist Conv. <http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/1214/on-the-reality-of-hell>)

3) Pentecostal

- i. Pentecostals have articulated a complex understanding of the afterlife and salvation, which includes the *existence of a literal hell*. (<https://www.patheos.com/library/pentecostal/beliefs/after-life-and-salvation>)

4) Presbyterian

- i. 5.074 CHRIST IS TRULY ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN... But *the unbelievers and ungodly will descend with the devils into hell to burn forever* and never to be redeemed from torments (Matt. 25:46). (The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church Part 1 Book of Confessions)

5) Methodist

- i. We believe that heaven and hell are very *real places*. Heaven, wherever it may be, is eternal, conscious presence with God. Hell, wherever it may be, is *eternal, conscious separation from God*. (<https://fumcdemopolis.com/what-we-believe/>)

3. Advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy, sanctified day

1) THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING:

- i. Cardinal James Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers (Avers Publishing, 1978): 108:
But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.

ii. The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (1957): 50:

Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why Do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

iii. Chancellor Albert Smith for Cardinal of Baltimore Archdiocese, letter dated February 10, 1920:

If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath day by God is Saturday. In keeping the Sunday, they are following a law of the Catholic Church.

iv. Stephen Keenan, Catholic—Doctrinal Catechism 3rd Edition: 174:

Question: Have you any other way of proving the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her, she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the 1st day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the 7th day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.

2) Mormons/Church of Latter Day Saints (note, they don't consider themselves Protestants)

- i. Sunday is the Sabbath, also known as the Lord's day of rest, for members of the LDS Church (Mormon Faith in America pg. 19)

3) Baptists

- i. The Lord's Day - Baptist Faith & Message, Article 8 by Hershael York → Victor and Louise Lester Associate Professor of Christian Preaching; Associate Dean, Ministry and Proclamation, School of Theology

"Some Christians have erroneously called Sunday the Sabbath, but the Sabbath is, by definition, the seventh day of the week. Furthermore, some Christians suggest that the Bible teaches that Sunday has replaced Saturday and serves as a "Christian Sabbath." But admittedly, this is nowhere clearly taught in the Bible."

[writing of Sunday observance]... Article 8 of the Baptist Faith and Message states simply and clearly, "The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private.

Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

- ii. Dr. E. T. Hiscox, author of the 'Baptist Manual'
"There was and is a command to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will however be readily said, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week, with all its duties, privileges and sanctions. Earnestly desiring information on this subject, which I have studied for many years, I ask, where can the record of such a transaction be found: Not in the New Testament – absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week."

4) Lutheran

- i. *"The observance of the Lord's Day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the Church."* Augsburg Confession of Faith.
- ii. *"The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance."*- AUGUSTUS NEANDER, "History of the Christian Religion and Church," Vol. 1, page 186.

5) Methodist

- i. *"The Sabbath was made for MAN; not for the Hebrews, but for all men."*-E.O. HAVEN, "Pillars of Truth," page 88.
- ii. *"The reason we observe the first day instead of the seventh is based on no positive command. One will search the Scriptures in vain for authority for changing from the seventh day to the first... Our Christian Sabbath, therefore, is not a matter of positive command. It is a gift of the church..."*-CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, "Ten Rules for Living," page 61.

Islam

2:39 "KEEP YOUR COVENANT AND I WILL BE TRUE TO MINE."

In this Quran passage, God's faithfulness is dependent upon the faithfulness of man to keep his side of the bargain. This is also unbiblical. Throughout the Old Testament, God is faithful to the promises He makes irregardless of man's unfaithfulness. 2:39 does not describe a covenant, but a contract. God's covenant are always kept by Him even if they are not kept by man. II Timothy 2:13 states, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."

2:236 "IT SHALL BE NO OFFENSE FOR YOU TO DIVORCE YOUR WIVES BEFORE THE MARRIAGE IS CONSUMMATED OR THE DOWRY IS SETTLED."

Wrong! Malachi 2:16, "I hate divorce." Joseph didn't feel that way about Mary when he "planned secretly to put her away," did he?

2:267 "...TO GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR IN PRIVATE IS BETTER AND WILL ATONE FOR SOME OF YOUR SINS."

The scripture records that only the blood of Jesus Christ can atone for our sins. Romans 5:11, And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

3:29 "SAY, 'OBEY GOD AND THE APOSTLE.' IF THEY GIVE NO HEED, THEN TRULY, GOD DOES NOT LOVE THE UNBELIEVERS."

In the Quran, the love of God for a person is dependent upon whether or not a person obeys God. In the Bible, God loves both the believer and the unbeliever, the obedient and the rebellious. He rewards the obedient, and tries to draw the rebellious to Him.

God does not hate unbelievers: Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

3:178 "LET NOT THE UNBELIEVERS THINK THAT WE PROLONG THEIR DAYS FOR THEIR OWN GOOD, WE GIVE THEM RESPITE ONLY SO THAT THEY MAY COMMIT MORE GRIEVOUS SINS. SHAMEFUL PUNISHMENT AWAITS THEM." [GO TO CONTENT TABLE]

This passage suggest that God allows unbelievers to have long lives so that they might commit more sin that might be punished by God in a greater fashion. WRONG.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Hinduism

Hinduism refers to a whole family of religious traditions deeply rooted in the Indian subcontinent.

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for **there is one God; and there is none other but he:**

1Timothy 2:5 For **there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

Material and spiritual existence unfolds in a series of unimaginably long cycles governed by a cosmic Law called Dharma (from a root that means “to hold together”). That Law manifests itself on the level of individual beings as a potentially endless succession or cycle of birth and rebirth.

Ecclesiastes 3:20-21 **All go unto one place;** all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth **the spirit of man** that goeth upward, and **the spirit of the beast** that goeth downward to the earth?

→ When the living die, they all go to one place. The grave. There is no mixing of man and beast. A man cannot be reincarnated as another animal.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

→ the breath of life goes back to God in Heaven, no cycle

2Peter 3:10-13 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.** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 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? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Nahum 1:9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: **affliction shall not rise up the second time.**

→ There is no endless cycle. An end is coming when there will be no death and no more sin.

Atheism

IT'S A RELIGION

- The evolutionists' belief that living things first formed from lifeless matter has much in common with the Sumerian belief that the universe developed through an evolutionary process. When ancient Egyptian religion is examined, the same beliefs are found; "snakes, frogs, worms and mice were said to be created from the mud deposited by the flooding of the Nile."¹⁸ In other words, denying the existence of a Creator, the Egyptians also believed that living things came out of mud at random. The creation myths of both the Egyptians and Babylonians include the concept of a "primordial sea from which the earth and life arose."
- It is erroneous to think that this concept has now disappeared into the mists of history and perished along with ancient civilizations. Today evolutionists maintain the same idea; they would have the scientific world believe that first there was the sea, the watery chaos, or as they call it, "primeval soup."

~ The Religion of Darwinism.

Studies of subjects in different settings (such as medical, psychiatric, and the general population), from different ethnic backgrounds (such as Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, and Native American), in different age groups (young, middle-aged, and elderly), and in different locations (such as the United States and Canada, Europe, and countries in the East) find that religious involvement is related to better coping with stress and less depression, suicide, anxiety, and substance abuse. While religious delusions may be common among people with psychotic disorders, healthy normative religious beliefs and practices appear to be stabilizing and may reduce the tremendous isolation, fear, and loss of control that those with psychosis experience.

~ Research on Religion, Spirituality, and Mental Health: A Review by Harold G Koenig, MD

Lower mortality rates for frequent religious attenders are partly explained by improved health practices, increased social contacts, and more stable marriages occurring in conjunction with attendance.

~ Strawbridge, W. J., Cohen, R. D., Shema, S. J., & Kaplan, G. A. (1997). Frequent attendance at religious services and mortality over 28 years. *American journal of public health*, 87(6), 957-961. <https://doi.org/10.2105/ajph.87.6.957>

Psalm 14:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. **The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt**, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. → **LOVERS OF PLEASURE → they only want to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season**

Psalm 74:22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how **the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.** → **BELITTLE GOD, DON'T APPRECIATE HIM**

Psalms 12:3-4 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh **proud** things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: **who is lord over us?** → **TOO PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM**

The State of the Dead

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the **dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a **living soul**.

James 2:26 For as the **body without the spirit is dead**, so faith without works is dead also.

Job 27:3 All the while my **breath is in me**, and the **spirit of God is in my nostrils**;

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the **dust return to the earth as it was**: and the **spirit shall return unto God** who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 **All go unto one place**; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

John 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep**.

John 11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead**.

John 5:28-29 **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation**.

Acts 2:29,34 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of **the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. For David is not ascended into the heavens**: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Job 17:13 If I wait, **the grave is mine house**: I have made my bed in the darkness.

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten**. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; **neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun**.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is **no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest**.

Psalms 115:17 **The dead praise not the LORD**, neither any that go down into silence.

Job 14:12 **So man lieth down, and riseth not**: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

Job 14:21 **His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not**; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

Psalms 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; **in that very day his thoughts perish**.

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

1Thessalonians 4:16-17 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: 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.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For **this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

John 5:28-29 **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

Matthew 25:41 **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:**

DOES EVERLASTING ALWAYS MEAN FOREVER AND BEYOND?

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of **eternal fire.** →Are Sodom and Gomorrha still burning?

DOES EVERLASTING ALWAYS MEAN FOREVER AND BEYOND?

2 Kings 5:27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

Did Gehazi remain a leper forever? No. He died.

1 Chronicles 28:4 David, in delivering his charge to Israel and to Solomon, declared: "Howbeit the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever."

David's death is recorded: "the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years." ~ 1 Kings 2:11

DOES EVERLASTING ALWAYS MEAN FOREVER AND BEYOND?

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, said: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. . . . For David is not ascended into the heavens." ~ Acts 2:29, 34

Paul remarks that David "fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption." ~ Acts 13:36

How long did God mean that David should reign when He said that this king would rule over Israel "for ever"? He meant that David should be king over that people as long as he should live. And it was so, for he reigned over them 40 years until he died.

FOREVER CAN MEAN A DEFINITE TIME PERIOD. A TIME PERIOD WHICH HAS AN END.

GREEK - Hades

- Comes from two Greek words
 - "a" meaning not and "idein" meaning to see
 - MEANING: not seen or unseen
- The realm of the dead or where the dead are
- Dead people are placed in GRAVES
- The equivalent of *Sheol*

Matthew 16:18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Isaiah 38:10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the **gates of the grave**: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

HEBREW - Sheol

- See 2 Samuel 22:6 → The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;
- See Habakkuk 2:5 → "his desire as hell, and is as death"
- See Isaiah 28:18 → "And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand..."

GREEK – Geena "Ghehennah"

- Transliteration of *ge'ben hinnom*
- The valley of Hinnom
- This was the place outside Jerusalem where garbage and animal carcasses rotted and burned. When everything was done burning, they covered the ashes over with earth never to be seen again.

HELL FIRE

GREEK – Geena Pur "Ghehenna Poor"

- *Geena* fires didn't burn continually. Therefore, the everlasting fire mentioned in Matthew 18: 8 is everlasting in its effects. The wicked will be burned up never to exist again.

Malachi 4:1-3 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread **down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet** in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Ezekiel 28:18-19 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and **I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth** in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Psalms 68:1-2 To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: **as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

2Peter 3:10-13 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. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 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? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to **reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

Matthew 13:40-42 **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

John 12:48 **He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

The Beast

Revelation 13:1-3 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. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Daniel 7:23 Thus he said, The **fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

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

Ezekiel 26:3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause **many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.**

Revelation 17:9-10 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.** 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.

7 FORMS OF ROMAN GOVERNMENT

1. KINGLY
2. CONSULAR
3. DECEMVIRATE
4. DICTATORIAL
5. TRIUMVIRATE
6. IMPERIAL
7. PAPAL

Habakkuk 3:4 And his brightness was as the light; he had **horns** coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his **power.**

Daniel 7:7-8 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were **three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.**

Daniel 7:20 And of the **ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things**, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Daniel 7:24 And the **ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise**: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and **he shall subdue three kings**.

The identification of the ten horns of Daniel 7 is firmly established in history. When we look at the historical record, the Alemanni, Anglo-Saxons, Franks, Burgundians, Visigoths, Suevi, Ostrogoths, Heruli, Lombards and the Vandals are ten tribal kingdoms which existed during the time of the Roman Empire.

If, as the Reformers contended, the little horn represented the Papacy, then history must testify to this fact. In 538 the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, Justinian, bestowed the title of Universal Bishop upon Pope Vigilius. The popes, by an act of self-appropriation, had long before taken the religio-political title of Pontifex Maximus after Emperor Gratian ceased to use that imperial title in 375. History must also testify to the identity of the three horns (kingdoms) that would be uprooted at the time of the rise of the papal power.

The Ostrogoths, Vandals and Heruli have vanished from Europe, leaving no trace in the twenty-first century. These three kingdoms were totally uprooted and destroyed by the Papal power exercising her authority over nations to carry out her dirty work.

Judged by the standard of 10 Commandments
James 2:9-12

10 plagues fell on Egypt as a judgment from God
Exodus 7-11

10 virgins *represents church of judgment*
Jeremiah 6:2, Isaiah 51:16,
2 Corinthians 11:2, Matthew 25

THE TEN KINGS REPRESENT ALL THE WORLD POWERS THAT WILL UNITE AGAINST GOD AND HIS LAW IN REBELLION.

Matthew 27:29 And when they had platted **a crown** of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, **Hail, King of the Jews!**

The Holy See is the last absolute monarchy in the world today. The pope, when he is elected, is answerable to no human power. He has absolute authority over the entire Roman Catholic Church, direct authority that reaches down to individual members. All of the governing officers in the Vatican itself, what we call the Vatican Curia, operate on delegated authority from the pope. They speak in the name of the pope. **In the Roman Catholic Church, there are no separation of powers as we know of in most democratic societies.**

Daniel 2:32, 38, 39 Babylon, the first kingdom, is represented as a lion in Daniel 7:4. See also Jeremiah 4:7; 50:17, 43,44 for Babylon pictured as a lion elsewhere.

BABYLON Confusion & Idolatry



Babylon means gate of the gods. When Babylon conquered territory, they brought idols back with them and worshipped many gods. Babylon also means confusion.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church #2683

The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were "put in charge of many things." Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. **We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.**

1Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Psalms 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Daniel 2: 32; 7:5 Medo-Persia defeated Babylon. Medo-Persia is represented by the arms of silver and the bear with three ribs in its mouth. The bear is raised on one side because the Persians became stronger than the Medes. The three ribs are the three kingdoms which Medo-Persia defeated namely Lydia, Babylon and Egypt.

MEDO-PERSIA

Wickedness & Predatory Greed



Proverbs 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

ranging = shaqak-greedy, stalking



The U.S. Roman Catholic Church used a special and unprecedented exemption from federal rules to amass at least \$1.4 billion in taxpayer-backed coronavirus aid, with many millions going to dioceses that have paid huge settlements or sought bankruptcy protection because of clergy sexual abuse cover-ups. The church's haul may have reached -- or even exceeded -- \$3.5 billion, making a global religious institution with more than a billion followers among the biggest winners in the U.S. government's pandemic relief efforts, an Associated Press analysis of federal data released this week found.

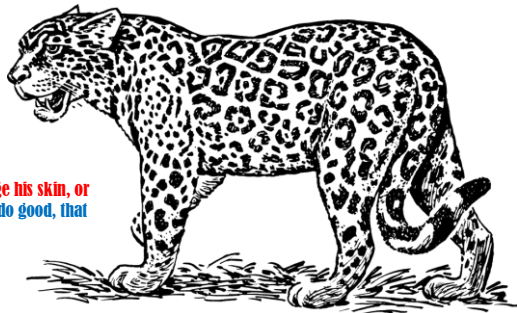
Daniel 2:32, 39; 7:6 Medo-Persia was conquered by Greece. This kingdom is represented by the belly and thighs of brass and the leopard with four heads and four wings. Jeremiah 4:11-13 demonstrates that wings represent speed. Alexander the Great conquered territory very quickly. After he died, Greece was divided into four kingdoms under his four generals.



GREECE

Unchangeable


Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil



All the world will wonder after the beast...

The Mark of the Beast

Is the COVID-19 vaccine the mark of the beast?



Revelation 14:9-10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand.** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

 No! The mark of the beast is connected with worship.

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

THE LITERAL MEANING: VICARIUS - substituting for, or in place of		
	FILII - means son	
	DEI - means GOD	
V = 5	F = no value	D = 500
I = 1	I = 1	E = no value
C = 100	L = 50	I = 1
A = no value	I = 1	-----
R = no value	I = 1	501
I = 1	-----	
U/V = 5	53	
S = no value		

112		112 + 53 + 501 = 666

Cardinal James Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers (Ayers Publishing, 1978): 108:

But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (1957): 50:

Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why Do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

Chancellor Albert Smith for Cardinal of Baltimore Archdiocese, letter dated February 10, 1920:

If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath day by God is Saturday. In keeping the Sunday, they are following a law of the Catholic Church.

The Beast's Image

Revelation 13:11-17 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon...

1. Exercises the same persecuting power that the Papacy used to have
2. Performs miracles
3. Causes people to receive the mark of the beast and controls all commerce
4. Causes people to recognize the authority of the Papacy ~ Sunday
5. A world dominating country

ALJAZEERA News Features Economy Opinion Video More

Infographic: US military presence around the world

The US controls about 750 bases in at least 80 countries worldwide and spends more on its military than the next 10 countries combined.

Chain of Truth Ministries
Bringing Hope, Health & Wholeness

Infographic

History of US interventions in the past 70 years

Upwards of 750 US bases around the world

According to [David Vine](#), professor of political anthropology at the American University in Washington, DC, the US had around 750 bases in at least 80 countries as of July 2021.

The actual number may be even higher as not all data is published by the Pentagon.

With 120 active bases, Japan has the highest number of US bases in the world followed by Germany with 119 and South Korea with 73.

US MILITARY

US military presence around the world

The US has about **750 bases** in at least **80 countries** around the world. It has approximately **173,000 troops** deployed in 159 countries.

Estimated number of troops:
0-10
10-500
500-1000
1000-5000
5000-60000
Military bases

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

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!



Christianity is the most widely practiced religion in the world, with some 2.4 billion followers-- one-third of the global population. The Catholic church alone has 1.09 billion followers.

The United States has the largest Christian population in the world but not the highest rate of Christians per capita. In fact, the U.S. population, which is about 71 percent Christian, according to the U.S. State Department, doesn't even make this list, ranking in 85th place worldwide.

Habakkuk 3:4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.



1. Protestantism
2. Republicanism



The Wrath of God

Revelation 15:1 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.

GOD'S DENOMINATED PEOPLE

They Keep the Commandments of God



BELIEF 19: THE LAW OF GOD

The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ. They express God's love, will, and purposes concerning human conduct and relationships and are binding upon all people in every age.

These precepts are the basis of God's covenant with His people and the standard in God's judgment. Through the agency of the Holy Spirit they point out sin and awaken a sense of need for a Saviour. Salvation is all of grace and not of works and its fruit is obedience to the Commandments. **This obedience develops Christian character and results in a sense of well-being.** It is evidence of our love for the Lord and our concern for our fellow human beings. The obedience of faith demonstrates the power of Christ to transform lives, and therefore strengthens Christian witness. (Exod. 20:1-17; Deut. 28:1-14; Ps. 19:7-14; 40:7, 8; Matt. 5:17-20; 22:36-40; John 14:15; 15:7-10; Rom. 8:3, 4; Eph. 2:8-10; Heb. 8:8-10; 1 John 2:3; 5:3; Rev. 12:17; 14:12 .)

They Keep the Faith of Jesus Christ: Justification by Faith

Psalm 5:4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 9:13-14 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

In much of the service professedly done for God, there is self-emulation and self-exaltation. God hates pretense. **When men and women receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they will confess their sins, and pardon—which means justification—will be given them;** but the wisdom of human agents who are not penitent, not humbled, is not to be depended on; for they are blinded in regard to the meaning of righteousness and sanctification through the truth. When men are stripped of self-righteousness, they will see their spiritual poverty... {Lt173-1902.13}

Here the truth is laid out in plain lines. This mercy and goodness is wholly undeserved. The grace of Christ is freely to justify the sinner without merit or claim on his part. **Justification is a full, complete pardon of sin.** The moment a sinner accepts Christ by faith, that moment he is pardoned. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to him, and he is no more to doubt God's forgiving grace. {RC 78.3}

Justification means that the conscience, purged from dead works, is placed where it can receive the blessings of sanctification. {Ms113-1902.26}

Romans 4:5-8 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

JESUS: OUR SUBSTITUTE & SURETY

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

Hebrews 7:22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

JESUS: FOR ME & AS ME

Hebrews 7:26 **For such an high priest became us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

LIVED A PERFECT LIFE: Colossians 3:1-4

DIED THE ETERNAL DEATH: Hebrews 2:9; Ezekiel 18:20, Galatians 2:20

RESURRECTED FROM DEATH: Ephesians 1:20; 2:4-10

WAS GLORIFIED: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, Romans 8:37

ASCENDED TO HEAVEN: Mark 16:19; Ephesians 2:6

SEATED ON THE THRONE: Hebrews 1:3; Ephesians 2:6

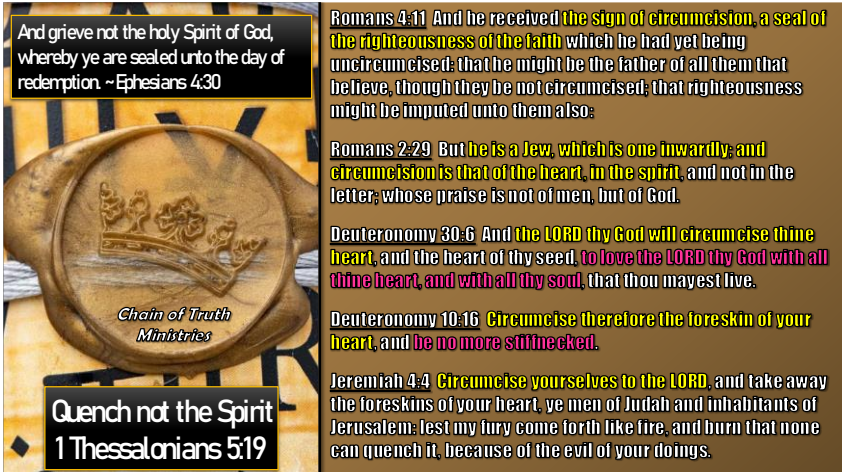
COMING AGAIN: John 14:1-3

Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being...

They Keep the Faith of Jesus Christ: Righteousness by Faith

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
~ Galatians 5:5 ~

WHAT IS THE SIGN OF RECEIVING THE MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH?



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

Romans 4:11 And he received **the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith** which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Romans 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter;** whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Deuteronomy 30:6 And the LORD thy God will **circumcise thine heart,** and the heart of thy seed, **to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul,** that thou mayest live.

Deuteronomy 10:16 **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.**

Jeremiah 4:4 **Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,** and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Chain of Truth Ministries

Quench not the Spirit
1 Thessalonians 5:19

Hebrews 11:1,6 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 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.

Psalm 31:5 Into thine hand I **commit** my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Psalm 37:5 **Commit** thy way unto the LORD; **trust** also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Micah 7:5 **Trust** ye not in a friend, put ye not **confidence** in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

HOW IMPORTANT IS FAITH?

1 Peter 1:7-9. That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end (*telos*) of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Telos – goal, result or purpose

HOW DOES FAITH WORK?

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing **ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren**, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and **every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

1 John 3:14-18 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.** He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not **love** in word, neither in tongue; but **in deed and in truth.**

WHAT IS LOVE?

1 John 4:8-11 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

➔ Love is self sacrifice for those who don't deserve it.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

➔ Christ's sacrificial love leads us to love Him.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

➔ Love is shown by obedience to God's word.

Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

➔ We need to realize and experience the love of Christ in order to be partakers of the divine nature of Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-6 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I **die daily**.

Psalms 96:2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; **shew forth his salvation from day to day**.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in **Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH THAT WORKS BY LOVE

James 2:21-24 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified, and not by faith only**.

1 Kings 8:61 **Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God**, to walk in his statutes, and to **keep his commandments**, as at this day.

1 Chronicles 29:19 And **give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments**, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

Psalms 119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have **believed thy commandments**.

As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings. COL 333.1 - Ellen White

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first **commandment with promise**);

Psalms 119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but **thy commandment is exceeding broad**.

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet **offend in one point, he is guilty of all**.

The conditions of eternal life, under grace, are just what they were in Eden—perfect righteousness, harmony with God, perfect conformity to the principles of His law. The standard of character presented in the Old Testament is the same that is presented in the New Testament. This standard is not one to which we cannot attain. **In every command or injunction that God gives there is a promise, the most positive, underlying the command. God has made provision that we may become like unto Him, and He will accomplish this for all who do not interpose a perverse will and thus frustrate His grace.** MB 76.2 – Ellen White

2Corinthians 1:20 For **all the promises of God** in him are yea, and in him Amen, **unto the glory of God** by us.

2Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these **promises**, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

2 Peter 1:3-4 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: 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.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Ephesians 4:21-24 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of **obedience unto righteousness?**

John 14:14-15 **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

OBEDIENCE GOES BEYOND KEEPING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS. REAL OBEDIENCE IS AN EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE ONE WHO KEPT ALL COMMANDMENTS.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps**:

John 13:15 **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**

John 21:25 And **there are also many other things which Jesus did**, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

WE WILL DO WHAT CHRIST DID WHILE ON EARTH

1. Went to church on Sabbath and participated in worship. He taught in churches.
~ Luke 4:15-16
2. Met with religious leaders in their homes. He preached in homes. ~Luke 7:36, Mark 2:1-2
3. He ministered to sinners. He ate with them and held personal conversations.
~ Luke 5:27-30
4. He encouraged giving to the poor. He fed people too.
~Matthew 19:21, 14:19
5. He had a ministry of healing. He visited sick people in their homes and healed them. ~ Matthew 8:14-17
6. He had a deliverance ministry. He cast out devils by His word and Spirit.
~Matthew 8:16, 12:28, Mark 1:34
7. He encouraged His followers to minister to prisoners. He was once a prisoner.
~ Matthew 25:34-36, 27:1-2
8. Surely, Jesus witnessed to His family and customers while employed as a carpenter. ~Matthew 13:54-55
9. Jesus did public preaching. ~ Matthew 5-7, Luke 5:1-3
10. Jesus did simple publishing work. ~John 8:3-11

They Keep the Faith of Jesus Christ: Victory Over Sin

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Ezekiel 18:4-9 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.** But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman, And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

** Satan's lie is that we can keep on sinning and not suffer eternal loss. God communicates all throughout Scripture that the soul that sins will die. Those who keep God's law, including loving God and loving their neighbour, will be saved.**

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for **he shall save his people from their sins.**

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to **give repentance to Israel,** and forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have **redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,** according to the riches of his grace;

John 8:10-11 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, **Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?** She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me:** and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,** who loved me, and gave himself for me. **I do not frustrate the grace of God:** for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Titus 2:11-12 For **the grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this PRESENT world;**

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that **he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify** unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

James 4:8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts,** ye double minded.

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

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 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.**

Hebrews 12:13-14 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. **Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**

PERFECTION AND MERCY COMBINED

Matthew 5:48 **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

Luke 6:36 **Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.**

WE SHOULD AIM FOR PERFECTION

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance** from dead works, and of faith toward God,

WHO WAS PERFECT?

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

1 Peter 2:21-22 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps: Who did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth:

John 13:15 **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**

HOW DID LUCIFER LOSE HEAVEN?

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou **fallen** from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

Ezekiel 28:14-16 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

IF WE WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN, HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Psalms 24:3-8 Who shall **ASCEND** into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Acts 1:25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which **Judas by transgression fell**, that he might go to his own place.

Hosea 14:1 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast **fallen by thine iniquity**.

Proverbs 24:16-18 **For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again**: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Jude 1:24-25 **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**, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

John 16:33 **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.**

1 John 4:3-4 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

1 John 3:9 **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy **seed, which is Christ**.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

Luke 8:11 **Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**

1 Peter 1:23 **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for **in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.**

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

Romans 8:12-14 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but **if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

Luke 13:23-24 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

Luke 1:37 **For with God nothing shall be impossible.**

Luke 18:27 And he said, **The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**

Php. 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

THE SOP: The Testimony of Jesus Christ

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have **the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

Revelation 19:10 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**.

Ephesians 4:7-12 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men**. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And **he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

1 Corinthians 1:6-7 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye **come behind in no gift**; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 Quench not the Spirit. **Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

2 Chronicles 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**

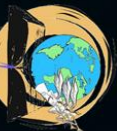
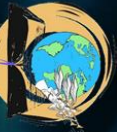
Hosea 12:13 And **by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.**



BELIEF 18: THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. (Num. 12:6; 2 Chron. 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14 -21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9.)

A PICTURE IS WORTH ONE THOUSAND WORDS



"A general in battles does not despair of his army while the center stands firm. The wings may waiver; there may be some confusion on the outskirts; but while the center holds, the battle is not lost. So with the present truth; so long as the main pillars remain unshaken, it is folly to leave the building as if it was about to fall..."

Chain of Truth Ministries

Chain of Truth Ministries

Letter 234-1906,26
 Uriah Smith

THE GREAT PILLARS OF OUR FAITH

EW 8072	YEP 23534	1T1001	REVELATION 14:12 SABBATH	PROVERBS 9:1	EW7701	1M 8-186724	1M 8-18927
STATE OF THE DEAD	PERSONALITY OF GOD AND CHRIST	SPIRIT OF PROPHECY	SANCTUARY	MORAL LAW & SABBATH	NATURAL LAW	VICTORY OVER SIN	RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH
			GC 4093	1P 2135	COL 3:17		

DANIEL 8:14

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

MATTHEW 16:13-19 & DESIRE OF AGES 413

LUKE 6:47-48

1st ANGEL'S MESSAGE
 2nd ANGEL'S MESSAGE
 3rd ANGEL'S MESSAGE
 EW 258,3

MATT. 7:24-25